

NEW BEGINNINGS LUTHERAN CHURCH

Third Sunday in Lent – March 23rd, 2025 (11:11 am)

I DID IT MY WAY

Psalm 85

Ezekiel 33:7-20

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

Luke 15: 1-3, 11-32

Jesus Calls You to Repentance

“Unless you repent, you will all likewise perish” (Luke 13:3, 5). By this warning, the Lord would turn us away from wickedness and bring us to life in Himself. For He is patient with us, that we would not be cut down in our sin but live and bear fruit in Him. As He lives, the Lord has “no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live” (Ezek. 33:11). So the Scriptures have been “written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come” (1 Cor. 10:11), that we should not desire evil but trust in Christ. He alone is faithful, the Rock who feeds us with His “spiritual food” and pours out His “spiritual drink” (1 Cor. 10:3-4).

WORSHIP SONGS

HOSANNA

Hosanna hosanna

Hosanna in the highest

Hosanna hosanna

Hosanna in the highest

Lord we lift up Your name

With hearts full of praise

Be exalted oh Lord my God

(1st) Hosanna in the highest

(2nd) Glory to the King of kings

Glory glory

Glory to the King of kings

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A THOUSAND HALLELUJAHS

Who else would rocks cry out to worship

Whose glory taught the stars to shine

Perhaps creation longs to have the words to sing

But this joy is mine

With a thousand hallelujahs

We magnify Your name

You alone deserve the glory

The honor and the praise

Lord Jesus this song is forever Yours

A thousand hallelujahs

And a thousand more

Who else would die for our redemption

Whose resurrection means I'll rise

There isn't time enough to sing of all You've done

But I have eternity to try

Praise to the Lord

To the Lamb

To the King of heaven

Praise for He rose

Now He reigns

We will sing forever

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AS WE BEGIN and CALLING ON GOD'S NAME (Pastor)

P – In the name of the FATHER, the SON, and the HOLY SPIRIT. Amen.

EPISTLE READING 1 CORINTHIANS 10:1-13 (Pastor)

Warning Against Idolatry

For I do not want you to be unaware, brothers,^[a] that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, ²and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, ³and all ate the same spiritual food, ⁴and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ. ⁵Nevertheless, with most of them God was not pleased, for they were overthrown^[b] in the wilderness.

⁶Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did. ⁷Do not be idolaters as some of them were; as it is written, “The people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play.” ⁸We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. ⁹We must not put Christ^[c] to the test, as some of them did and were destroyed by serpents, ¹⁰nor

grumble, as some of them did and were destroyed by the Destroyer. "Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come. ¹² Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. ¹³ No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

CONFESSION AND DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

C – Lord God, our stubborn will often moves us to our own way without any regard for Your holy will. We often find ourselves moving out of Your light and into the darkness of our own sinful world. Forgive us, O Lord, grant us power to amend our sinful ways. Hear us, kind Father, for the sake of Jesus, our Brother. Amen.

P – The God who hears our confession is also the God who says, "***Your sins are forgiven.***" Go in peace! In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

C – Amen.

KIDS MOMENT – PUPPETS

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IN YOUR HOUSE, O LORD

In your house, o Lord, In Your dwelling place,
Apart from all the world I come to seek Your face.
In Your house of prayer, at the altar there.
Quiet and alone, I bow before Your throne;
In Your house, O Lord!
In Your house, o Lord, my worship I will bring,
My thanks for all You give, my songs of praises sing.
May my heart be filled, and my spirit healed.
You remain the same, but I will leave here changed,
In Your house, o Lord!

Jay Turner

THE LORD WILL BE MY SHEPHERD

The Lord will be my shepherd, He knows my ev'ry need.
He renews my faith each morning with the promise of His peace.
As I rest in a quiet meadow or beside a clear blue stream,
The Lord will be my shepherd, I will follow where He leads.

*Though the shadows of darkness surround me, I will never be afraid,
For I know the Lord will protect me from the dangers I must face.
When there's anger or trouble around me, and I want to run and hide,
I will find Him near, to calm my fear always at my side.*

The Lord will be my shepherd wherever I may go.
He will fill me with His kindness, He will strengthen me with hope.
When my day at last is over, He will come and take me home.
The Lord will be my shepherd, **I will never be alone.**

A reflection on Psalm 23
Don Besig and Nancy Price (ASCAP)
Music by Don Besig (ASCAP)

READING OF THE GOSPEL LUKE 15:1-3, 11-32 - (Terry)

Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear him.² And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, "This man receives sinners and eats with them."³ So he told them this parable:

¹¹ "There was a man who had two sons. ¹² And the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.' And he divided his property between them. ¹³ Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living. ¹⁴ And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵ So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. ¹⁶ And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything.

¹⁷ "But when he came to himself, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! ¹⁸ I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. ¹⁹ I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants."' ²⁰ And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. ²¹ And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' ²² But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. ²³ And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. ²⁴ For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to celebrate.

²⁵ “Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶ And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. ²⁷ And he said to him, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound.’ ²⁸ But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, ²⁹ but he answered his father, ‘Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends. ³⁰ But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!’ ³¹ And he said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³² It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.’”

MESSAGE – “I DID IT MY WAY” – Luke 15:11-32 (The prodigal son)

WORSHIP SONG – WORTHY IS THE LAMB

Thank You for the cross Lord
Thank You for the price You paid
Bearing all my sin and shame
In love You came and gave amazing grace
Thank You for this love Lord
Thank You for the nail-pierced hands
Washed me in Your cleansing flow
Now all I know Your forgiveness and embrace

Worthy is the Lamb seated on the throne

Crown You now with many crowns

You reign victorious

High and lifted up Jesus Son of God

The Darling of heaven crucified

Worthy is the Lamb

Worthy is the Lamb

The Darling of heaven crucified

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER (Prayer)

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

BENEDICTION (*Pastor*)

The **Lord** bless you and keep you.
The **Lord** make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The **Lord** look upon you with favor and give you peace. Amen.

FINAL WORSHIP SONG – BECAUSE HE LIVES (AMEN)

I believe in the Son
I believe in the Risen One
I believe I overcome
By the power of His blood
Amen amen
I'm alive I'm alive because He lives
Amen amen
Let my song join the one that never ends
(Because He lives)

I was dead in the grave
I was covered in sin and shame
I heard mercy call my name
He rolled the stone away
Because He lives I can face tomorrow
Because He lives ev'ry fear is gone
I know He holds my life
My future in His hand
Because He lives