



Lent 5 Midweek

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

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- L** O Lord, open my lips,
C **and my mouth will declare Your praise.**
L Make haste, O God, to deliver me;
C **make haste to help me, O Lord.**
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Psalm 105:1-6, 26-27, 42-43



- ¹Oh give thanks to the LORD; call up- | on his name;*
 make known his deeds among the | peoples!
²**Sing to him, sing prais- | es to him;***
tell of all his | wondrous works!
³Glory in his | holy name;*
 let the hearts of those who seek the | LORD rejoice!
⁴**Seek the LORD | and his strength;***
seek his presence con- | tinually!
⁵Remember the wondrous works that | he has done,*
 his miracles, and the judgments he | uttered,
⁶**O offspring of Abraham, his | servant,***
children of Jacob, his | chosen ones!
²⁶He sent Moses, his | servant,*
 and Aaron, whom he had | chosen.
²⁷**They performed his signs a- | mong them***
and miracles in the | land of Ham.
⁴²For he remembered his holy | promise,*
 and Abraham, his | servant.
⁴³**So he brought his people | out with joy,***
his chosen ones with | singing.
Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the | beginning, *
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Reading

Exodus 7:14-10:29

¹⁴Then the Lord said to Moses, “Pharaoh’s heart is hardened; he refuses to let the people go. ¹⁵Go to Pharaoh in the morning, as he is going out to the water. Stand on the bank of the Nile to meet him, and take in your hand the staff that turned into a serpent. ¹⁶And you shall say to him, “The Lord, the God of the Hebrews, sent me to you, saying, “Let my people go, that they may serve me in the wilderness.” But so far, you have not obeyed. ¹⁷Thus says the Lord, “By this

you shall know that I am the Lord: behold, with the staff that is in my hand I will strike the water that is in the Nile, and it shall turn into blood....”

20 Moses and Aaron did as the Lord commanded. In the sight of Pharaoh and in the sight of his servants he lifted up the staff and struck the water in the Nile, and all the water in the Nile turned into blood. **21** And the fish in the Nile died, and the Nile stank, so that the Egyptians could not drink water from the Nile. There was blood throughout all the land of Egypt. **22** But the magicians of Egypt did the same by their secret arts. So Pharaoh’s heart remained hardened, and he would not listen to them, as the Lord had said. **23** Pharaoh turned and went into his house, and he did not take even this to heart...

8 Then the Lord said to Moses, “Go in to Pharaoh and say to him, ‘Thus says the Lord, “Let my people go, that they may serve me. **2** But if you refuse to let them go, behold, I will plague all your country with frogs.... **6** So Aaron stretched out his hand over the waters of Egypt, and the frogs came up and covered the land of Egypt. **7** But the magicians did the same by their secret arts and made frogs come up on the land of Egypt.

8 Then Pharaoh called Moses and Aaron and said, “Plead with the Lord to take away the frogs from me and from my people, and I will let the people go to sacrifice to the Lord.” ... **12** So... Moses cried to the Lord about the frogs.... **13** And the Lord did according to the word of Moses. The frogs died out in the houses, the courtyards, and the fields. **14** And they gathered them together in heaps, and the land stank. **15** But when Pharaoh saw that there was a respite, he hardened his heart and would not listen to them, as the Lord had said.

16 Then the Lord said to Moses, “Say to Aaron, ‘Stretch out your staff and strike the dust of the earth, so that it may become gnats in all the land of Egypt.’” **17** And they did so.... So there were gnats on man and beast. **19** Then the magicians said to Pharaoh, “This is the finger of God.” But Pharaoh’s heart was hardened, and he would not listen to them, as the Lord had said.

20 Then the Lord said to Moses, “Rise up early in the morning and present yourself to Pharaoh, as he goes out to the water, and say to him, ‘Thus says the Lord, “Let my people go, that they may serve me. **21** Or else, if you will not let my people go, behold, I will send swarms of flies on you and your servants and your people, and into your houses.... **24** And the Lord did so. There came great swarms of flies into the house of Pharaoh and into his servants’ houses. Throughout all the land of Egypt the land was ruined by the swarms of flies.... **32** But Pharaoh hardened his heart this time also, and did not let the people go.

9 Then the Lord said to Moses, “Go in to Pharaoh and say to him, ‘Thus says the Lord, the God of the Hebrews, ... “If you refuse to let [my people] go and still hold them, **3** behold, the hand of the Lord will fall with a very severe plague upon your livestock.... **6** And the next day the Lord did this thing. All the livestock of the Egyptians died But the heart of Pharaoh was hardened, and he did not let the people go.

8 And the Lord said to Moses and Aaron, “Take handfuls of soot from the kiln, and let Moses throw them in the air in the sight of Pharaoh.... **10** So they took soot from the kiln and stood before Pharaoh. And Moses threw it in the air, and it became boils breaking out in sores on man and beast.... But the Lord hardened the heart of Pharaoh, and he did not listen to them, as the Lord had spoken to Moses....

²³ And the Lord rained hail upon the land of Egypt....

³⁴ But when Pharaoh saw that the rain and the hail and the thunder had ceased, he sinned yet again and hardened his heart, he and his servants... ³⁵ and he did not let the people of Israel go, just as the Lord had spoken through Moses.

¹⁰ Then the Lord said to Moses, "Go in to Pharaoh, for I have hardened his heart and the heart of his servants, that I may show these signs of mine among them, ² and that you may tell in the hearing of your son and of your grandson how I have dealt harshly with the Egyptians and what signs I have done among them, that you may know that I am the Lord." ...

¹² Then the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the land of Egypt for the locusts, so that they may come upon the land of Egypt and eat every plant in the land, all that the hail has left." ... ¹⁴ The locusts came up over all the land of Egypt and settled on the whole country of Egypt, such a dense swarm of locusts as had never been before, nor ever will be again.... But the Lord hardened Pharaoh's heart, and he did not let the people of Israel go.

²¹ Then the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand toward heaven, that there may be darkness over the land of Egypt, a darkness to be felt." ²² So Moses stretched out his hand toward heaven, and there was pitch darkness in all the land of Egypt three days. ²³ They did not see one another, nor did anyone rise from his place for three days, but all the people of Israel had light where they lived.... ²⁷ But the Lord hardened Pharaoh's heart, and he would not let them go. ²⁸ Then Pharaoh said to him, "Get away from me; take care never to see my face again, for on the day you see my face you shall die." ²⁹ Moses said, "As you say! I will not see your face again."

Reading

Romans 9:14–18

¹⁴What shall we say then? Is there injustice on God's part? By no means! ¹⁵For he says to Moses, "I will have mercy on whom I have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion." ¹⁶So then it depends not on human will or exertion, but on God, who has mercy. ¹⁷For the Scripture says to Pharaoh, "For this very purpose I have raised you up, that I might show my power in you, and that my name might be proclaimed in all the earth." ¹⁸So then he has mercy on whomever he wills, and he hardens whomever he wills.

559 Oh, How Great Is Your Compassion

LSB 559



1 Oh, how great is Your com - pas - sion, Faith - ful Fa - ther,
4 Lord, Your mer - cy will not leave me; Ev - er will Your
5 I will praise Your great com - pas - sion, Faith - ful Fa - ther,



God of grace, That with all our fall - en race
truth a - bide, Then in You I will con - fide.
God of grace, That with all our fall - en race

In our depth of deg - ra - da - tion You had mer - cy
 Since Your Word can - not de - ceive me, My sal - va - tion
 In our depth of deg - ra - da - tion You had mer - cy

so that we Might be saved e - ter - nal - ly!
 is to me Safe and sure e - ter - nal - ly.
 so that we Might be saved e - ter - nal - ly.

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Sermon: *He Has Mercy . . . and He Hardens*

Kyrie

LSB 285

- L** O Lord,
- C** **have mercy.**
- L** O Christ,
- C** **have mercy.**
- L** O Lord,
- C** **have mercy.**

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.**

Apostles' Creed

- C** **I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,**

**born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life † everlasting. Amen.**

Versicles

LSB 286

- L** Hear my prayer, O Lord;
C **let my cry come to You.**
- L** In the day of my trouble I call upon You,
C **for You answer me.**
- L** Hide Your face from my sins,
C **and blot out all my iniquities.**
- L** Create in me a clean heart, O God,
C **and renew a right spirit within me.**
- L** Cast me not away from Your presence,
C **and take not Your Holy Spirit from me.**
- L** Restore to me the joy of Your salvation,
C **and uphold me with a willing spirit.**
- L** Because Your steadfast love is better than life,
C **my lips will praise You.**
- L** For You have been my help,
C **and in the shadow of Your wings I will sing for joy.**
- L** Teach me Your way, O Lord, that I may walk in Your truth;
C **unite my heart to fear Your name.**
- L** I give thanks to You, O Lord my God, with my whole heart,
C **and I will glorify Your name forever.**
- L** May all who seek You rejoice and be glad in You.
C **May those who love Your salvation say evermore, "God is great!"**
- L** Save Your people and bless Your heritage!
C **Be their shepherd and carry them forever.**
- L** Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer;
C **listen to my plea for grace.**

Collect of the Day

L Let us pray.
Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Evening

C I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me.
Amen.

Benedicamus

LSB 287

L Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Blessing

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L The Lord bless us, defend us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life.

C Amen.

765 God Moves in a Mysterious Way

LSB 765



1 God moves in a mys - te - rious way His
2 Judge not the Lord by fee - ble sense, But
5 You fear - ful saints, fresh cour - age take; The



won - ders to per - form; He plants His foot - steps
trust Him for His grace; Be - hind a frown - ing
clouds you so much dread Are big with mer - cy



in the sea And rides up - on the storm.
prov - i - dence Faith sees a smil - ing face.
and will break In bless - ings on your head.

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