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Mid-Week Lenten Service, April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022

TODAY'S PRAYERS: Gary Edel, Dorothy Quiring, Bruce Bird, Wally Funk, Jack Zacharias, Rick Fenske, Julian Woligroski, Del Jones, Kevin Patrick, Richard Biletski, Dianne McLeod, Irene Henschel, Pastor Schollenberg and his family and Clayton Dolding.

Order of Service: As Printed

Opening Hymn: Saviour When in Dust to Thee

LSB 419

- 1 Savior, when in dust to Thee  
 Low we bow the\_adoring knee;  
 When, repentant, to the skies  
 Scarce we lift our weeping eyes;  
 O, by all Thy pains and woe  
 Suffered once for us below,  
 Bending from Thy throne on high,  
 Hear our penitential cry!
- 2 By Thy helpless infant years,  
 By Thy life of want and tears,  
 By Thy days of deep distress  
 In the savage wilderness,  
 By the dread, mysterious hour  
 Of the\_insulting tempter's pow'r,  
 Turn, O turn a fav'ring eye;  
 Hear our penitential cry!
- 3 By Thine hour of dire despair,  
 By Thine agony of prayer,  
 By the cross, the nail, the thorn,  
 Piercing spear, and torturing scorn,  
 By the gloom that veiled the skies  
 O'er the dreadful sacrifice,  
 Listen to our humble sigh;  
 Hear our penitential cry!
- 4 By Thy deep expiring groan,  
 By the sad sepulchral stone,  
 By the vault whose dark abode  
 Held in vain the rising God,  
 O, from earth to heav'n restored,  
 Mighty, reascended Lord,  
 Bending from Thy throne on high,  
 Hear our penitential cry!

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**P** In the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

- P** Our help is in the Name of the Lord,  
**C** Who made heaven and earth.  
**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,  
**C** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.  
**C** **Yet, O Lord, not thus alone make me see Your Passion,  
 But its cause to me make known and its termination.  
 For I also and my sin wrought Your deep affliction;  
 This the shameful cause has been of Your crucifixion.**

- P** Most merciful God,  
**C** **We confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your Holy Name. Amen.**  
**P** Upon this your confession, I by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of Christ, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**The Old Testament Reading:**

**Genesis 45:1–15**

<sup>1</sup>Then Joseph could not control himself before all those who stood by him. He cried, **“Make everyone go out from me.”** So, no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. <sup>2</sup>And he wept aloud, so that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. <sup>3</sup>And Joseph said to his brothers, **“I am Joseph! Is my father still alive?”** But his brothers could not answer him, for they were dismayed at his presence. <sup>4</sup>So Joseph said to his brothers, **“Come near to me, please.”** And they came near. And he said, **“I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. <sup>5</sup>And now do not be distressed or angry with yourselves because you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life. <sup>6</sup>For the famine has been in the land these two years, and there are yet five years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. <sup>7</sup>And God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. <sup>8</sup>So it was not you who sent me here, but God. He has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. <sup>9</sup>Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, ‘Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt. Come down to me; do not tarry. <sup>10</sup>You shall dwell in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children’s children, and your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. <sup>11</sup>There I will provide for you, for there are yet five years of famine to come, so that you and your household, and all that you have, do not come to poverty.’ <sup>12</sup>And now your eyes see, and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see, that it is my mouth that speaks to you. <sup>13</sup>You must tell my father of all my honor in Egypt, and of all that you have seen. **Hurry and bring my father down here.”** <sup>14</sup>Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin’s neck and wept, and Benjamin wept upon his neck. <sup>15</sup>And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them. After that his brothers talked with him.**

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Psalm 100

<sup>1</sup>Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!

**<sup>2</sup>Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into His presence with singing!**

<sup>3</sup>Know that the LORD, He is God! It is He Who made us, and we are His; we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.

**<sup>4</sup>Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise! Give thanks to Him; bless His Name!**

<sup>5</sup>For the LORD is good; His steadfast love endures forever, and His faithfulness to all generations.

### The Holy Gospel:

*Luke 23:26–47*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-third chapter.

### **G** Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>26</sup>And as they led Him away, they seized one Simon of Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, and laid on him the cross, to carry it behind Jesus. <sup>27</sup>And there followed Him a great multitude of the people and of women who were mourning and lamenting for Him. <sup>28</sup>But turning to them Jesus said, **“Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for Me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. <sup>29</sup>For behold, the days are coming when they will say, ‘Blessed are the barren and the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed!’ <sup>30</sup>Then they will begin to say to the mountains, ‘Fall on us,’ and to the hills, ‘Cover us.’ <sup>31</sup>For if they do these things when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?”** <sup>32</sup>Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with Him. <sup>33</sup>And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified Him, and the criminals, one on His right and one on His left. <sup>34</sup>And Jesus said, **“Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.”** And they cast lots to divide His garments. <sup>35</sup>And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at Him, saying, **“He saved others; let Him save Himself, if He is the Christ of God, His Chosen One!”** <sup>36</sup>The soldiers also mocked Him, coming up and offering Him sour wine <sup>37</sup>and saying, **“If You are the King of the Jews, save Yourself!”** <sup>38</sup>There was also an inscription over Him, **“This is the King of the Jews.”** <sup>39</sup>One of the criminals who were hanged railed at Him, saying, **“Are You not the Christ? Save Yourself and us!”** <sup>40</sup>But the other rebuked Him, saying, **“Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? <sup>41</sup>And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this Man has done nothing wrong.”** <sup>42</sup>And he said, **“Jesus, remember me when You come into Your kingdom.”** <sup>43</sup>And He said to him, **“Truly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise.”** <sup>44</sup>It was now about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour, <sup>45</sup>while the sun’s light failed. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. <sup>46</sup>Then Jesus, calling out with a loud voice, said, **“Father, into Your hands I commit My Spirit!”** And having said this He breathed His last. <sup>47</sup>Now when the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God, saying, **“Certainly this Man was innocent!”**

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

### **G** Praise to You, O Christ.

### The Reading of the Passion History

- 1 In the cross of Christ I glory,  
Tow'ring o'er the wrecks of time.  
All the light of sacred story  
Gathers round its head sublime.
- 2 When the woes of life o'ertake me,  
Hopes deceive, and fears annoy,  
Never shall the cross forsake me;  
Lo, it glows with peace and joy.
- 3 When the sun of bliss is beaming  
Light and love upon my way,  
From the cross the radiance streaming  
Adds more luster to the day.
- 4 Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure  
By the cross are sanctified;  
Peace is there that knows no measure,  
Joys that through all time abide.

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**Sermon:** God Does Have a Plan!

***Genesis 45:1-15 & Luke 23:26-47***

**☪ All of Scripture, Christ, reveals You, pointing to Your cross and tomb. All of Christendom now feels You, bursting through our Lenten gloom. Open up, O Word, to cheer us, dwell without, within and near us. Thousand, thousand thanks are due, dearest Jesus, unto You.**

**The Apostles' Creed**

**☪ 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.**

**Offering: A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth**

- 1 A Lamb goes uncomplaining forth,  
 The guilt of sinners bearing  
 And, laden with the sins of earth,  
 None else the burden sharing;  
 Goes patient on, grows weak and faint,  
 To slaughter led without complaint,  
 That spotless life to offer,  
 He bears the stripes, the wounds, the lies,  
 The mockery, and yet replies,  
 "All this I gladly suffer."
- 2 This Lamb is Christ, the soul's great friend,  
 The Lamb of God, our Savior,  
 Whom God the Father chose to send  
 To gain for us His favor.  
 "Go forth, My Son," the Father said,  
 "And free My children from their dread  
 Of guilt and condemnation.  
 The wrath and stripes are hard to bear,  
 But by Your passion they will share  
 The fruit of Your salvation."
- 3 "Yes, Father, yes, most willingly  
 I'll bear what You command Me.  
 My will conforms to Your decree,  
 I'll do what You have asked Me."  
 O wondrous Love, what have You done!  
 The Father offers up His Son,  
 Desiring our salvation.  
 O Love, how strong You are to save!  
 You lay the One into the grave  
 Who built the earth's foundation.
- 4 Lord, when Your glory I shall see  
 And taste Your kingdom's pleasure,  
 Your blood my royal robe shall be,  
 My joy beyond all measure!  
 When I appear before Your throne,  
 Your righteousness shall be my crown;  
 With these I need not hide me.  
 And there, in garments richly wrought,  
 As Your own bride shall we be brought  
 To stand in joy beside You.

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**Prayer of the Church****The Lord's Prayer****Closing Collect**

**P** O God, from Whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your Commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

## **Benediction**

**Hymn to Depart:** God to Dark Gethsemane

**LSB 436**

- 1 Go to dark Gethsemane,  
All who feel the tempter's pow'r;  
Your Redeemer's conflict see,  
Watch with Him one bitter hour;  
Turn not from His griefs away;  
Learn from Jesus Christ to pray.
- 2 Follow to the judgment hall,  
View the Lord of life arraigned;  
Oh, the wormwood and the gall!  
Oh, the pangs His soul sustained!  
Shun not suffering, shame, or loss;  
Learn from Him to bear the cross.
- 3 Calv'ry's mournful mountain climb;  
There, adoring at His feet,  
Mark that miracle of time,  
God's own sacrifice complete.  
"It is finished!" hear Him cry;  
Learn from Jesus Christ to die.
- 4 Early hasten to the tomb  
Where they laid His breathless clay;  
All is solitude and gloom.  
Who has taken Him away?  
Christ is ris'n! He meets our eyes.  
Savior, teach us so to rise.

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## **Announcements:**

**Confirmation Instruction Classes:** will be held at LCGS on Thursday's @ 4:00 p.m.

**Palm Sunday:** Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, Divine Worship W/The Lord's Supper @ 10:00 a.m.

**Maundy Thursday:** Divine Service with the Stripping of the Altar @ 7:00 p.m.

**Good Friday:** Good Friday Worship Service @ 7:00 p.m.

**Easter Sunday:** Divine Worship W/The Lord's Supper @ 10:00 a.m. **"Remember to bring flowers to place on the Cross in Glory to God for the Gift of His Son, Jesus Christ!"**