

# Reflections on Repentance

Midweek Lent Services 2025

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Jenera, OH



Wednesday, April 18, 2025

Good Friday

### Theme of the Day:

*Reflections on Repentance: Restored by His Sacrifice*

*Congregation sings or speaks the bolded text*

### 420 Jesus, I Will Ponder Now

CW 420

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*Please stand.*

### Dialogue of Remembrance

P: Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

**C: By his holy cross he has redeemed the world.**

P: Remember his words,

**C: for they give us light.**

P: Remember his works,

**C: for they show us God's mercy.**

P: Remember his grace,

**C: for it is greater than our sin.**

P: Remember his glory,

**C: for it shines from the cross.**

P: Remember his pain,

**C: for he took it up willingly.**

P: Remember his sorrow,

**C: for it became our joy.**

P: Remember his life,

**C: for it was perfect before God.**

P: Remember his death,

**C: for it was ours.**

P: Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

**C: By his holy cross he has redeemed the world.**

### Confession

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P: In the name of our God, to whom all hearts are open and from whom no secrets are hidden.

**C: Amen.**

**All: I confess that I am by nature sinful. I am guilty of many sins. I am distressed by the sins that trouble me. For all this I am sorry. I pray for forgiveness. Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love.**

P: Jesus says to his people, "If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven." His death paid for the guilt of your sins and the sins of the whole world. Do you believe this?

**C: Yes, I believe.**

P: By the authority of Christ, I forgive you your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

## Scripture

*Ephesians 2:1–3*

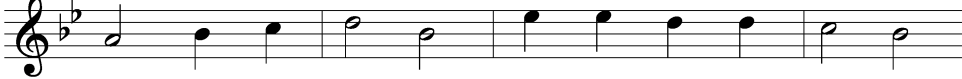
<sup>1</sup>As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, <sup>2</sup>in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. <sup>3</sup>All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our flesh and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath.

## 432 O Dearest Jesus, What Law Have You Broken

*CW 432 sts. 1–2*



1 O dear - est Je - sus, what law have you bro - ken  
2 They crown your head with thorns, they smite, they scourge you;  
3 Whence come these sor - rows, whence this mor - tal an - guish?  
4 What pun - ish - ment so strange is suf - fered yon - der!  
5 The sin - less Son of God must die in sad - ness,



that such sharp sen - tence should on you be spo - ken?  
with cru - el mock - ings to the cross they urge you;  
It is my sins for which you, Lord, must lan - guish;  
The Shep - herd dies for sheep that loved to wan - der;  
the sin - ful child of man may live in glad - ness;



Of what great crime have you to make con -  
they give you gall to drink, they still de -  
yes, all the wrath, the woe that you in -  
the Mas - ter pays the debt his ser - vants  
we for - feit - ed our lives, yet are ac -



fes - sion, what dark trans - gres - sion?  
cry you; they cru - ci - fy you.  
her - it, this I do mer - it.  
owe him, who would not know him.  
quit - ted; God is com - mit - ted.

## Scripture

*Galatians 3:10*

<sup>10</sup>For all who rely on the works of the law are under a curse, as it is written: “Cursed is everyone who does not continue to do everything written in the Book of the Law.”

## 432 O Dearest Jesus, What Law Have You Broken

*CW 432 sts. 3–4*

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## Scripture

*James 4:8–10*

<sup>8</sup>Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. <sup>9</sup>Grieve, mourn and wail. Change your laughter to mourning and your joy to gloom. <sup>10</sup>Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up.

## 432 O Dearest Jesus, What Law Have You Broken

*CW 432 st. 5*

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## Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

God Most Holy, look with mercy on this, your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, be given over into the hands of the wicked, and suffer death upon the cross. Keep us always faithful to him, our only Savior, who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

**C: Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## Quartet Song- “Jesus Is”

### First Reading

*Isaiah 52:13—53:12*

<sup>13</sup>See, my servant will act wisely; he will be raised and lifted up and highly exalted. <sup>14</sup>Just as there were many who were appalled at him— his appearance was so disfigured beyond that of any human being and his form marred beyond human likeness— <sup>15</sup>so he will sprinkle many nations, and kings will shut their mouths because of him. For what they were not told, they will see, and what they have not heard, they will understand. <sup>1</sup>Who has believed our message and to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? <sup>2</sup>He grew up before him like a tender shoot, and like a root out of dry ground. He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him. <sup>3</sup>He was despised and rejected by mankind, a man of suffering, and familiar with pain. Like one from whom people hide their faces he was despised, and we held him in low esteem. <sup>4</sup>Surely he took up our pain and bore our suffering, yet we considered him punished by God, stricken by him, and afflicted. <sup>5</sup>But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed. <sup>6</sup>We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. <sup>7</sup>He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; he was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth.

<sup>8</sup>By oppression and judgment he was taken away. Yet who of his generation protested? For he was cut off from the land of the living; for the transgression of my people he was punished. <sup>9</sup>He was assigned a grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death, though he had done no violence, nor was any deceit in his mouth. <sup>10</sup>Yet it was the LORD's will to crush him and cause him to suffer, and though the LORD makes his life an offering for sin, he will see his offspring and prolong his days, and the will of the LORD will prosper in his hand. <sup>11</sup>After he has suffered, he will see the light of life and be satisfied; by his knowledge my righteous servant will justify many, and he will bear their iniquities. <sup>12</sup>Therefore I will give him a portion among the great, and he will divide the spoils with the strong, because he poured out his life unto death, and was numbered with the transgressors. For he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

P: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## 22A O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

*Psalm 22A*

*Refrain*



O sa - cred head, now wound-ed, with grief and shame weighed down.



My God, my God, why have you for- / saken me?

Why are you so far from saving me, so far from my cries of / anguish?

I am a worm and / not a man,

scorned by everyone, despised by the / people.

All who see me / mock me;

they hurl insults, shaking / their heads.

"He trusts in the / LORD," they say,

"let the LORD / rescue him." *Refrain*

All my bones are / on display;

you lay me in the / dust of death.

A pack of villains en- / circles me;

they pierce my hands / and my feet.

They divide my clothes a- / mong them

and cast lots for my / garment.

But you, LORD, do not be / far from me.

You are my strength; come quickly to / help me.

**Glory be to the Father and / to the Son  
and to the Holy / Spirit,  
as it was in the be- / ginning,  
is now, and will be forever. / Amen. Refrain**

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## **Gospel**

*John 19:17–30*

<sup>17</sup>Carrying his own cross, he went out to the place of the Skull (which in Aramaic is called Golgotha).  
<sup>18</sup>There they crucified him, and with him two others—one on each side and Jesus in the middle.  
<sup>19</sup>Pilate had a notice prepared and fastened to the cross. It read: JESUS OF NAZARETH, THE KING OF THE JEWS.  
<sup>20</sup>Many of the Jews read this sign, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and the sign was written in Aramaic, Latin and Greek.  
<sup>21</sup>The chief priests of the Jews protested to Pilate, “Do not write ‘The King of the Jews,’ but that this man claimed to be king of the Jews.”  
<sup>22</sup>Pilate answered, “What I have written, I have written.”  
<sup>23</sup>When the soldiers crucified Jesus, they took his clothes, dividing them into four shares, one for each of them, with the undergarment remaining. This garment was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom.  
<sup>24</sup>“Let’s not tear it,” they said to one another. “Let’s decide by lot who will get it.” This happened that the scripture might be fulfilled that said, “They divided my clothes among them and cast lots for my garment.” So this is what the soldiers did.  
<sup>25</sup>Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother, his mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene.  
<sup>26</sup>When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to her, “Woman, here is your son,”  
<sup>27</sup>and to the disciple, “Here is your mother.” From that time on, this disciple took her into his home.  
<sup>28</sup>Later, knowing that everything had now been finished, and so that Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, “I am thirsty.”  
<sup>29</sup>A jar of wine vinegar was there, so they soaked a sponge in it, put the sponge on a stalk of the hyssop plant, and lifted it to Jesus’ lips.  
<sup>30</sup>When he had received the drink, Jesus said, “It is finished.” With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise be to you, O Christ!**

## **578 Chief of Sinners Though I Be**

*CW 578 sts. 1–4*

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### **Sermon Text: Psalm 51:14-17**

<sup>14</sup>Deliver me from the guilt of bloodshed, O God, you who are God my Savior, and my tongue will sing of your righteousness.  
<sup>15</sup>Open my lips, Lord, and my mouth will declare your praise.  
<sup>16</sup>You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it; you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings.  
<sup>17</sup>My sacrifice, O God, is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart you, God, will not despise.

### **Sermon Theme: Restored by His Sacrifice**

## 550 Lamb of God

CW 550

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### Bidding Prayer

P: Lord,

**C: have mercy.**

P: Christ,

**C: have mercy.**

P: Lord,

**C: have mercy.**

P: O Christ,

**C: hear us.**

P: God, the Father in heaven,

**C: have mercy on us.**

P: God, the Son, Redeemer of the world,

**C: have mercy on us.**

P: God, the Holy Spirit,

**C: have mercy on us.**

P: Be gracious to us.

**C: Spare us, good Lord.**

P: Be gracious to us.

**C: Help us, good Lord.**

P: From every sin, from every error, from every evil, from the devil's lies and cunning, from eternal death,

**C: Deliver us, good Lord.**

P: By the mystery of the holy incarnation, by your holy birth, by your baptism, fasting and temptation, by your agony and bloody sweat, by your cross and suffering, by your death and burial, by your resurrection and ascension, by the coming of the Holy Spirit, the Counselor, in all times of trouble, in all times of prosperity, in the hour of death,

**C: Help us, good Lord.**

P: O Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,

**C: hear us.**

P: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

**C: have mercy on us.**

P: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

**C: have mercy on us.**

P: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

**C: grant us your peace. Amen.**

## Lord's Prayer

**All: 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.**

## 404 Jesus, Grant That Balm and Healing

*CW 404 sts. 1, 4–5*

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## Dialogue of the Cross

**P:** We glory in your cross, O Lord, and we praise your holy resurrection,

**C: for by your cross, joy has come into the world.**

**P:** May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine on us—

**C: so that your ways may be known on earth your salvation among all nations.**

**P:** We glory in your cross, O Lord, and we praise your holy resurrection,

**C: for by your cross, joy has come into the world.**

**P:** May the peoples praise you, God; may all the peoples praise you.

**C: May God bless us still, so that all the ends of the earth will fear him.**

**P:** We glory in your cross, O Lord, and we praise your holy resurrection,

**C: for by your cross, joy has come into the world.**

*Brief silence*

**P:** We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

**C: By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

## 434 Upon the Cross Extended

*CW 434*

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*Worshippers may remain for silent prayer after the final hymn. Afterwards the congregation may leave in silence.*

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