



# ***FOURTH WEDNESDAY OF LENT***

## **March 22, 2017**

### **Calvary Lutheran Church Topeka, KS**

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**SERVICE OF PRAYER AND PREACHING**      *Lutheran Service Book P. 260–267*

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*\*Indicates to Stand*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS, \*SHARING OF THE PEACE, \*OPENING PRAYER**

**OPENING HYMN:**                      *“Not All the Blood of Beasts”*                      **# 431**

**\*OPENING VERSICLES:**      *(for Lent)*    P. 260

**\*OLD TESTAMENT CANTICLE**    P. 261–262

**\*PSALM 102:**      *(Pastor speaks odd verses, congregation speaks even)*

**EPISTLE READING:**                      Galatians 4:4-5

P:      But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.

**\*RESPONSORY:**      *(for Lent)*    P. 263

**\*TEN COMMANDMENTS:**      *(spoken together by all)*                      P. 264

**\*APOSTLES CREED:**      *(spoken together by all)*                      P. 264

**\*LORD’S PRAYER :**                      *(spoken together by all)*                      P. 264

*"The Third Commandment"*

P: Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. What does this mean?

C: **We should fear and love God so that we do not despise preaching and His Word, but hold it sacred and gladly hear and learn it.**

*"The Fourth Commandment"*

P: Honor your Father and Mother. What does this mean?

C: **We should fear and love God so that we do not despise our parents and other authorities, but honor them, serve and obey them, love and cherish them.**

P: We pray together. . .

All: **Lord God, I have indeed transgressed Your commandments. I have been impatient in reverses and trials. I am unsympathetic and unmerciful. I do not help my neighbor. I am unable to resist sin. I do not tire of doing wrong. Dear Lord, pour out Your grace to me and give me Your Holy Spirit so that I may be obedient and keep each of Your commandments. Help me to be at odds with the world and to give my heart and soul to You.**

HYMN OF THE DAY: *"Amazing Grace"* # 744

## A BRIEF EXPOSITION OF PSALM 102

OFFERING: *(as the offerings are being gathered to glorify our Lord, please sign and pass the red attendance booklet found in the pew)*

\*OFFERTORY: *"What Wondrous Love Is This"* # 543 v. 1

\*PRAYER P. 265

\*COLLECT FOR THE WORD — \*EVENING PRAYER P. 265–266

\*CANTICLE HYMN: *"Glory Be to Jesus"* # 433

\*BLESSING P. 267

\*CLOSING HYMN: *"Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus"* # 531

**PRAYER FOR THE WEEK:** *A Prayer for the Forgiveness of Sins*

Merciful Father, Eternal God, my sins are grievous, many and great my transgressions, and mine iniquities are innumerable, for the imaginations of my heart are evil from my youth. O Lord, who can understand his errors? Behold, I acknowledge my transgressions: my sin is ever before me. Against Thee only have I sinned, and done evil in Thy sight: that Thou mightest be justified when Thou speakest, and be clear when Thou judgest. I beseech Thine infinite mercy, enter not into judgment with Thy servant: for in Thy sight shall no living man be justified. If Thou, Lord, shouldst mark iniquities, O Lord, who shall stand? Behold, if Thou contendest with man, he can not answer Thee one of a thousand, for all our righteousness before Thee is as the filthy rag. Have mercy up on me, O God, according to Thy loving kindness: according to the multitude of Thy tender mercies, blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin for Thy name's sake. Lord, have mercy upon me, save my soul, for, alas! I have sinned against Thee. Remember, O Lord, Thy tender mercies and Thy loving kindnesses; for they have been ever as of old. Remember not the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions: according to Thy mercy remember Thou me for Thy goodness' sake, O Lord. Remember that we are flesh, as the wind which bloweth and doth not return, and cease in Thy anger and wrath against us. O merciful God, I acknowledge that my virtues and my deeds can never blot out my sins, nor yet merit Thy grace. Only the innocent suffering and death of Jesus Christ, the Lamb without spot or blemish, is the true offering for our iniquities, and His blood, shed for the remission of our sins, is the cleansing and purification of our souls. In such confidence and hope I supplicate Thee: forgive Thou the transgressions of Thy people. Cover our sins. Impute not our iniquities, for Thou art merciful. Cleanse Thou me from secret fault. Let my sorrowing soul and my vexed bones again rejoice, for with Thee there is mercy and plenteous redemption. O Lord, hear the voice of my supplication, and despise not the groanings of my heart, for Christ's sake. Amen.