



**CROWN OF LIFE** | LUTHERAN  
CHURCH

**March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025**

*3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent*

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**-We Gather as God's People to Worship Him-**

**OPENING HYMN**

**Christian Worship 106**

*Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain*

*PLEASE STAND*

**Minister says:** We begin our worship in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**-We Lift Up Our Hands and Voices to God-**

**We sing:**

*In Moments Like These*

In moments like these I sing out a song,

I sing out a love song to Jesus.

In moments like these I lift up my hands,

I lift up my hands to the Lord.

Singing, "I love you Lord," singing, "I love you Lord;"

Singing, "I love you Lord. I love you."

**-We Prepare Our Hearts-**

**M:** We stand here today before our Lord and Maker. He has created us to love Him and serve one another. But we have separated ourselves from Him with our sins. Let us be honest and confess to Him our sins.

**C:** Merciful Father, I confess that I am a sinner. I make no excuses. I have sinned against you by things I have done and the things I have not done. But I know that Jesus died for me. I stand before you in need of, and trusting in, your forgiveness.

**We sing:**

*I Need Thee Every Hour*

I need Thee ev'ry hour, Most gracious Lord;  
No tender voice like Thine Can peace afford.

I need Thee, O I need Thee; Ev'ry hour I need Thee;  
O bless me now, my Savior, I come to Thee.

I need Thee ev'ry hour, Teach me Thy will;  
And Thy rich promises In me fulfill.

I need Thee, O I need Thee; Ev'ry hour I need Thee;  
O bless me now, my Savior, I come to Thee.

**M:** It is my duty and privilege as a called servant of God to announce to you that you are forgiven. You have been washed in the blood of the Lamb, Jesus Christ and stand before Him forgiven of all your sins, His child, and an heir of eternal life. Let's thank Him for His amazing grace.

**We sing:**

*He Looked Beyond My Fault*

Amazing grace shall always be my song of praise,  
For it was grace that bought my liberty.

I do not know just why Christ came to love me so,  
He looked beyond my fault and saw my need.

I shall forever lift mine eyes to Calvary,  
To view the cross where Jesus died for me;

How marvelous the grace that caught my falling soul,  
He looked beyond my fault and saw my need.

*BE SEATED*

**-We Listen to God's Word-**

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON**

*Exodus 3:1-15*

**3** Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian, and he led the flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. <sup>2</sup> There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in

flames of fire from within a bush. Moses saw that though the bush was on fire it did not burn up. <sup>3</sup> So Moses thought, "I will go over and see this strange sight—why the bush does not burn up."

<sup>4</sup> When the LORD saw that he had gone over to look, God called to him from within the bush, "Moses! Moses!"

And Moses said, "Here I am."

<sup>5</sup> "Do not come any closer," God said. "Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground." <sup>6</sup> Then he said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob." At this, Moses hid his face, because he was afraid to look at God.

<sup>7</sup> The LORD said, "I have indeed seen the misery of my people in Egypt. I have heard them crying out because of their slave drivers, and I am concerned about their suffering. <sup>8</sup> So I have come down to rescue them from the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey—the home of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites. <sup>9</sup> And now the cry of the Israelites has reached me, and I have seen the way the Egyptians are oppressing them. <sup>10</sup> So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt."

<sup>11</sup> But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?"

<sup>12</sup> And God said, "I will be with you. And this will be the sign to you that it is I who have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you will worship God on this mountain."

<sup>13</sup> Moses said to God, "Suppose I go to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' Then what shall I tell them?"

<sup>14</sup> God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: 'I AM has sent me to you.'"

<sup>15</sup> God also said to Moses, "Say to the Israelites, 'The LORD, the God of your fathers—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob—has sent me to you.'

"This is my name forever,  
the name you shall call me  
from generation to generation.

**We Sing:***Order My Steps (v1)*

Order my steps in Your Word dear Lord,  
Lead me, guide me, every day,  
Send Your anointing, Father, I pray.  
Order my steps in Your word.  
Please, order my steps in Your word.

I want to walk worthy, My calling to fulfill.  
Please order my steps, Lord, And I'll do Your blessed will,  
The world is ever changing, but You are still the same.  
If You order my steps, I'll praise Your name.

**EPISTLE LESSON***1 Corinthians 10:1-13*

**10** For I do not want you to be ignorant of the fact, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud and that they all passed through the sea. <sup>2</sup> They were all baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea. <sup>3</sup> They all ate the same spiritual food <sup>4</sup> and drank the same spiritual drink; for they drank from the spiritual rock that accompanied them, and that rock was Christ. <sup>5</sup> Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them; their bodies were scattered in the wilderness.

<sup>6</sup> Now these things occurred as examples to keep us from setting our hearts on evil things as they did. <sup>7</sup> Do not be idolaters, as some of them were; as it is written: "The people sat down to eat and drink and got up to indulge in revelry."

<sup>8</sup> We should not commit sexual immorality, as some of them did—and in one day twenty-three thousand of them died. <sup>9</sup> We should not test Christ, as some of them did—and were killed by snakes. <sup>10</sup> And do not grumble, as some of them did—and were killed by the destroying angel.

<sup>11</sup> These things happened to them as examples and were written down as warnings for us, on whom the culmination of the ages has come. <sup>12</sup> So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don't fall! <sup>13</sup> No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.

**We Sing:***Order My Steps (v3)*

Bridle my tongue, let my words edify;  
Let the words of my mouth be acceptable in Thy sight.  
Take charge of my thoughts, both day and night.

Order my steps in Your word.  
Please, order my steps in Your word.

I want to walk worthy, My calling to fulfill.  
Please order my steps, Lord, And I'll do Your blessed will,  
The world is ever changing, but You are still the same.  
If You order my steps, I'll praise Your name.

*PLEASE STAND*

## **GOSPEL LESSON**

*Luke 13:1-9*

**13** Now there were some present at that time who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mixed with their sacrifices. <sup>2</sup> Jesus answered, "Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans because they suffered this way? <sup>3</sup> I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish. <sup>4</sup> Or those eighteen who died when the tower in Siloam fell on them—do you think they were more guilty than all the others living in Jerusalem? <sup>5</sup> I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish."

<sup>6</sup> Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree growing in his vineyard, and he went to look for fruit on it but did not find any. <sup>7</sup> So he said to the man who took care of the vineyard, 'For three years now I've been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and haven't found any. Cut it down! Why should it use up the soil?'

<sup>8</sup> "'Sir,' the man replied, 'leave it alone for one more year, and I'll dig around it and fertilize it. <sup>9</sup> If it bears fruit next year, fine! If not, then cut it down.'"

*BE SEATED*

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

### **HYMN OF THE DAY**

**African-American Heritage Hymnal 243**

*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

### **SERMON**

***Engaging with the Great I Am***

*Exodus 3:1-15*

*PLEASE STAND*

## CONFESSION OF FAITH

*Apostles Creed*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of Heaven and Earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into Hell. The third day, He rose again from the dead. He ascended into Heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there, He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

AMEN.

*BE SEATED*

## OFFERING

*Instrumental*

*PLEASE STAND*

## PRAYERS

*The Lord's Prayer*

**M:** Brother and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. AMEN.

*BE SEATED*

## CLOSING HYMN

**African-American Heritage Hymnal 262**  
*Nothing But the Blood*

| <b><u>Serving at Col.:</u></b> | <b><u>Today</u></b> | <b><u>Next Sunday</u></b> |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|
| Music                          | Katherine, Elijah   | Karis, Elijah             |
| Ushers                         | Keith, Mike         | Bob                       |
| Reader                         | Elijah              | Seth                      |
| Altar                          |                     |                           |
| Streaming                      | Noah                | Noah                      |
| Refreshments                   | Linda               | Virginia                  |
| Cleaning                       | Bob                 | Seth                      |
| Mowing                         | Seth                |                           |

## **CALENDAR**

|              |                                     |
|--------------|-------------------------------------|
| Wednesday    | 7:00 PM Online Bible Class          |
| Sunday       | 10:00 AM Bible Class, Sunday School |
| Sunday       | 11:00 AM Worship                    |
| Today        | Council, Ladies Guild               |
| Apr 12       | 8:00 AM Workday                     |
| Apr 17       | Maundy Thursday; 7:00 PM Seder Meal |
| Apr 18       | Good Friday                         |
| Apr 20       | Easter                              |
| May 4        | Crawfish Boil                       |
| Jul 28-Aug 2 | VBS: Wonder Junction                |

| <b>OFFERING</b> | <b>Total</b> | <b>Budget</b> | <b>%Budget</b> | <b>Projected</b> |
|-----------------|--------------|---------------|----------------|------------------|
| Last Week       | \$2,807.00   | \$2,710.40    | 103.6%         |                  |
| February        | \$9,892.05   | \$11,745.08   | 84.2%          |                  |
| March           | \$9,420.00   | \$11,745.08   | 80.2%          | \$13,677.28      |
| Qtr-to-Date     | \$29,942.07  | \$35,235.25   | 85.0%          | \$33,539.99      |
| Year-to-Date    | \$29,942.07  | \$140,941.00  | 21.2%          | \$136,023.33     |



*"...give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."  
II Corinthians 9:7*

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