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Lenten Divine Service



Our Savior Lutheran Church

Westminster, MA

SCRIPTURE ALONE ✘ GRACE ALONE ✘ FAITH ALONE

Lenten Divine Service Wednesday, February 21, AD 2024

> *The liturgy is spoken. The two hymns and the Agnus Dei will be sung.* <

THE LITANY

O Lord, **have mercy.**

O Christ, **have mercy.**

O Lord, **have mercy.**

O Christ, **hear us.**

God the Father in heaven, **have mercy.**

God the Son, Redeemer of the world, **have mercy.**

God the Holy Spirit, **have mercy.**

Be gracious to us. **Spare us, good Lord.**

Be gracious to us. **Help us, good Lord.**

From all sin, from all error, from all evil; from the crafts and assaults of the devil; from sudden and evil death; from pestilence and famine; from war and bloodshed; from sedition and from rebellion; from lightning and tempest; from all calamity by fire and water; and from everlasting death:

Good lord, deliver us.

*By the mystery of Your holy incarnation; by Your holy nativity; by Your baptism, fasting, and temptation; by Your agony and bloody sweat; by Your cross and passion; by Your precious death and burial; by Your glorious resurrection and ascension; and by the coming of the Holy Spirit, the Comforter: **Help us, good Lord.***

*In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in the hour of death; and in the day of judgment: **Help us, good Lord.***

*We poor sinners implore You **to hear us, O Lord.***

*To rule and govern Your holy Christian Church; to preserve all pastors and ministers of Your Church in the true knowledge and understanding of Your wholesome Word and to sustain them in holy living; to put an end to all schisms and causes of offense; to bring into the way of truth all who have erred and are deceived; to beat down Satan under our feet; to send faithful laborers into Your harvest; and to accompany Your Word with Your grace and Spirit: **We implore You to hear us, good Lord.***

*To raise those who fall and to strengthen those who stand; and to comfort and help the weakhearted and the distressed: **We implore You to hear us, good Lord.***

*To give to all peoples concord and peace; to preserve our land from discord and strife; to give our country Your protection in every time of need; to direct and defend our president and all in authority; to bless and protect our magistrates and all our people; to watch over and help all who are in danger, necessity, and tribulation; to protect and guide all who travel; to grant all women with child, and all mothers with infant children, increasing happiness in their blessings; to defend all orphans and widows and provide for them; to strengthen and keep all sick persons and young children; to free those in bondage; and to have mercy on us all: **We implore You to hear us, good Lord.***

*To forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers and to turn their hearts; to give and preserve for our use the kindly fruits of the earth; and graciously to hear our prayers: **We implore You to hear us, good Lord.***

*Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, **we implore You to hear us, good Lord.***

*Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, **have mercy.***

*Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, **have mercy.***

*Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, **grant us Your peace.***

*O Christ, **hear us.***

*O Lord, **have mercy.***

*O Christ, **have mercy.***

*O Lord, **have mercy. Amen.***

THE LITANY COLLECT

O Lord, do not deal with us according to our sins.

Do not reward us according to our iniquities.

*Almighty God, our heavenly Father, You desire not the death of a sinner, but rather that we turn from our evil ways and live. Graciously spare us those punishments which we by our sins have deserved, and grant us always to serve You in holiness and pureness of living; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.***

The Reading of God's Word

First Reading: 2 Samuel 14:4–17

After the reading:

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The LORD will fulfill His purpose for me; Your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever.

Do not forsake the work of Your hands.

I give You thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing Your praise;

I bow down toward Your holy temple and give thanks to Your name

for Your steadfast love and Your faithfulness,

for You have exalted above all things Your name and Your word.

On the day I called, You answered me; my strength of soul You increased.

All the kings of the earth shall give You thanks, O LORD,

for they have heard the words of Your mouth,

and they shall sing of the ways of the LORD, for great is the glory of the LORD.

For though the LORD is high, He regards the lowly, but the haughty He knows from afar.

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, You preserve my life;

You stretch out Your hand against the wrath of my enemies, and Your right hand delivers me.

The LORD will fulfill His purpose for me; Your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever.

Do not forsake the work of Your hands.

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.

The LORD will fulfill His purpose for me; Your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever.

Do not forsake the work of Your hands.

The Gospel Reading: Mark 7:24–30

Glory be to You, O Lord!

After the reading:

Praise be to You, O Christ!

The Sermon

The Syrophoenician Woman's Faith

HYMN OF THE DAY – TUNE: TLH 140/LSB 440 & 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 Prayer of the Church

after each petition:

*Lord, in Your mercy,
hear our prayer.*

THE PREFACE

The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

And with your spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

[Colossians 3:1]

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

[Psalm 136]

It is good and right that we do.

*It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. Grant us Your Spirit, gracious Father, that we may give heed to the testament of Your Son in true faith and, above all, firmly take to heart the words with which Christ gives to us His body and blood for our forgiveness. By Your grace, lead us to remember and give thanks for the boundless love which He manifested to us when, by pouring out His precious blood, He saved us from Your righteous wrath and from sin, death, and hell. Grant that we may receive the bread and wine, that is, His body and blood, as a gift, guarantee, and pledge of His salvation. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.***

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.

In the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, at His command, and with His own words, we receive His testament:

The Words of Institution

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

THE PAX DOMINI

John 20:19

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

THE AGNUS DEI

John 1:29

O Christ, Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

O Christ, Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

**O Christ, Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world,
grant us Your peace. Amen.**

Holy Communion

> *Note about 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.* <

THE POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

*Let us pray. Blessed Savior, Jesus Christ, You have given Yourself to us in this holy Sacrament. Keep us in Your faith and favor that we may live in You even as You live in us. May Your body and blood preserve us in the true faith to life everlasting. Hear us for the sake of Your name. **Amen.***

THE BENEDICTION

2 Corinthians 13:14

*The grace of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ and the love of God
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.*

Amen.

- 1 **Christ, the life of all the living,
Christ, the death of death, our foe,
Who, Thyself for me once giving
To the darkest depths of woe:
Through Thy suff'rings, death, and merit
I eternal life inherit.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.**
- 2 **Thou, ah! Thou, hast taken on Thee
Bonds and stripes, a cruel rod;
Pain and scorn were heaped upon Thee,
O Thou sinless Son of God!
Thus didst Thou my soul deliver
From the bonds of sin forever.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.**
- 3 **Thou hast borne the smiting only
That my wounds might all be whole;
Thou hast suffered, sad and lonely,
Rest to give my weary soul;
Yea, the curse of God enduring,
Blessing unto me securing.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.**
- 4 **Thou hast suffered great affliction
And hast borne it patiently,
Even death by crucifixion,
Fully to atone for me;
Thou didst choose to be tormented
That my doom should be prevented.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.**

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Lenten Midweek Services— February 21, 28; March 6, 13, 20

Wednesday Services • 12:00 noon & 7:00 p.m. | Lenten Suppers • 6:00 p.m.

This year the Wednesday Divine Services will provide a link to our Sunday readings, especially the reading of the Holy Gospel.

The First Week in Lent, February 18–24

Sunday: The Temptation of Our Lord, Mark 1:9–15

Wednesday: Psalm 138; 2 Samuel 14:4–7; The Syrophenician Woman's Faith, Mark 7:24–30

The Second Week in Lent, February 25–March 2

Sunday: Bearing the Cross of Christ, Mark 8:27–38

Wednesday: Psalm 50:8–23; Isaiah 1:10–20; The Pharisees Demand a Sign, Mark 8:11–26

The Third Week in Lent, March 3–9

Sunday: The Cleansing of the Temple, John 2:13–25

Wednesday: Psalm 147:1–12, 19–20; Deuteronomy 4:15–31; Jesus and Nicodemus, John 3:1–13

The Fourth Week in Lent, March 10–16

Sunday: The Son of Man Is Lifted Up, John 3:14–21

Wednesday: Psalm 34:1–14; Exodus 32:7–14; Jesus and the Jews, John 8:34–47

The Fifth Week in Lent, March 17–23

Sunday: The Lord Has Come to Serve, Mark 10:32–45

Wednesday: Psalm 102:1–2, 11–22; Hebrews 9:15–24; The Parable of the Tenants, Mark 12:1–12

Palm/Passion Sunday, March 24

Divine Service at 10:00 am

Maundy Thursday, March 28

Divine Services at 12:00 noon • 7:00 pm

Good Friday, March 29

Chief Service • 12:00 noon † Tenebrae Vespers • 7:00 pm

Holy Saturday, March 30

Matins • 9:00 am † Easter Vigil • 7:00 pm

The Resurrection of Our Lord, Sunday, March 31

Easter Breakfast begins at 8:00 am • Divine Service at 10:00 am

Visitor, you are very welcome here.

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