





(continued...) “Have you come out to arrest Me with swords and clubs, as if I were a robber? Day after day I was sitting in the temple courts teaching, and you did not arrest Me. But all this has happened, so that the writings of the prophets would be fulfilled.” Then all the disciples deserted Him and fled. The company of soldiers, the commander, and the Jewish officers arrested Jesus and bound Him. First they led Him to Annas, because he was father-in-law to Caiaphas, who was high priest that year. Now it was Caiaphas who had advised the Jews, “It is better that One Man should die for the people.”

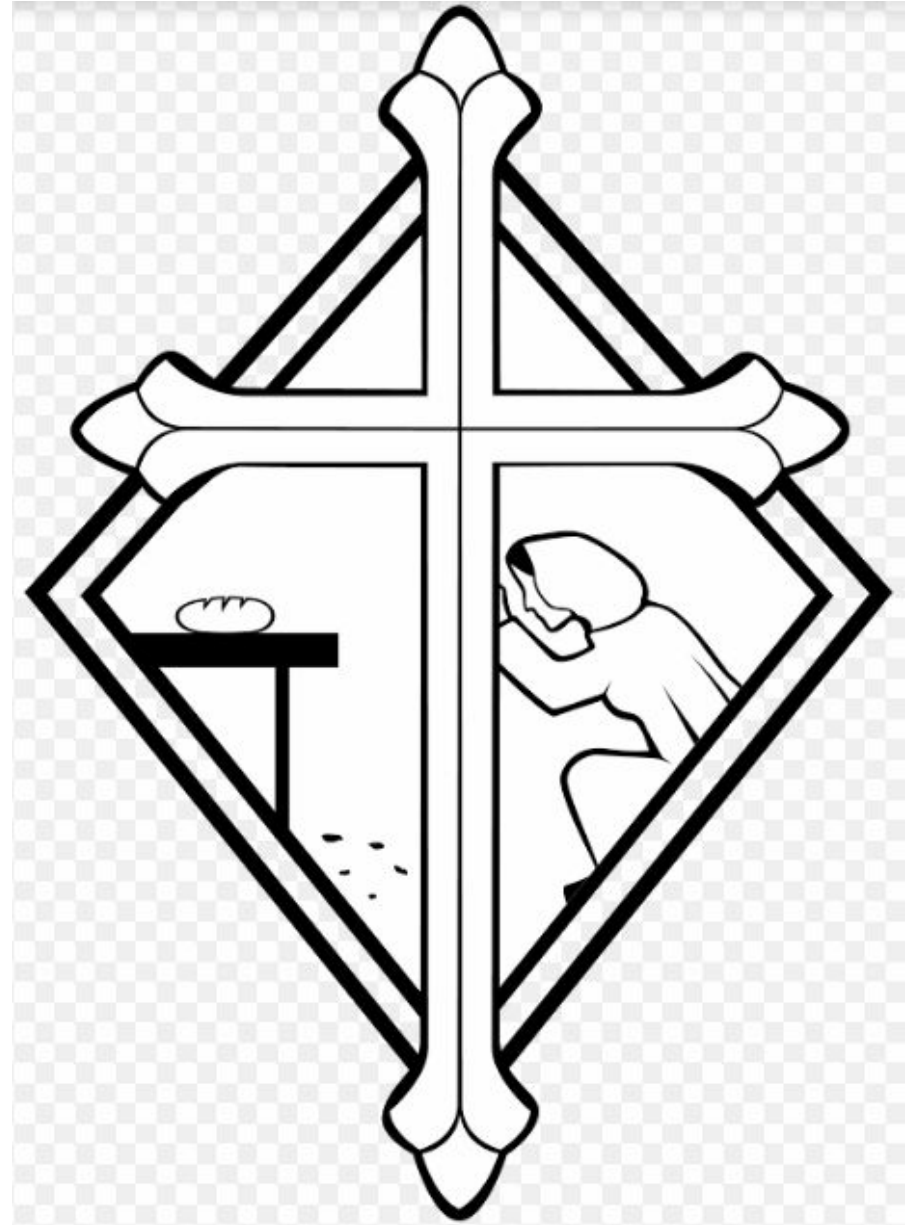
Simon Peter and another disciple kept following Jesus. That disciple was known to the high priest, so he went into the high priest’s courtyard with Jesus. But Peter stood outside by the door. So the other disciple, the one known to the high priest, went out and talked to the girl watching the door and brought Peter in. The servants and officers were standing around a fire of coals they had made because it was cold. While they warmed themselves, Peter entered and sat down with the guards to see how it would turn out. While Peter was in the courtyard below, one of the servant girls of the high priest came. When she saw Peter warming himself, she looked directly at him and said, “You were also with Jesus the Galilean.” But he denied it in front of everyone, saying, “I do not know what you are talking about. Woman, I do not know Him.” When Peter went out to the entry way, someone else saw him and said to those who were there, “This is one of them. This fellow was with Jesus of Nazareth.” Again Peter denied it with an oath and said, “I do not know the Man.” After a little while those who stood by came and said to Peter, “Surely you are also one of them, because even your accent gives you away. You are a Galilean!” Then he began to curse and to swear, “I do not know this Man you are talking about! I do not know the Man!” At that very moment, while he was still speaking, the rooster crowed. The Lord turned and looked at Peter. Then Peter remembered the Lord’s Word, how He had said to him, “Before the rooster crows today you will deny Me three times.” And he went outside, broke down and wept bitterly.

The high priest questioned Jesus about His disciples and His teaching. Jesus answered him, “I have spoken openly to the world. I always taught in a synagogue or at the temple, where all the Jews gather. I said nothing in secret. Why question Me? Ask those who heard what I told them. Look, they know what I said.” When He said this, one of the officers standing there struck Jesus in the face. “Is that how You answer the high priest?” he demanded. “If I said something wrong,” Jesus answered, “testify about what was wrong. But if I said what is right, why do you hit Me?” The chief priests and the whole Sanhedrin were looking for false testimony against Jesus so that they could put Him to death. They found none, even though many false witnesses came forward. Finally two came forward and said, “This fellow said, ‘I am able to destroy the temple of God, and to rebuild it in three days.’” Yet even on this point, their testimony did not agree. The high priest stood up and said to Him, “Have you no answer? What is this that these men are testifying against you?” But Jesus remained silent. Then the high priest said to Him, “I place you under oath by the living God: tell us if you are the Christ, the Son of God!”

Jesus said to him, “It is as you have said. But I tell you, soon you will see the Son of Man sitting at the Right Hand of power and coming on the clouds of Heaven.” Then the high priest tore his robes and said, “He has spoken blasphemy! Why do we need any more witnesses? See, you have just heard the blasphemy! What do you think?” They answered, “He is deserving of death!” Then some began to spit on Him. They covered His face, struck Him with their fists, and said, “Prophesy to us, Christ! Who hit You?” The guards also took Him and beat Him. And they went on saying many other blasphemous things against Him.

(Here ends the 3rd Passion History Reading)

Our Savior Lutheran Church  Lakeland, FL  ELS
Lent-2 Midweek  Psalm 38 *Make Haste To Help Me*
Wednesday  March 15th, 2017  4:30 pm



Historic Church Year Symbol for 2nd Sunday in Lent: Reminiscere
Matthew 15:21-28 *Jesus tests and then heals Canaanite woman’s daughter.*

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The INVOCATION (Congregation please rise if you are able.)

P: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son ✠, and of the Holy Spirit. C: Amen.

The CONFESSION OF SINS & ABSOLUTION

OPENING HYMN *Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain ELH #412 NAAR MIT ØIE*

The VERSICLES & The GLORIA PATRI *ELH, p.120-121*

The PSALMODY: Penitential Psalm 38

📖 Here are the words to **Psalm 38** - Please READ along! 📖

P: O LORD, do not rebuke me in Your wrath, Nor chasten me in Your hot displeasure!

C: For Your arrows pierce me deeply, And Your hand presses me down.

³ There is no soundness in my flesh Because of Your anger, Nor any health in my bones Because of my sin.

⁴ For my iniquities have gone over my head; Like a heavy burden they are too heavy for me.

⁵ My wounds are foul and festering Because of my foolishness.

⁶ I am troubled, I am bowed down greatly; I go mourning all the day long.

⁷ For my loins are full of inflammation, And there is no soundness in my flesh.

⁸ I am feeble and severely broken; I groan because of the turmoil of my heart.

⁹ Lord, all my desire is before You; And my sighing is not hidden from You.

¹⁰ My heart pants, my strength fails me; As for the light of my eyes, it also has gone from me.

¹¹ My loved ones and my friends stand aloof from my plague, And my relatives stand afar off.

¹² Those also who seek my life lay snares for me; Those who seek my hurt speak of destruction, And plan deception all the day long.

¹³ But I, like a deaf man, do not hear; And I am like a mute who does not open his mouth.

¹⁴ Thus I am like a man who does not hear, And in whose mouth is no response.

¹⁵ For in You, O LORD, I hope; You will hear, O Lord my God.

¹⁶ For I said, "Hear me, lest they rejoice over me, Lest, when my foot slips, they exalt themselves against me."

¹⁷ For I am ready to fall, And my sorrow is continually before me.

¹⁸ For I will declare my iniquity; I will be in anguish over my sin.

¹⁹ But my enemies are vigorous, they are strong; Those who hate me wrongfully have multiplied.

²⁰ Those also who render evil for good, They are my adversaries, because I follow what is good.

²¹ Do not forsake me, O LORD; O my God, be not far from me!

²² Make haste to help me, O Lord, my Salvation!

*(All) Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost,
One True God, now and forever. Amen.*

PASSION HISTORY: 3RD READING ✠ Judas Betrayal; Arrest; Peter Denial

RESPONSORY *P: O LORD have mercy upon us. C: Thanks be to You, O LORD!*

HYMN *Sweet the Moments, Rich in Blessing ELH #300 (5 verses) BROCKLESBURY*

2017: "WE ARE BEGGARS ALL" TODAY "MAKE HASTE TO HELP ME, O LORD"

The VERSICLE *P: ♪ Let my prayers rise before you as incense:*

C: ♪ And the lifting up of my hands -- As the ev'ning sacrifice.

(after sermon) CANTICLE HYMN (In place of the NUNC DIMITTIS p.124)

CANTICLE HYMN I Know Thee Savior ELH #307 (2 verses) MELITA OR MAGDALEN

**1. I know Thee Savior! God Thou art, - Jesus, the feeble sinner's Friend;
Lord, do not now from me depart, - But stay, and love me to the end.
Thy mercies never shall remove; - Thy Nature and Thy Name is Love.**

**2. 'Tis Love! 'Tis Love! Thou diedst for me, - By grace Thou livest in my heart;
The morning breaks, the shadows flee, - Pure universal love Thou art.
TO ME, TO ALL, THY MERCIES MOVE, - THY NATURE AND THY NAME IS LOVE.**

**KYRIE ELEISON (Lord Have Mercy) C: ♪ Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us. - Lord, have mercy upon us.**

The LORD'S PRAYER C: ♪ Our Father, Who art in heaven... A- -men.

The (Evening) COLLECT (Pastor prays, Cong. Amen) C: ♪ A- -men.

The BENEDICAMUS P: ♪ Let us bless the Lord. C: ♪ Thanks be to God.

**The BENEDICTION P: ♪ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, And the love of God,
And the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. C: ♪ A- -men.**

CLOSING (BENEDICTION) Jesus Still Lead On ELH #587 SEELENBRÄUTIGAM

Silent Prayer (Candles out.) You may be seated. FELLOWSHIP

History of Suffering & Death of our Lord Jesus Christ

according to Four Evangelists + The Wartburg Project Version© 2014.

THIRD READING ✠ Judas Betrayal; Arrest; Peter Denial...

While Jesus was still speaking, suddenly Judas (one of the twelve) arrived. With him was a large crowd with lanterns, torches, swords, and clubs, from the chief priests and elders of the people. Judas was leading them. Then Jesus, knowing everything that was going to happen to Him, went out and asked them, "Who are you looking for?" "Jesus the Nazarene," they replied. "I am He," Jesus told them. Judas, the one betraying Him, was standing with them. Then when Jesus told them, "I am He," they backed away and fell to the ground. Then Jesus asked them again, "Who are you looking for?" "Jesus the Nazarene," they said. "I told you I am He," Jesus replied. "So if you are looking for Me, let these men go." This was to fulfill the statement he had spoken, "I lost none of those You gave Me." Now the betrayer had given them a sign, "Whoever I kiss is the Man. Arrest Him." Immediately he went to Jesus and said, "Greetings, Rabbi!" and kissed Him. Jesus said to him, "Judas, are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss?"

Then they advanced, took hold of Jesus and arrested Him. When those who were around Him saw what was about to happen, they said to Him, "Lord, should we strike with the sword?" Then Simon Peter, who had a sword, drew it, struck the high priest's servant and cut off his right ear. The servant's name was Malchus. But Jesus responded, "Stop! No more of this! Put your sword back into its place, because all who take the sword will die by the sword. Do you not realize that I could call on My Father, and at once He would provide Me with more than twelve legions of angels? But then how would the Scriptures be fulfilled that say it must happen this way?" Then he touched the servant's ear and healed him. At that same time Jesus said to the crowd, *(Passion History continues... ↗)*

L.2W LENT MIDWEEK-2 Psalm 38 **"MAKE HASTE TO HELP ME"** 03.15.17 OSL

INTRODUCTION Our text for today is **Psalm 38**, which we prayed earlier in the service. We will also again be examining the **Office of the Keys**.

Last week we heard about some of the **harm to the soul that does not confess its sin**. This week we have a flood of problems that weigh us down. No health to the body, overwhelmed by guilt, festering wounds, bowed down, searing pain, feeble, crushed, failing strength - the list could go on and on. Our Psalm presents the picture of a man who has been deeply wounded and crushed by his sinfulness. But David's problems (**and ours**) get worse: his friends abandon him, and his enemies use David's weakness to try to destroy him.

What a true picture of life under sin! Sometimes with sin, it sticks out like a festering sore that the entire world can see, except for yourself. Your pride won't let you see the plank sticking out of your eye. Peter could not see that his pride led him to a great fall by denying Christ to the world. In the same way, we are all by nature spiritually blind and dumb and incapable of seeing our sin for what it truly is.

God then has His way with us through **Law and Gospel**. David, in our Psalm, has God's Law heavy upon him. The arrows of God's Law have pierced him. The Law has awakened in him the knowledge of his sinfulness. As Paul said, *"through the Law comes knowledge of sin"* (**Romans 3:20b**). David finally sees how his sin has destroyed his life. His health his gone, his friends have abandoned him; his enemies are at the gate.

Yet at the bottom of all of this is the **reality of sin and forgiveness**. Saint **Augustine** once said regarding this psalm, *"But happy he is who is wretched after this manner!"*¹ Augustine echoes the words of Jesus, *"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted"* (**Matthew 5:4**). David mourns and laments his sins. He recognizes the depth of his sinfulness and the harm that his sinful nature does to him in both body and soul.

So the question today is this: **DO YOU?** Do you see **yourself** in this Psalm? Has God's Law had its way in your heart, so that you mourn your sinfulness and fear God's just wrath? We live in an age where no one is responsible for anything. It's my parent's fault. That's the way I was raised. It's in my genes. Whatever. But God's Law will not let you or I pass the buck. As David prays, *"I confess my iniquity; I am sorry for my sin"* (**Psalm 38:18**). Confession is saying the same thing about yourself that God says about you. You are a sinner. Notice in this Psalm that **David never tries to pass the blame**. These troubles of body and spirit weigh heavy on him because of his sin, not someone else's.

This is what the Catechism has in mind when we speak of the Office of the Keys. Hear again the explanation from the Small Catechism:

What do you believe according to these words?

I believe that when the called ministers of Christ deal with us by His divine command, in particular when they exclude openly unrepentant sinners from the Christian congregation and absolve those who repent of their sins and want to do better, this is just as valid and certain, even in Heaven, as if Christ our dear Lord dealt with us Himself.

Notice the TWO sides to this coin. God's Word has two sides, Law and Gospel, and therefore the called ministers of Christ must deal with God's flock by Law and Gospel. God crushes with the Law, but builds anew with the Gospel.

Through the lens of the Law you **see yourself in this Psalm**. Crushed, broken, alone, forsaken, apart from God. You have only the cry of **the beggar**: *"Make haste to help me, O Lord, my salvation!"* (**Psalm 38:22**).

Now look at this Psalm **through the eyes of Jesus**. Look at this through the eyes of **the Gospel**. **Isaiah** said of the **Suffering Servant** that *"He was wounded for our transgressions; He was crushed for our iniquities"* (**Isaiah 53:5**). And again Paul wrote, *"For our sake He made Him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God"* (**2 Corinthians 5:21**). Christ cried out from the Cross, *"My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?"* (**Psalm 22:1**). This **same Jesus who shed tears of Blood** in the Garden of Gethsemane prays this Psalm for you.

So pray this Psalm again **in light of Individual Confession and Absolution**. Remember what Jesus gave up for you. **He took your sin on Himself**. He **groans**, He **suffers**, He **bleeds**, He **has no health** in His body, He is **abandoned by His friends**, **betrayed** by His disciples, His **enemies** rise up around Him. His back is filled with searing pain. His strength fails. The light left His eyes in death. **The One who had no sin bore that sin, that wretched pain and death for you on the Cross**.

This is the **gift of Holy Absolution, of Forgiveness**. When you come (before the pastor) and confess your sins, all of Christ's work on the Cross comes to bear for you, personally and individually. The **Words of Absolution** ring out with words of sweetest Gospel:

In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. (TLH, p.16)

Today you **still suffer the earthly consequences of sin**. You still hurt. There are still aches and pains and even worse consequences for our sins. But those consequences have no teeth. Ultimately, **they cannot harm you**, because you are in Christ, and His words of forgiveness release you from sin.

CONCLUSION Those words of forgiveness were bought with a terrible price: the death of God's Son. But God gives this forgiveness to you freely with joy! While Peter denied our Lord three times, He claims you as His own every time. You are not abandoned. You are His. -- So we pray with David, with Jesus, and with all the hosts of Heaven: **"Make haste to help me, O Lord, my salvation!"** (**Ps. 38:22**). We pray this with repentant joy because we know that God comes, and He forgives your sins and **makes your life new. IJ'N, Amen.**

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¹ Saint Augustine, *On the Psalms: Psalm 38* in Philip Schaaf, ed. *Nicene and Post-Nicene Fathers*, First Series (Peabody: Hendrickson Publishers, 1994), 8:103.