



St. Mark's Lutheran Church

March 29, 2017 — 7:00 p.m.

REPENT! TURN TO JESUS! HE CHANGES YOUR LIFE

The overall theme for our Midweek Lenten worship is “Repent! Turn to Jesus!” The theme flows from the critical questions that occasioned the Ninety-Five Theses and thereby the Lutheran Reformation: What is the essence of repentance? Is repentance the act of “doing penance” — making satisfaction for sin? Or is repentance something else entirely? Repentance, Luther came to see, is God’s gracious gift to us. Luther proclaimed the biblical truth that the believer’s entire life is a life of repentance— a daily return to the saving waters of Baptism. Today our focus is “Repent! Turn to Jesus! He Changes Your Life.”

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP:

“Lord Jesus, you are my righteousness, just as I am your sin. You have taken upon yourself what is mine and have given to me what is yours. You have taken upon yourself what you were not and have given to me what I was not.” (Martin Luther)

PRAYER AT THE CLOSE OF DAY

is a version of the historic rite called Compline. It is the final service of the day before one retires for the night. This is a time for prayer and meditation. The believer finds peace in God’s forgiveness and security under the shadow of his wings.

REMAIN SEATED

Leader: The Lord Almighty grant us a quiet night and peace at the last.

Group: Amen.

L: It is good to give thanks to the Lord,
G: To sing praise to your name, O Most High;
L: To herald your love in the morning,
G: Your truth at the close of day.
L: Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.
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HYMN: #306 "Before You, God, the Judge of All"

PLEASE STAND

CONFESSION OF SINS

L: Our help is in the name of the Lord,
G: Who made heaven and earth.
L: Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for self-examination

L: 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 grievous fault;
wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me,
 forgive me all my sins,
 and bring me to everlasting life.
G: The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins.
L: Amen.

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

G: Amen.

BE SEATED

HYMN: #738 "In Hopelessness and Near Despair"

A rendition of Psalm 130 (printed on the back page)

Silence for meditation

L: Lord God, our refuge and fortress, your faithfulness has protected us through this day. Now send your holy angels to guard us from danger through this night. Give us peaceful rest, free from fear, that we may wake refreshed to serve you, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

G: Amen.

PASSION READING #4 *(see insert)*

L: Into your hands I commend my spirit.

G: Into your hands I commend my spirit.

L: You have redeemed me, O Lord, God of truth.

G: Into your hands I commend my spirit.

L: Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

G: Into your hands I commend my spirit.

HYMN: #349 "Jesus, Priceless Treasure"

SERMON

Luke 7:44-50 (NIV2011)

⁴⁴Then he turned toward the woman and said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I came into your house. You did not give me any water for my feet, but she wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. ⁴⁵You did not give me a kiss, but this woman, from the time I entered, has not stopped kissing my feet. ⁴⁶You did not put oil on my head, but she has poured perfume on my feet. ⁴⁷Therefore, I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven—as her great love has shown. But whoever has been forgiven little loves little."

⁴⁸Then Jesus said to her, "Your sins are forgiven."

⁴⁹The other guests began to say among themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?"

⁵⁰Jesus said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."

OFFERING

PRAYER

L: Hear my prayer, O Lord.

G: Listen to my cry.

L: Keep me as the apple of your eye;

G: Hide me in the shadow of your wings.

L: In righteousness I shall see you.

G: When I awake, your presence will give me joy.

L: Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who watch or work or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, give rest to the weary, pity the afflicted, soothe the suffering, bless the dying—and all for your love’s sake, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

G: **Amen.**

G: **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

ANTIPHON

L: Guide us waking, O Lord,

G: **And guard us sleeping;**

L: That awake we may watch with Christ,

G: **And asleep we may rest in peace.**

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BLESSING

L: The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the Son, † and the Holy Spirit, bless us and keep us.

G: **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN: #125 “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

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