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LENTEN MIDWEEK WORSHIP 1

March 8, 2017

7:00 p.m.

LENTEN WORSHIP THEME

Close Encounters: The God Kind

Matthew

PRELUDE

WELCOME

↑ **HYMN** #915 *“Today Your Mercy Calls Us”*

↑ **OPENING VERSICLES**

P: This is the day, which the Lord has made;

C: let us rejoice and be glad in it.

P: From the rising of the sun to its setting,

C: the name of the Lord is to be praised.

P: Return to the Lord, your God, for He is gracious and merciful,

C: slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and repents of evil.

P: Jesus said: If any man would come after Me,

C: let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me.

P: Christ was wounded for transgressions.

C: He was bruised for our iniquities.

P: From the rising of the sun to its setting,

C: the name of the Lord is to be praised.

**ALL: 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. LSB**

↓**OLD TESTAMENT READING** Isaiah 6:1-8

R: A reading from Isaiah, chapter six.

In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. ² Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. ³ And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory!”

⁴ And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. ⁵ And I said: “Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!”

⁶ Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. ⁷ And he touched my mouth and said: “Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for.”

Isaiah's Commission from the Lord

⁸ And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” Then I said, “Here I am! Send me.”

(After the reading...)

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

↓ **EPISTLE READING** Romans 3:21-28

R: A reading from Romans, chapter three.

²¹ But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— ²² the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: ²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴ and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵ whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. ²⁶ It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

²⁷ Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸ For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

(After the reading...)

R: This the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

↓ **HYMN** #435 “*Come to Calvary’s Holy Mountain*”

↑ **GOSPEL READING** Matthew 9:9-13

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the nineteenth chapter and St. Matthew, the twenty eighth chapter.

C: Glory to you O Lord.

⁹ As Jesus passed on from there, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, “Follow me.” And he rose and followed him. ¹⁰ And as Jesus reclined at table in the house, behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and were reclining with Jesus and his disciples. ¹¹ And when the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?” ¹² But when he heard it, he said, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. ¹³ Go and learn what this means: ‘I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.’ For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners.”

(After the reading...)

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you O Christ.

↑ RESPONSORY

P: We have an advocate with the Father; Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.

C: He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.

P: Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

C: He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.

- P: We have an advocate with the Father; Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.
- C: **He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.**

↑CATECHISM

TEN COMMANDMENTS

ALL: You shall have no other gods.

You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.

Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

Honor your father and your mother.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house.

You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

APOSTLES' CREED

All: 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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

ALL: 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.

↓ HYMN #566 “By Grace I’m Saved”

↓ SERMON “The Call of Matthew”

↓ OFFERING

↑ PRAYER

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our hearts and with all our minds, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the Holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For . . . [additional bids for prayer may be inserted here] . . . let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Amen.

↑ COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: Almighty God, You have called Your Church to witness that in Christ You have reconciled us to Yourself. Grant that by Your Holy Spirit we may proclaim the good news of Your salvation so that all who hear it may receive the gift of salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

↑ COLLECT FOR THE WORD

P: Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; 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 PRAYER

ALL: 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.

↑ BLESSING

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

P: The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

C: Amen.

↑CLOSING HYMN #744 *“Amazing Grace”*

POSTLUDE

IN SERVICE TO THE LORD

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Lector	TBD
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Close Encounters – The God Kind

Lent is a season that encourages a more intimate encounter with our Lord Jesus Christ. As we move through this period of reflection and repentance, He brings us through death to new life. We walk with Christ as He endures great suffering on our behalf and conquers the grave on Easter. As we do, He changes us. He helps us see things we've never seen before. He helps shape us more into the people He desires us to be.

This Lent, join us as we more closely examine the encounters others have with Jesus in the Scriptures. Each Wednesday will include a first-person narrative sermon from an eyewitness to the events of our Scripture readings. By walking in their shoes, we pray their transformative experiences will help to transform us all.

Lenten Midweek 1 – March 8, 7 pm. – The Call of Matthew

Lenten Midweek 2 – March 15, 7 pm – Jesus Feeds 5000

Lenten Midweek 3 – March 22, 7 pm – Jairus's Daughter is Raised

Lenten Midweek 4 – March 29, 7 pm – Jesus Walks on Water

Lenten Midweek 5 – April 5, 7pm – Jesus Heals Malchus' Ear