

Lent III

“Submission and Purity”

James 4:7-8

March 6, 2024

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L	The LORD dealt with me according to my righteousness; according to the cleanness of my hands he rewarded me.
L	For I have kept the ways of the LORD, and have not wickedly departed from my God.
P	For all his rules were before me, and his statutes I did not put away from me.
L	I was blameless before him, and I kept myself from my guilt.
L	So the LORD has rewarded me according to my righteousness, according to the cleanness of my hands in his sight.
P	With the merciful you show yourself merciful; with the blameless man you show yourself blameless;
P	with the purified you show yourself pure; and with the crooked you make yourself seem tortuous.
L	For you save a humble people, but the haughty eyes you bring down.
P	For it is you who light my lamp; the LORD my God lightens my darkness.
L	For by you I can run against a troop, and by my God I can leap over a wall.
P	This God—his way is perfect; the word of the LORD proves true; He is a shield for all those who take refuge in him.
L	For who is God, but the LORD? And who is a rock, except our God?—
P	the God who equipped me with strength and made my way blameless.

HYMN: “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

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READINGS: James 4:1-3 What causes fights and quarrels among you? Aren't they caused by the selfish desires that fight to control you? You want what you don't have, so you commit murder. You're determined to have things, but you can't get what you want. You quarrel and fight. You don't have the things you want, because you don't pray for them. When you pray for things, you don't get them because you want them for the wrong reason—for your own pleasure. – GW ®

James 4:4-5 You unfaithful people! Don't you know that love for this evil world is hatred toward God? Whoever wants to be a friend of this world is an enemy of God. Do you think this passage means nothing? It says, “The Spirit that lives in us wants us to be his own.” – GW ®.

James 4:6-8a But God shows us even more kindness. Scripture says,

“God opposes arrogant people,
but he is kind to humble people.”

So, place yourselves under God's authority. Resist the devil, and he will run away from you. Come close to God, and he will come close to you. Clean up your lives, you sinners, and clear your minds, you doubters. – GW ®.

James 4:8b-10 Come close to God, and he will come close to you. Clean up your lives, you sinners, and clear your minds, you doubters. Be miserable, mourn, and cry. Turn your laughter into mourning and your joy into gloom. Humble yourselves in the Lord's presence. Then he will give you a high position. – GW ®.

HYMN OF THE NIGHT: “Holy, Holy, Holy”

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**SERMON: “Submission & Purity”
James 4:7-8**

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Mid-Week Lenten Worship

*When it seems as though your life has burned down,
are you left beyond hope with nothing but a heap of ashes?
Join us for **mid-week worship during Lent** as we discover
how Jesus raises you "From the Ashes," to new life
through His life, death, and resurrection.*

Wednesday Lenten Worship Services

Wednesdays at 12:00 pm at **Holy Cross**

Wednesdays at 6:30 pm at **Bethany Lutheran**

March 13 - "Confession & Forgiveness" - Joel 2:12-13

March 20 - "Sacrifice & Security" - Hebrew 9:11-14

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SERVICES:

PALM SUNDAY Worship Services

Sunday, March 24 at 8:00 and 9:30 am at **Bethany Lutheran**

Sunday, March 24 at 11:00 am at **Holy Cross**

MAUNDY THURSDAY Worship Service

Thursday, March 28 at 6:30 pm at **Bethany Lutheran**

GOOD FRIDAY Worship Services

Friday, March 29 at 12:00 pm at **Holy Cross**

Friday, March 29 at 6:30 pm at **Bethany Lutheran**

EASTER FESTIVAL Worship Services

Sunday, March 31 at 8:00 and 9:30 am at **Bethany Lutheran**

Sunday, March 31 at 11:00 am at **Holy Cross**