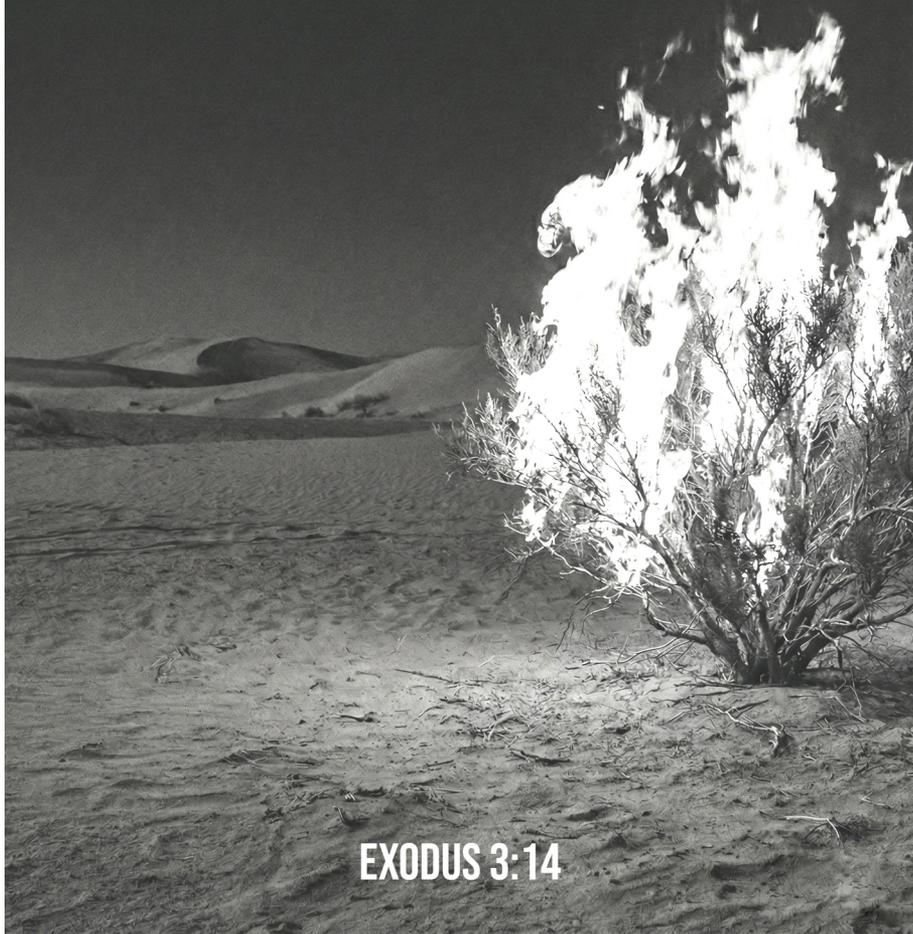


AND GOD SAID TO MOSES, "I AM WHO I AM." AND HE SAID, "THUS YOU SHALL SAY TO THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL, 'I AM HAS SENT ME TO YOU.' "



EXODUS 3:14



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As We Gather

As we gather for our second midweek Lenten service, we are reminded that our God is not a distant deity hiding in the heavens. He does not leave us to guess who He is or how He feels about our desperate, sinful condition. Imagine standing with Moses in the wilderness, watching a bush burn without being consumed, and hearing the very voice of the Almighty. Today, as His Word is read and preached, we step onto holy ground before that same unchanging Lord. In a world filled with uncertainty, the great "I AM" steps into our history to make His saving name known. Prepare your hearts to marvel at the good news of a God who graciously reveals Himself to us.

✠ Preparation for Worship ✠

Hymn

743 – Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

Opening Sentences

Psalm 80:19; 27:8; 9:10; 119:18

- P** Restore us, O LORD God of hosts;
- C** **Cause Your face to shine, And we shall be saved!**
- P** When You said, "Seek My face,"
- C** **My heart said to You, "Your face, LORD, I will seek."**
- P** And those who know Your name will put their trust in You;
- C** **For You, LORD, have not forsaken those who seek You.**
- P** Open my eyes, that I may see
- C** **Wondrous things from Your law.**

Confession and Absolution

- P** Beloved in the Lord! The holy God who spoke from the burning bush speaks to us today. Standing in His glorious presence, we must confess our unholiness. With veiled hearts, we frequently deny our Lord in thought, word, and deed. Since we cannot stand on holy ground alone, let us draw near with true hearts and confess our sins to God our Father, asking Him in the name of Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C O God of all grace, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean, sinning against You in thought, word, and deed. We have veiled our hearts from Your truth and often denied You, failing to trust Your promises. We are unworthy to stand in Your holy presence. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive, renew, and lead us; remove the veil of our sin, that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P The God of our salvation has heard your cries and has come down to deliver you. He has revealed His ultimate love for us in the person of His Son, Jesus Christ, who stood trial in our place, suffered, and died for your sins. Therefore, as a called servant of the Word, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

✠ The Service of the Word ✠

Salutation

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray...

... who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Epistle Reading

2 Corinthians 3:12-18

¹² Therefore, since we have such hope, we use great boldness of speech—
¹³ unlike Moses, who put a veil over his face so that the children of Israel could not look steadily at the end of what was passing away. ¹⁴ But their minds were blinded. For until this day the same veil remains unlifted in the reading of the Old Testament, because the veil is taken away in Christ.
¹⁵ But even to this day, when Moses is read, a veil lies on their heart.
¹⁶ Nevertheless when one turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. ¹⁷ Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.
¹⁸ But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 105:1-8, 23-26

- P** Oh, give thanks to the LORD! Call upon His name;
C **Make known His deeds among the peoples!**
P Sing to Him, sing psalms to Him; Talk of all His wondrous works!
Glory in His holy name;
C **Let the hearts of those rejoice who seek the LORD!**
P Seek the LORD and His strength;
C **Seek His face evermore!**
P Remember His marvelous works which He has done,
C **His wonders, and the judgments of His mouth,**
P O seed of Abraham His servant,
C **You children of Jacob, His chosen ones!**
P He is the LORD our God;
C **His judgments are in all the earth.**
P He remembers His covenant forever,
C **The word which He commanded, for a thousand generations,**
P Israel also came into Egypt,
C **And Jacob dwelt in the land of Ham.**
P He increased His people greatly,
C **And made them stronger than their enemies.**
P He turned their heart to hate His people,
C **To deal craftily with His servants.**
P He sent Moses His servant,
C **And Aaron whom He had chosen.**

Passion History Reading

II. Trial and Denial

Then the detachment of troops and the captain and the officers of the Jews arrested Jesus and bound Him. And they led Him away and brought Him into the high priest's house. They led Him to Annas first; for he was high priest that year. Now it was Caiaphas who gave counsel to the Jews that it was expedient that one man should die for the people.

And Simon Peter followed Jesus at a distance, and so did the other disciple. Now that disciple was known to the high priest, and went with Jesus into the courtyard of the high priest. But Peter stood at the door outside. Then the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out and spoke to her who kept the door and brought Peter in, right into the courtyard of the high priest.

And the servants and officers who had made a fire of coals in the midst of the courtyard stood there, for it was cold. And they warmed themselves. And Peter stood with them and warmed himself at the fire. And after they had sat down together, Peter sat down with the servants to see the end.

The high priest then asked Jesus about His disciples and His doctrine. Jesus answered him, "I spoke openly to the world; I always taught in the synagogues, and in the temple, where the Jews always meet, and in secret I have said nothing. Why do you ask Me? Ask those who have heard Me what I said to them; indeed, they know what I said."

And when He had said these things, one of the officers who stood by struck Jesus with the palm of his hand, saying, "Do You answer the high priest like that?" Jesus answered him, "If I have spoken evil, bear witness of the evil; but if well, why do you strike Me?"

Then Annas sent Jesus bound to Caiaphas the high priest; and with him were assembled all the chief priests, the elders, and the scribes. And the chief priests, the elders, and all the council sought false testimony against Jesus to put Him to death; and found none, even though many false witnesses came forward. For many bore false witness against Him, but their testimonies did not agree.

But at last two false witnesses came forward, and bore false witness against Him, saying, "This Fellow said, 'I am able to destroy the temple of God and to build it in three days.'" But not even then did their testimony agree.

And the high priest stood up in the midst and asked Jesus, saying, "Do You answer nothing? What is it that these men testify against You?" But Jesus kept silent, and answered nothing. And the high priest asked Him, saying to Him, "I adjure You by the living God that You tell us if You are the Christ, the Son of God, the Son of the Blessed?" And Jesus said, "I am. Nevertheless I say to you, hereafter 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 clothes and said, "He has spoken blasphemy! What further need do we have of witnesses? What do you think?" They answered and said, "He is deserving of death!" Then some began to spit in His face. And the men who held Jesus mocked Him. They blindfolded Him and struck Him the face and asked Him, "Prophecy to us, Christ; who is the one that struck You?" And many other things they blasphemously spoke against Him.

Now Peter was sitting outside, below in the courtyard. And a certain servant-girl, one of the servant-girls of the high priest, the one who kept the door, saw Peter warming himself as he sat by the fire. She came to him, and said, "You are not also one of this Man's disciples, are you?" He said, "I am not." She said, "You also were with Jesus of Galilee." She looked intently at him and said, "This man was also with Him." But Peter denied it before them all saying, "Woman, I do not know Him, I neither know nor understand what you are saying." And he went out on the porch. And a rooster crowed.

And after a little while, when he had gone out to the gateway, another servant-girl saw him and began to say to those who stood by, “This fellow also was with Jesus of Nazareth. This is one of them.” Therefore they said to him, “You are not one of His disciples, are you?” And again he denied it with an oath. He said, “Man, I am not. I do not know the Man.”

Then after about an hour had passed, another confidently affirmed, saying, “Surely this fellow also was with Him; for he is a Galilean.” Those who stood by said to Peter: “Surely you are one of them; for you are a Galilean, and your speech shows it.” One of the servants of the high priest, a relative of him whose ear Peter cut off, said, “Did I not see you in the garden with Him?” Peter therefore denied it again. He began to curse and swear, saying “I do not know this Man of whom you speak!” And immediately, while he was still speaking, a rooster crowed a second time.

And the Lord turned and looked at Peter. And Peter called to mind the word of the Lord, how He had said to him, “Before the rooster crows twice, you will deny Me three times.” And when Peter thought about it, he went out and wept bitterly.

Confession of Faith

Luther’s Explanation of the Second Article

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord.

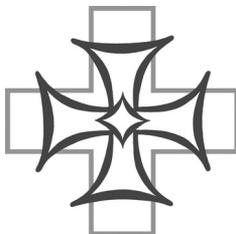
He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sin, from death, and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and His innocent suffering and death.

He did this that I should be His very own, live under Him in His kingdom, and serve Him in eternal righteousness, innocence, and joy; just as He is risen from death, lives and reigns in eternity.

This is most certainly true.

Hymn

40 – The God of Abraham Praise



¹ Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian. And he led the flock to the back of the desert, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. ² And the Angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire from the midst of a bush. So he looked, and behold, the bush was burning with fire, but the bush was not consumed. ³ Then Moses said, "I will now turn aside and see this great sight, why the bush does not burn." ⁴ So when the LORD saw that he turned aside to look, God called to him from the midst of the bush and said, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." ⁵ Then He said, "Do not draw near this place. Take your sandals off your feet, for the place where you stand is holy ground." ⁶ Moreover He said, "I am the God of your father—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look upon God. ⁷ And the LORD said: "I have surely seen the oppression of My people who are in Egypt, and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters, for I know their sorrows. ⁸ So I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them up from that land to a good and large land, to a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites and the Hittites and the Amorites and the Perizzites and the Hivites and the Jebusites. ⁹ Now therefore, behold, the cry of the children of Israel has come to Me, and I have also seen the oppression with which the Egyptians oppress them. ¹⁰ Come now, therefore, and I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring My people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt." ¹¹ But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and that I should bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?" ¹² So He said, "I will certainly be with you. And this shall be a sign to you that I have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain." ¹³ Then Moses said to God, "Indeed, when I come to the children of Israel and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they say to me, 'What is His name?' what shall I say to them?" ¹⁴ And God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." And He said, "Thus you shall say to the children of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you.'" ¹⁵ Moreover God said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the children of Israel: 'The LORD God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you. This is My name forever, and this is My memorial to all generations.'

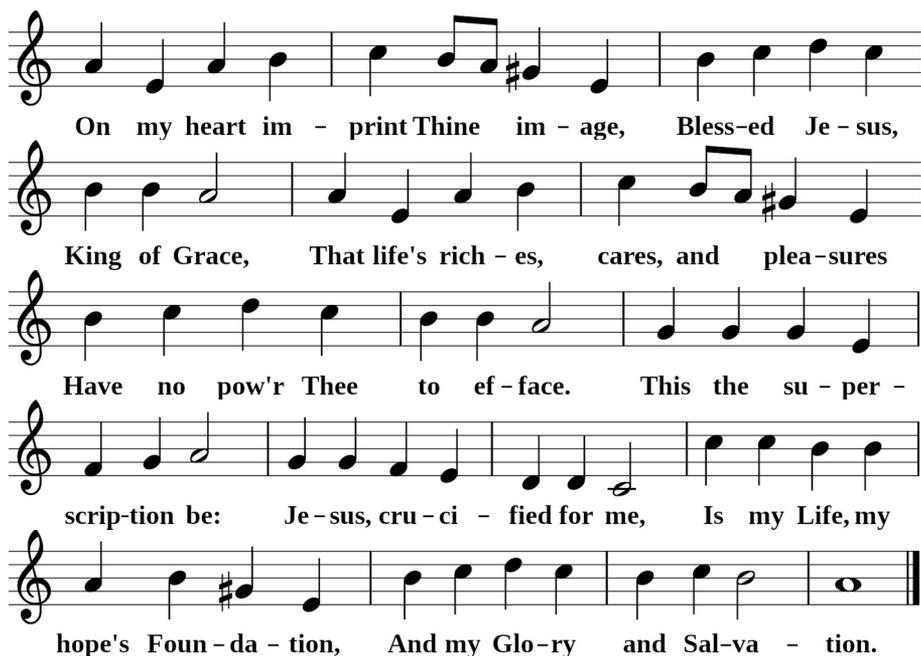


Sermon

The Good News of a God Who Reveals Himself to Us

Offertory

179 – On My Heart Imprint Thine Image



On my heart im - print Thine im - age, Bless-ed Je - sus,
King of Grace, That life's rich - es, cares, and plea-sures
Have no pow'r Thee to ef - face. This the su - per -
scrip-tion be: Je - sus, cru - ci - fied for me, Is my Life, my
hope's Foun - da - tion, And my Glo-ry and Sal - va - tion.

General Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

C 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

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.
- C** Amen.

Hymn

723 – What Wondrous Love Is This

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✠ Announcements ✠

Upcoming Schedule – winterhavenlutheran.com/church-calendar

February 25	2:00 pm	Midweek Lenten Worship
February 27	10:30 am	Learning with Littles
March 1	9:15 am	Bible Class
	10:15 am	Worship Service w/ Holy Communion
	11:30 am	Board of Trustees/Church Council
March 4	2:00 pm	Midweek Lenten Worship
March 8	8:00 am	Worship Service (Orlando)
	10:15 am	Worship Service (Winter Haven)

Upcoming Meetings: Here is a schedule of our upcoming meetings:

- **March 1** – Trustees/Church Council
- **April 5** – Quarterly Voters’ Meeting
- **May 3** – Education/Elders

In Our Prayers: Please keep our shut-in members in your prayers: Don Beymer, Bob & Joan Doriot, Johanna Jaehnigen, David & Elsie Kleinschmidt, Shirley Rosenberry, and Mike Sheffield.

Looking Forward to Sunday: When we hear the word "cover-up," we immediately think of scandals, corruption, and desperate attempts to hide the truth. In our world, a cover-up is a crime destined to be exposed. But next Sunday, we will discover that in God’s courtroom, a cover-up is our only hope! In our sermon text from Romans 4:1–8, 13–17, the Apostle Paul points us to Abraham and David to reveal the glorious truth of justification by faith alone. David rejoices, "Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven, And whose sins are covered" (Rom. 4:7, NKJV). Join us next week as we explore "The Ultimate Cover-Up," marveling at how Jesus’ blood completely covers our guilt forever.

Midweek Lenten Series: Set Free: The Gospel in Exodus: Our midweek Lenten services have begun. This year, our meditation follows the theme "Set Free: The Gospel in Exodus." We are exploring how the Old Testament account of Israel’s rescue from Egypt foreshadows our own rescue from sin and death. Just as God heard the cries of His people in bondage, He hears us and answers us in Christ Jesus.

Please join us for the remainder of these opportunities to grow in grace and the knowledge of our Savior’s passion. All services are at 2:00 PM.

Service Schedule:

- **Feb 25:** The Good News of a God Who Reveals Himself to Us (Exodus 3:1-15)
- **Mar 4:** The Good News of a God Who Sends a Deliverer (Exodus 4:1-20)
- **Mar 11:** The Good News of a God Who Passes over Us in Mercy (Exodus 12:1-14)
- **Mar 18:** The Good News of a God Who Makes a Way for Us (Exodus 14:5-31)
- **Mar 25:** The Good News of a God Who Sustains on Our Journey (Exodus 16:1-18, 35)

Divine Call Received: Our lower grade teacher, Ms. Katie Naumann, has received a divine Call to serve as teacher and principal at Redeemer Lutheran School in Cheyenne, Wyoming. As she evaluates this new Call alongside her current Call here with us, please keep Katie in your daily prayers. We ask the Holy Spirit to grant her wisdom, peace, and clarity during this time of deliberation. You are also warmly encouraged to reach out to her to offer your support, share your thoughts, and express your appreciation for her faithful ministry among our children.

