

Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church
Reformation (Observed)
Series: Out of the Depths
Week 2: Guilt
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Online Worship



Series Introduction:

*What has you feeling down? All the fighting in the world? Constant health or financial problems? A messy past? Regret, longing, or unfulfilled hopes? You are not alone. Many passages in Scripture speak to you in your depression. The Good News is that Jesus, in His grace, reaches down to rescue you and lift you up **out of the depths.***

As We Gather Today:

***Guilt.** In one sense it as an objective reality, and each of us is convicted of wrongdoing. In another sense, for each person it is also a subjective feeling, a sick-to-my-stomach reminder of failure. But there's Good News! Jesus has come to take your **guilt** away!*

Opening Hymn

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

LSB 656

- 1 A mighty fortress is our God,
A trusty shield and weapon;
He helps us free from ev'ry need
That hath us now o'ertaken.
The old evil foe
Now means deadly woe;
Deep guile and great might
Are his dread arms in fight;
On earth is not his equal.

- 2 With might of ours can naught be done,
Soon were our loss effected;
But for us fights the valiant One,
Whom God Himself elected.
Ask ye, Who is this?

Jesus Christ it is,
Of Sabaoth Lord,
And there's none other God;
He holds the field forever.

3 Though devils all the world should fill,
All eager to devour us,
We tremble not, we fear no ill;
They shall not overpow'r us.
This world's prince may still
Scowl fierce as he will,
He can harm us none.
He's judged; the deed is done;
One little word can fell him.

4 The Word they still shall let remain
Nor any thanks have for it;
He's by our side upon the plain
With His good gifts and Spirit.
And take they our life,
Goods, fame, child, and wife,
Though these all be gone,
Our vict'ry has been won;
The Kingdom ours remaineth.

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Invocation & Prayer from the Depths

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord!
O Lord, hear my voice!

C Let your ears be attentive
to the voice of my pleas for mercy!

Ps 130:1-2

P Save me, O God!
For the waters have come up to my neck.

C **I have come into deep waters,
and the flood sweeps over me.**

P I am weary with my crying out;
my throat is parched.

C **My eyes grow dim
with waiting for my God.**

Ps 69:1-3

P I called out to the Lord, out of my distress,
and he answered me;

C **out of the belly of Sheol I cried,
and you heard my voice.**

Jh 2:2

P And beginning to sink he cried out,
“Lord, save me.”

C **Jesus immediately reached out his hand
and took hold of him**

Mt 14:30-31

**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.**

Kyrie

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A In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

A For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

A 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.**

A 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.**

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

C Lord, have mercy.

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

C Lord, have mercy.

A For all those in need, for the unemployed, 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.

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

C Lord, have mercy.

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

C Lord, have mercy.

A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

Prayer of the Church

P Almighty God, gracious Lord, You forgive the sins of all who truly repent and believe in Christ. Hear us as we call upon You, and absolve us of all our iniquity.

C In mercy grant us Your peace, and by Your Holy Spirit preserve us in the true faith to life everlasting; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Old Testament

Psalm 130

¹Out of the depths

I cry to you, O LORD!

²O Lord, hear my voice!

Let your ears be attentive
to the voice of my pleas for mercy!

³If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities,
O Lord, who could stand?

⁴But with you there is forgiveness,
that you may be feared.

⁵I wait for the LORD, my soul waits,
and in his word I hope;

⁶my soul waits for the Lord
more than watchmen for the morning,
more than watchmen for the morning.

⁷O Israel, hope in the LORD!
For with the LORD there is steadfast love,
and with him is plentiful redemption.

⁸And he will redeem Israel
from all his iniquities.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Romans 3:19–28

¹⁹Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

²¹But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— ²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: ²³for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom 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. ²⁶It 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.

²⁷Then 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. ²⁸For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel

John 8:31–36

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

³¹So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” ³³They answered him, “We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, ‘You will become free’?”

³⁴Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. ³⁶So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Creed & Catechism *Incorporating Luther's explanation of the Apostles' Creed*

P Our faith is in God the Father, the almighty Creator of all that exists.

C **I believe in God, the Father almighty, who has made me and all creatures. He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them. He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil.**

P Our faith is in God the Son, whose sacrifice on the cross opens to us eternal life in God's eternal presence.

C **I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death. He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity.**

P Our faith is in God the Holy Spirit, whose gift of faith gives us eternal peace with God.

C **I believe in the Holy Spirit, who in the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers. On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true.**

Sermon Hymn**“Out of the Depths”***(tune: LSB 699)*

- 1 Out of the depths, O Lord, I cry,
Turn not your ears away!
But be nearby my groaning sigh,
Attentive as I pray.
Search now my heart to hear the hurt
That speech cannot pronounce.
Let no despairing then subvert
The grace you will announce.

- 2 Out of the depths I plead, O Lord,
Count my transgressions not.
No tally keep, no marks record,
Make no accusing dot.
But see my perfect Substitute,
His slate declare my own
So I, absolved, with gratitude
May worship at your throne.

- 3 Down in the depths I trusting wait,
O God, come rescue me.
May joy elate my soul's sad state
To be from darkness free.
To see your saving work begun
I yearn, twice more than they
That watch and wait, and long for sun,
The dawn's first golden ray.

- 4 Out of the depths, O Christ, you rose,
And promise me to raise,
So when in need my heart still knows
Your loving, mighty ways.
When I am down, help me to cope,
To aim my trust above.
Lord, in your Word I put my hope,
And in your steadfast love.

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Confession and Absolution

P Let us confess our sins to God our Father.

C **I, a poor sinner, plead guilty before God of all sins. I have lived as if God did not matter and as if I mattered most. My Lord's name I have not honored as I should; my worship and prayers have faltered. I have not let His love fully work in my life, and so my love for others has failed. There are those whom I have hurt, and those whom I have failed to help. My thoughts and desires have been soiled with sin.**

P Is this your sincere confession?

C **I am sorry for all my sins, and I ask for grace that I may do better. Amen.**

P As you believe, so let it be. Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P May He who began this good work in you bring it to completion at the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C **Amen.**

Response Hymn "Chief of Sinners Though I Be"

LSB 611

1 Chief of sinners though I be,
Jesus shed His blood for me,
Died that I might live on high,
Lives that I might never die.
As the branch is to the vine,
I am His, and He is mine.

2 Oh, the height of Jesus' love,
Higher than the heav'ns above,
Deeper than the depths of sea,
Lasting as eternity!
Love that found me—wondrous thought!
Found me when I sought Him not.

- 3 Only Jesus can impart
Balm to heal the wounded heart,
Peace that flows from sin forgiv'n,
Joy that lifts the soul to heav'n,
Faith and hope to walk with God
In the way that Enoch trod.
- 4 Chief of sinners though I be,
Christ is all in all to me;
All my wants to Him are known,
All my sorrows are His own.
He sustains the hidden life
Safe with Him from earthly strife.
- 5 O my Savior, help afford
By Your Spirit and Your Word!
When my wayward heart would stray,
Keep me in the narrow way;
Grace in time of need supply
While I live and when I die.

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Prayer of the Church

- P** ... Lord, in your mercy.
C hear our prayer.

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 on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.
- C** Amen.

Closing Hymn “Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness”

LSB 563

- 1 Jesus, Thy blood and righteousness
My beauty are, my glorious dress;
Midst flaming worlds, in these arrayed,
With joy shall I lift up my head.
- 2 Bold shall I stand in that great day,
Cleansed and redeemed, no debt to pay;
Fully absolved through these I am
From sin and fear, from guilt and shame.
- 3 Lord, I believe Thy precious blood,
Which at the mercy seat of God
Pleads for the captives’ liberty,
Was also shed in love for me.
- 4 Lord, I believe, were sinners more
Than sands upon the ocean shore,
Thou hast for all a ransom paid,
For all a full atonement made.
- 5 When from the dust of death I rise
To claim my mansion in the skies,
This then shall be my only plea:
Jesus hath lived and died for me.
- 6 Jesus, be endless praise to Thee,
Whose boundless mercy hath for me,
For me, and all Thy hands have made,
An everlasting ransom paid.

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