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# *Lenten Divine Service*



*Our Savior Lutheran Church*

*Westminster, MA*

SCRIPTURE ALONE ✘ GRACE ALONE ✘ FAITH ALONE

Lenten Divine Service .....Wednesday, March 13, 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, enter not into judgment with Your servant.

**For in Your sight shall no man living be justified.**

Almighty God, You know we live in the midst of so many dangers that in our frailty we cannot stand upright. Grant strength and protection to support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; 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: Exodus 32:7–14*

*After the reading:*

*This is the word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

*I will bless the LORD at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth.*

**My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad.**

*Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt His name together!*

**I sought the LORD, and He answered me and delivered me from all my fears.**

*Those who look to Him are radiant, and their faces shall never be ashamed.*

**This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him and saved him out of all his troubles.**

*The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear Him, and delivers them.*

**Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him!**

*Oh, fear the LORD, you His saints, for those who fear Him have no lack!*

**The young lions suffer want and hunger; but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing.**

*Come, O children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the LORD.*

**What man is there who desires life and loves many days, that he may see good?**

*Keep your tongue from evil and your lips from speaking deceit.*

**Turn away from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it.**

**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 Gospel Reading: John 8:34–47*

**Glory be to You, O Lord!**

*After the reading:*

**Praise be to You, O Christ!**

## *The Sermon*

*Jesus and the Jews*

HYMN OF THE DAY – TUNE: TLH 245/LSB 571 & TEXT: LSB 571

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| <p><b>1 God loved the world so that He gave<br/>His only Son the lost to save,<br/>That all who would in Him believe<br/>Should everlasting life receive.</b></p>            | <p><b>3 God would not have the sinner die;<br/>His Son with saving grace is nigh;<br/>His Spirit in the Word declares<br/>How we in Christ are heaven's heirs.</b></p>       |
| <p><b>2 Christ Jesus is the ground of faith,<br/>Who was made flesh and suffered death;<br/>All then who trust in Him alone<br/>Are built on this chief cornerstone.</b></p> | <p><b>4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son<br/>Forgives all sins which you have done;<br/>And, justified by Jesus' blood,<br/>Your Baptism grants the highest good.</b></p> |

5 If you are sick, if death is near,  
This truth your troubled heart can cheer:  
Christ Jesus saves your soul from death;  
That is the firmest ground of faith.

△ 6 Glory to God the Father, Son,  
And Holy Spirit, Three in One!  
To You, O blessed Trinity,  
Be praise now and eternally!

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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.  
And with your spirit.*

2 Timothy 4:22

*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.**

HYMN – TUNE & TEXT: TLH 153/LSB 451

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| <b>1 Stricken, smitten, and afflicted,<br/>See Him dying on the tree!<br/>'Tis the Christ, by man rejected;<br/>Yes, my soul, 'tis He, 'tis He!<br/>'Tis the long-expected Prophet,<br/>David's Son, yet David's Lord;<br/>Proofs I see sufficient of it:<br/>'Tis the true and faithful Word.</b> | <b>2 Tell me, ye who hear Him groaning,<br/>Was there ever grief like His?<br/>Friends through fear His cause disowning,<br/>Foes insulting His distress;<br/>Many hands were raised to wound Him,<br/>None would intervene to save;<br/>But the deepest stroke that pierced Him<br/>Was the stroke that justice gave.</b> |
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**3 Ye who think of sin but lightly  
Nor suppose the evil great  
Here may view its nature rightly,  
Here its guilt may estimate.  
Mark the sacrifice appointed,  
See who bears the awful load;  
'Tis the Word, the Lord's anointed,  
Son of Man and Son of God.**

**4 Here we have a firm foundation,  
Here the refuge of the lost:  
Christ, the Rock of our salvation,  
Is the name of which we boast;  
Lamb of God, for sinners wounded,  
Sacrifice to cancel guilt!  
None shall ever be confounded  
Who on Him their hope have built.**

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Preacher & Celebrant: Rev Peter F. Gregory

Liturgist: Dave Farabaugh (7:00 pm) • Acolyte: Laz Gregory (7:00 pm)

Organist: Judy Greenlees (12:00 pm) • Anne Bennet (7:00 pm)

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

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:* \* updated \* *No Midweek Service on March 20*

### **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

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