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Our Savior Lutheran Church March 9, 2022

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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 50:10-17, 21-23 (ANTIPHON v. 14)

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and perform your vows to the Most High.

For every beast of the forest is Mine, the cattle on a thousand hills.

I know all the birds of the hills, and all that moves in the field is Mine.

"If I were hungry, I would not tell you, for the world and its fullness are Mine.

Do I eat the flesh of bulls or drink the blood of goats?

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and perform your vows to the Most High; call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify Me."

But to the wicked God says: "What right have you to recite My statutes or take My covenant on your lips?

For you hate discipline, and you cast My words behind you.

These things you have done, and I have been silent; you thought that I was one like yourself. But now I rebuke you and lay the charge before you.

"Mark this, then, you who forget God, lest I tear you apart, and there be none to deliver!

The one who offers thanksgiving as his sacrifice glorifies Me; to one who orders his way rightly I will show the salvation of God!"

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.

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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: Romans 11:30-12:5 & Luke 22:1-38

Please remain seated for both readings. The response after each reading:

O Lord, have mercy on us.

Thanks be to God.

The Sermon

HYMN - TUNE & TEXT: LSB 440, STANZAS 1-2, 4, 6

- 1 Jesus, I will ponder now
 On Your holy passion;
 With Your Spirit me endow
 For such meditation.
 Grant that I in love and faith
 May the image cherish
 Of Your suff'ring, pain, and death
 That I may not perish.
- 2 Make me see Your great distress,
 Anguish, and affliction,
 Bonds and stripes and wretchedness
 And Your crucifixion;
 Make me see how scourge and rod,
 Spear and nails did wound You,
 How for them You died, O God,
 Who with thorns had crowned You.
- 3 Grant that I Your passion view With repentant grieving.
 Let me not bring shame to You By unholy living.
 How could I refuse to shun Ev'ry sinful pleasure
 Since for me God's only Son
 Suffered without measure?
- 4 Graciously my faith renew;
 Help me bear my crosses,
 Learning humbleness from You,
 Peace mid pain and losses.
 May I give You love for love!
 Hear me, O my Savior,
 That I may in heav'n above
 Sing Your praise forever.

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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. Almighty and everlasting God, direct, sanctify, and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of Your laws and in the works of Your commandments that through Your mighty protection we may ever be preserved in both body and soul; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **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.

HYMN - TUNE & TEXT: LSB 439, STANZAS 8-12

- 1 O mighty King, no time can dim Thy glory!

 How shall I spread abroad Thy wondrous story?

 How shall I find some worthy gifts to proffer? What dare I offer?
- 2 For vainly doth our human wisdom ponder—
 Thy woes, Thy mercy, still transcend our wonder.
 Oh, how should I do aught that could delight Thee! Can I requite Thee?
- 3 Yet unrequited, Lord, I would not leave Thee; I will renounce whate'er doth vex or grieve Thee And quench with thoughts of Thee and prayers most lowly all fires unholy.
- 4 But since my strength will nevermore suffice me
 To crucify desires that still entice me,
 To all good deeds O let Thy Spirit win me and reign within me!
- 5 I'll think upon Thy mercy without ceasing, That earth's vain joys to me no more be pleasing; To do Thy will shall be my sole endeavor henceforth forever.

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

Wednesdays in Lent

March 9: Romans 11:30–12:5 • March 16: 1 Corinthians 6:14–7:1

March 23: 1 Corinthians 6:9–20 • March 30: Romans 6:11–23 • April 6: Ephesians 5:25–33 with readings each week from the Passion according to St. Luke