

Lutheran Church of The Good Shepherd

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**Mid-Week Lenten Service, March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

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**TODAY'S PRAYERS:** Gary Edel, Annette Borhardt, 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 family and Norbert Christmann.  
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**Order of Service:** As Printed

**Opening Hymn:** Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain

**LSB 435**

- 1 Come to Calv'ry's holy mountain,  
Sinners, ruined by the fall;  
Here a pure and healing fountain  
Flows for you, for me, for all,  
In a full, perpetual tide,  
Opened when our Savior died.
- 2 Come in poverty and meanness,  
Come defiled, without, within;  
From infection and uncleanness,  
From the leprosy of sin,  
Wash your robes and make them white;  
Ye shall walk with God in light.
- 3 Come in sorrow and contrition,  
Wounded, impotent, and blind;  
Here the guilty, free remission,  
Here the troubled, peace may find.  
Health this fountain will restore;  
They that drink shall thirst no more.
- 4 They that drink shall live forever;  
'Tis a soul-renewing flood.  
God is faithful; God will never  
Break His covenant of blood,  
Signed when our Redeemer died,  
Sealed when He was glorified.

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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 39:1–21**

<sup>1</sup>Now Joseph had been brought down to Egypt, and Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh, the captain of the guard, an Egyptian, had bought him from the Ishmaelites who had brought him down there. <sup>2</sup>The LORD was with Joseph, and he became a successful man, and he was in the house of his Egyptian master. <sup>3</sup>His master saw that the LORD was with him and that the LORD caused all that he did to succeed in his hands. <sup>4</sup>So Joseph found favor in his sight and attended him, and he made him overseer of his house and put him in charge of all that he had. <sup>5</sup>From the time that he made him overseer in his house and over all that he had the LORD blessed the Egyptian's house for Joseph's sake; the blessing of the LORD was on all that he had, in house and field. <sup>6</sup>So he left all that he had in Joseph's charge, and because of him he had no concern about anything but the food he ate. Now Joseph was handsome in form and appearance. <sup>7</sup>And after a time his master's wife cast her eyes on Joseph and said, **"Lie with me."** <sup>8</sup>But he refused and said to his master's wife, **"Behold, because of me my master has no concern about anything in the house, and he has put everything that he has in my charge. <sup>9</sup>He is not greater in this house than I am, nor has he kept back anything from me except yourself, because you are his wife. How then can I do this great wickedness and sin against God?"** <sup>10</sup>And as she spoke to Joseph day after day, he would not listen to her, to lie beside her or to be with her. <sup>11</sup>But one day, when he went into the house to do his work and none of the men of the house was there in the house, <sup>12</sup>she caught him by his garment, saying, **"Lie with me."** But he left his garment in her hand and fled and got out of the house. <sup>13</sup>And as soon as she saw that he had left his garment in her hand and had fled out of the house, <sup>14</sup>she called to the men of her household and said to them, **"See, he has brought among us a Hebrew to laugh at us. He came in to me to lie with me, and I cried out with a loud voice. <sup>15</sup>And as soon as he heard that I lifted up my voice and cried out, he left his garment beside me and fled and got out of the house."** <sup>16</sup>Then she laid up his garment by her until his master came home, <sup>17</sup>and she told him the same story, saying, **"The Hebrew servant, whom you have brought among us, came in to me to laugh at me. <sup>18</sup>But as soon as I lifted up my voice and cried, he left his garment beside me and fled out of the house."** <sup>19</sup>As soon as his master heard the words that his wife spoke to him, **"This is the way your servant treated me,"** his anger was kindled. <sup>20</sup>And Joseph's master took him and put him into the prison, the place where the king's prisoners were confined, and he was there in prison. <sup>21</sup>But the LORD was with Joseph and showed him steadfast love and gave him favor in the sight of the keeper of the prison.

**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.

**LSB 429**

**Sermon Hymn: We Sing the Praise of Him Who Died**

- 1 We sing the praise of Him who died,  
Of Him who died upon the cross.  
The sinner's hope let all deride;  
For this we count the world but loss.
- 2 Inscribed upon the cross we see  
In shining letters, "God is love."  
He bears our sins upon the tree;  
He brings us mercy from above.
- 3 The cross! It takes our guilt away;  
It holds the fainting spirit up;  
It cheers with hope the gloomy day  
And sweetens ev'ry bitter cup.
- 4 It makes the coward spirit brave  
And nerves the feeble arm for fight;  
It takes the terror from the grave  
And gilds the bed of death with light;
- 5 The balm of life, the cure of woe,  
The measure and the pledge of love,  
The sinner's refuge here below,  
The angels' theme in heav'n above.
- 6 To Christ, who won for sinners grace  
By bitter grief and anguish sore,  
Be praise from all the ransomed race  
Forever and forevermore.

Text (sts. 1–5): Thomas Kelly, 1769–1855; (st. 6): Hymns Ancient and Modern, 1861 Text: Public domain

**The Holy Gospel:**

**Luke 22:31–51**

<sup>31</sup>**"Simon, Simon, behold, Satan demanded to have you, that he might sift you like wheat, <sup>32</sup>but I have prayed for you that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned again, strengthen your brothers."**

<sup>33</sup>Peter said to Him, **"Lord, I am ready to go with You both to prison and to death."** <sup>34</sup>Jesus said, **"I tell you, Peter, the rooster will not crow this day, until you deny three times that you know Me."** <sup>35</sup>And He said to them, **"When I sent you out with no moneybag or knapsack or sandals, did you lack anything?"** They said, **"Nothing."** <sup>36</sup>He said to them, **"But now let the one who has a moneybag take it, and likewise a knapsack. And let the one who has no sword sell his cloak and buy one."** <sup>37</sup>**For I tell you that this Scripture must be fulfilled in Me: 'And He was numbered with the transgressors.' For what is written about Me has its fulfillment."** <sup>38</sup>And they said, **"Look, Lord, here are two swords."** And He said to them, **"It is enough."** <sup>39</sup>And He came out and went, as was His custom, to the Mount of Olives, and the disciples followed Him. <sup>40</sup>And when He came to the place, He said to them, **"Pray that you may not enter into temptation."** <sup>41</sup>And He withdrew from them about a stone's throw, and knelt down and prayed, <sup>42</sup>saying, **"Father, if You are willing, remove this cup from Me. Nevertheless, not My will, but Yours, be done."** <sup>43</sup>And there appeared to Him an angel from heaven, strengthening Him. <sup>44</sup>And being in an agony He prayed more earnestly; and His sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground. <sup>45</sup>And when He rose from prayer, He came to the disciples and found them sleeping for sorrow, <sup>46</sup>and He said to them, **"Why are you sleeping? Rise and pray that you**

**may not enter into temptation.”** <sup>47</sup>While He was still speaking, there came a crowd, and the man called Judas, one of the twelve, was leading them. He drew near to Jesus to kiss Him, <sup>48</sup>but Jesus said to him, **“Judas, would you betray the Son of Man with a kiss?”** <sup>49</sup>And when those who were around Him saw what would follow, they said, **“Lord, shall we strike with the sword?”** <sup>50</sup>And one of them struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his right ear. <sup>51</sup>But Jesus said, **“No more of this!”** And He touched his ear and healed him.

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

**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

**The Reading of the Passion History**

**Sermon:** “A Miracle of Miracles!”

*Genesis 39:1–21; Luke 22:31–51*

**C** **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**

**Offering:** Jesus Refuge of the Weary

**LSB 423**

- 1 Jesus, refuge of the weary,  
    Blest Redeemer, whom we love,  
Fountain in life’s desert dreary,  
    Savior from the world above:  
Often have Your eyes, offended,  
    Gazed upon the sinner’s fall;  
Yet upon the cross extended,  
    You have borne the pain of all.
- 2 Do we pass that cross unheeding,  
    Breathing no repentant vow,  
Though we see You wounded, bleeding,  
    See Your thorn-encircled brow?  
Yet Your sinless death has brought us  
    Life eternal, peace, and rest;  
Only what Your grace has taught us  
    Calms the sinner’s deep distress.
- 3 Jesus, may our hearts be burning  
    With more fervent love for You;  
May our eyes be ever turning  
    To behold Your cross anew  
Till in glory, parted never  
    From the blessed Savior’s side,  
Graven in our hearts forever,  
    Dwell the cross, the Crucified.

Text: Girolamo Savonarola, 1452–98; tr. Jane F. Wilde, 1826–96, alt. Text: Public domain

**Prayer of the Church**

**The Lord’s Prayer**

**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!**

## Closing Collect

☞ O Lord, our Heavenly Father, Almighty and Everlasting God, You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; be with us throughout this night as You watch over and protect us from all danger; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

☒ **Amen.**

## Benediction

**Closing Hymn:** Glory Be to Jesus

**LSB 433**

- 1 Glory be to Jesus,  
Who in bitter pains  
Poured for me the lifeblood  
From His sacred veins!
- 2 Grace and life eternal  
In that blood I find;  
Blest be His compassion,  
Infinitely kind!
- 3 Blest through endless ages  
Be the precious stream  
Which from endless torment  
Did the world redeem!
- 4 Abel's blood for vengeance  
Pleaded to the skies;  
But the blood of Jesus  
For our pardon cries.
- 5 Oft as earth exulting  
Wafts its praise on high,  
Angel hosts rejoicing  
Make their glad reply.
- 6 Lift we, then, our voices,  
Swell the mighty flood;  
Louder still and louder  
Praise the precious blood!

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## **Announcements:**

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

**Church Council Meeting:** Tuesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2022 @ 7:30 p.m.