

Lenten Mid-Week Worship

March 21, 2012

On the Road To Bethlehem

Our Lenten Mid Week Services will include portions of Martin Luther's Small Catechism; sermons will focus on the series "On the Road."

On the Road...

*Roads and paths, Roman highways and shepherd's trails, Biblical Palestine was crisscrossed with them. People leaving somewhere and headed toward someplace... what's left behind can be as significant as what lies ahead. Our 2012 midweek and Holy Week Lenten series focuses on some **roads** to and from in the Bible. Roads that we'll walk together.*

+ A Service of Prayer +

HYMN "What Can Wash Away My Sin?"

What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus.
What can make me whole again?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Refrain

*Oh, precious is the flow that makes me bright as snow;
No other fount I know: nothing but the blood of Jesus.*

For my pardon, this I see; nothing but the blood of Jesus.
For my cleansing this my plea:
nothing but the blood of Jesus. *Refrain*

Nothing can for sin atone: nothing but the blood of Jesus.
Naught of good that I have done:
nothing but the blood of Jesus. *Refrain*

This is all my hope and peace:
nothing but the blood of Jesus.
This is all my righteousness:
nothing but the blood of Jesus. *Refrain*

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(Rise) OPENING SENTENCES

Pastor: You, O LORD, are in the midst of us, and we are

called by your name; do not leave us. *Jeremiah 14:9b*

People: Amen.

Pastor: It is good to give thanks to the Lord,

People: to sing praise to your name, O Most High;

Pastor: To herald your love in the morning,

People: Your truth at the close of the day.

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.

People: The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins. Amen. I confess to God Almighty before the whole company of heaven and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.

Pastor: The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins.

People: Amen. (Sit)

HYMN # 610 "Lord Jesus, Think on Me"

Lord Jesus, think on me And purge away my sin;
From worldly passions set me free And make me pure within.

CATECHISM Part 1

Pastor: What is confession?

People: Confession has two parts. First that we confess our sins, and second, that we receive absolution, that is,

forgiveness from the pastor as from God Himself, not doubting, but firmly believing that by it our sins are forgiven before God in heaven.

HYMN # 610 “Lord Jesus, Think on Me”

Lord Jesus, think on me, By anxious thoughts oppressed;
Let me Your loving servant be And taste Your promised rest.

CATECHISM Part 2

Pastor: What sins should we confess?

People: Before God we should plead guilty of all sins, even those we are not aware of, as we do in the Lord's Prayer; but before the pastor we should confess only those sins which we know and feel in our hearts.

(Rise) **HOLY GOSPEL St. Matthew 2:1-18**

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, “Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.” When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. When he had called together all the people’s chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. “In Bethlehem in Judea,” they replied, “for this is what the prophet has written: “‘But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.’” Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, “Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him.” After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route. When they had gone, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. “Get up,” he said, “take the child and his mother and escape to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you, for Herod is going to search for the child to kill him.” So he got up, took the child and his mother during the night and left for Egypt, where he stayed

until the death of Herod. And so was fulfilled what the Lord had said through the prophet: “Out of Egypt I called my son.” When Herod realized that he had been outwitted by the Magi, he was furious, and he gave orders to kill all the boys in Bethlehem and its vicinity who were two years old and under, in accordance with the time he had learned from the Magi. Then what was said through the prophet Jeremiah was fulfilled: “A voice is heard in Ramah, weeping and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children and refusing to be comforted, because they are no more.”
(Sit)

HYMN # 610 “Lord Jesus, Think on Me”

Lord Jesus, think on me Amid the battle’s strife;
In all my pain and misery, O be my health and life!

CATECHISM Part 3

Pastor: Which are these?

People: Consider your place in life according to the Ten Commandments: Are you a father, mother, son, daughter, husband, wife, or worker? Have you been disobedient, unfaithful, or lazy? Have you been hot-tempered, rude, or quarrelsome? Have you hurt someone by your words or deeds? Have you stolen, been negligent, wasted anything, or done any harm?

HYMN # 610 “Lord Jesus, Think on Me”

Lord Jesus, think on me Nor let me go astray;
Through darkness and perplexity Point out Your chosen way.

Lord Jesus, think on me That, when this life is past,
I may the eternal brightness see And share Your joy at last.

SERMON “When Fury Gives Orders” Matthew 2:1-18

OFFERINGS As your offering is collected, please sign our attendance book located at the end of the pew. If you are a visitor, please leave your address and phone. After you are finished, please pass the book along to others in your pew, and return the book to the center aisle.

(Rise) **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

PRAYER OF SUPPLICATION

Pastor: Help us, O Lord,

People: to live without sin.

Pastor: O Lord, have mercy on us.

People: Have mercy on us.

Pastor: O Lord, let your mercy be on us,

People: as our trust is in you.

Pastor: Hear our prayer, O Lord,

People: and let our cry come to you.

Pastor: Be present, O Merciful God, and protect us through the silent hours of our lives, so that we who are wearied by the changes and chances of this fleeting world, may find peace in your eternal changelessness; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Pastor: The Almighty and Merciful Lord, the Father, and the + Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and keep us.

People: Amen.

HYMN # 611 “Chief of Sinners Though I Be” Stanzas 1,3,5

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Next Week: Wednesday March 28th

ON THE ROAD TO NINEVAH

When We'd Rather Go On A Cruise *Jonah 1:1-17*

Worship at 10:00am & 6:00pm

Lenten Meal at 4:45pm

Mostaccioli, garlic bread, tossed salad, ice cream,
hot dogs, chips, carrots, milk and coffee

