

Session 3 We Confess Our Sins Isaiah 53:1–11a Students' Guide (Video 24 minutes)

Warm up questions pre-video: (15 minutes) Read: Isaiah 52:7–15

According to the reading who does God, through Isaiah, tell us is the bringer of the good news?

How do we see this reading through the New Testament?

### Read: Question 125 of Luther's Small Catechism Ephesians 2:4–9

What is the role of a priest and the role of the sacrifice in Old Testament times?

What does it mean that Christ personally fulfilled the roles of priest and sacrifice for us?

# Read: Question 139 & 140 of Luther's Small Catechism Isaiah 52:15

What does the end of Isaiah 52:15 direct us to?

#### Read: Isaiah 53:1–11a

## Post-video follow up question: (15 minutes)

Lack of peace is not the absence of war. True peace is form and function. The lack of peace is chaos and formlessness. God through Isaiah calls out to His people that the nations, their leaders, and their gods are not out to bring them peace, but will bring onto God's people formlessness and chaos a life of no meaning or purpose. There is no peace for the wicked. There is not peace for those who choose to live in their sins.

How do we as Christ's church today see this chaos in the world around us?

Read: Isaiah 40:9–11 Luke 2:10–12 Romans 8:31–33

Isaiah 40:9-11 is the first time in the Bible that gospel (good news) is used in a theological sense. What is the gospel message proclaimed in the verses from Isaiah and from Luke?

What do these gospel truths mean for us?

Isaiah 40:10–11 reveals to us our God who has both a strong arm and a saving arm, an arm that is tough and tender, sovereign and saving. Our Lord's arm is not just powerful but has mercy; does not just love but has authority.

Why does the Lord reveal himself in the weakness of the Suffering Servant?

#### Read: Ephesians 2:13–14

Questions 261, 265, 266, and 122 of Luther's Small Catechism

What do the "we" and "us" mean to members of Christ's church today?