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# Our Savior Lutheran Church

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Lent Noon Responsive Prayer..... Hope while Living in the World

*Note: The liturgy is spoken. The offering of tithes and gifts will take place as you come forward for Holy Communion.*

## THE OPENING VERSICLE

*Holy God, holy and most gracious Father,*  
**have mercy and hear us.**

## THE PSALMODY: PSALM 139:4-13 (ANTIPHON 119:176)

*I have gone astray like a lost sheep; seek Your servant, for I do not forget Your commandments.*

*O LORD, make me know my end and what is the measure of my days; let me know how fleeting I am!*

**Behold, You have made my days a few handbreadths,  
and my lifetime is as nothing before You.**

*Surely all mankind stands as a mere breath! Surely a man goes about as a shadow!*

**Surely for nothing they are in turmoil; man heaps up wealth  
and does not know who will gather!**

*And now, O LORD, for what do I wait? My hope is in You.*

**Deliver me from all my transgressions. Do not make me the scorn of the fool!**

*I am mute; I do not open my mouth, for it is You who have done it.*

**Remove Your stroke from me; I am spent by the hostility of Your hand.**

*When You discipline a man with rebukes for sin,*

*You consume like a moth what is dear to him; surely all mankind is a mere breath!*

**Hear my prayer, O LORD, and give ear to my cry; hold not Your peace at my tears!**

*For I am a sojourner with You, a guest, like all my fathers.*

**Look away from me, that I may smile again, before I depart and am no more!**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

*I have gone astray like a lost sheep; seek Your servant, for I do not forget Your commandments.*

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

**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.**

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.**

*The Reading of God's Word: 1 Peter 2:11–3:7*

*Response after the reading:*

*O Lord, have mercy on us.*

**Thanks be to God.**

*The Sermon*

HYMN – TUNE & TEXT: LSB 452

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| <b>1 O perfect life of love!</b><br>All, all, is finished now,<br>All that He left His throne above<br>To do for us below.               | <b>4 And on His thorn-crowned head</b><br>And on His sinless soul<br>Our sins in all their guilt were laid<br>That He might make us whole. |
| <b>2 No work is left undone</b><br>Of all the Father willed;<br>His toil, His sorrows, one by one,<br>The Scriptures have fulfilled.     | <b>5 In perfect love He dies;</b><br>For me He dies, for me.<br>O all-atoning Sacrifice,<br>I cling by faith to Thee.                      |
| <b>3 No pain that we can share</b><br>But He has felt its smart;<br>All forms of human grief and care<br>Have pierced that tender heart. | <b>6 In ev'ry time of need,</b><br>Before the judgment throne,<br>Thy work, O Lamb of God, I'll plead,<br>Thy merits, not mine own.        |
| <b>7 Yet work, O Lord, in me</b><br>As Thou for me hast wrought;<br>And let my love the answer be<br>To grace Thy love has brought.      |  |

## ***The Consecration***

*Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

*Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. Amen.*

## ***The Holy Communion***

*> All who receive Holy Communion here must first be instructed. Our pastor will be very glad to instruct you. Please contact the office for an appointment. Those who have not been instructed may come forward with their arms crossed to receive a blessing.*

*During the distribution, silently pray for your brothers and sisters in Christ present and absent, for those in need, for your own family and friends, and for yourselves. <*

### THE AFTERNOON LITANY

*Show us Your steadfast love, O Lord,  
**and grant us Your salvation.***

*Let Your priests be clothed with righteousness;  
**and let Your saints shout for joy.***

*Lord, keep this nation under Your care,  
**and guide us in the way of justice and truth.***

*Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,  
**for You judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon the earth.***

*Let the peoples praise You, O God;  
**let all the peoples praise You!***

*For the needy shall not always be forgotten,  
**and the hope of the poor shall not perish forever.***

*Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
**and renew a right spirit within me.***

*Hear my prayer, O Lord;  
**let my cry come to You.***

### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY AND AFTERNOON COLLECT

*Let us pray. O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.*

*Gracious Jesus, our Lord and our God, at this hour You bore our sins in Your own body on the tree so that we, being dead to sin, might live unto righteousness. Have mercy upon us now and at the hour of our death, and grant to us, Your servants, with all others who devoutly remember Your blessed passion, a holy and peaceful life in this world and through Your grace eternal glory in the life to come, where, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, You live and reign, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

THE BENEDICAMUS AND BLESSING

*Let us bless the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

*The Lord bless us, defend us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life.*

**Amen.**

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Preacher & Celebrant: Rev. Peter Gregory  
Organist: Judy Greenlees

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### **Wednesdays in Lent**

February 24: 1 Peter 1:1–16 • March 3: 1 Peter 1:13–2:10 • March 10: 1 Peter 2:11–3:7  
March 17: 1 Peter 3:8–4:11 • March 24: 1 Peter 4:12–5:14

*Midday Service at 12:00 noon and Vespers Services at 7:00 pm, both with Holy Communion.  
Bible study begins an hour before service, at 11:00 am and 6:00 pm.*