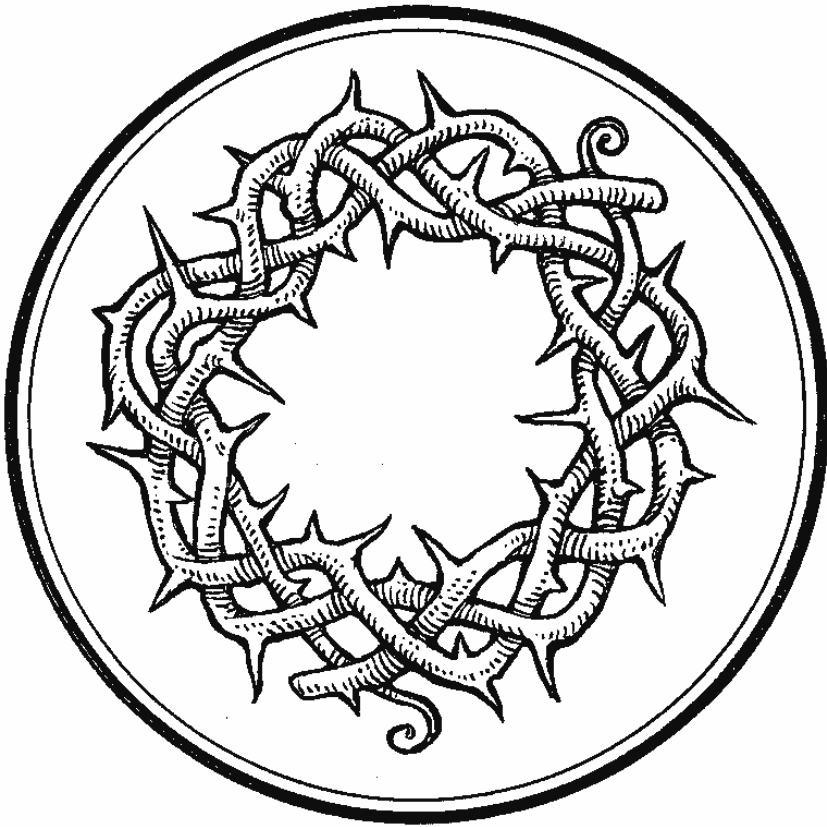


SOLA SCRIPTURA ✘ SOLA GRATIA ✘ SOLA FIDE

Lenten Divine Service



Our Savior Lutheran Church

Westminster, MA

SCRIPTURE ALONE ✘ GRACE ALONE ✘ FAITH ALONE

> *The hymns and the communion liturgy 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

Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of Your name.

Deliver us and purge away our sins for Your name's sake.

*Almighty and everlasting God, since You govern and sanctify the whole Christian Church by Your Holy Spirit, hear our prayers for all its members. Mercifully grant that, by Your grace, we may serve You in true faith; 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 8:1–32

After the reading:

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

He led out His people like sheep and guided them in the wilderness like a flock.

He sent among them swarms of flies, which devoured them, and frogs, which destroyed them.

He gave their crops to the destroying locust and the fruit of their labor to the locust.

He destroyed their vines with hail and their sycamores with frost.

He gave over their cattle to the hail and their flocks to thunderbolts.

*He let loose on them His burning anger, wrath, indignation, and distress,
a company of destroying angels.*

**He made a path for His anger; He did not spare them from death,
but gave their lives over to the plague.**

He struck down every firstborn in Egypt, the firstfruits of their strength in the tents of Ham.

Then He led out His people like sheep and guided them in the wilderness like a flock.

He led them in safety, so that they were not afraid, but the sea overwhelmed their enemies.

And He brought them to His holy land, to the mountain which His right hand had won.

*He drove out nations before them; He apportioned them for a possession
and settled the tribes of Israel in their tents.*

**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.**

He led out His people like sheep and guided them in the wilderness like a flock.

The Gospel Reading: Luke 20:41–47

Glory be to You, O Lord!

After the reading:

Praise be to You, O Christ!

The Sermon

Exodus 8 ~ The Second, Third, and Fourth Wonders

HYMN OF THE DAY – TUNE: TLH 153/LSB 451 & TEXT: LSB 451

- | | |
|---|---|
| <p>1 Stricken, smitten, and afflicted,
See Him dying on the tree!
'Tis the Christ, by man rejected;
Yes, my soul, 'tis He, 'tis He!
'Tis the long-expected Prophet,
David's Son, yet David's Lord;
Proofs I see sufficient of it:
'Tis the true and faithful Word.</p> | <p>2 Tell me, ye who hear Him groaning,
Was there ever grief like His?
Friends through fear His cause disowning,
Foes insulting His distress;
Many hands were raised to wound Him,
None would intervene to save;
But the deepest stroke that pierced Him
Was the stroke that justice gave.</p> |
|---|---|

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.

Text: Public domain

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.

HYMN – TUNE: TLH 175 FIRST TUNE/LSB 453 & TEXT: LSB 425

- | | |
|--|--|
| <p>1 When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of Glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss
And pour contempt on all my pride.</p> <p>2 Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast
Save in the death of Christ, my God;
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to His blood.</p> | <p>3 See, from His head, His hands, His feet
Sorrow and love flow mingled down!
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?</p> <p>4 Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a tribute far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all!</p> |
|--|--|

Preacher & Celebrant: Rev Peter F. Gregory
Liturgist: Tom Connell (7:00 pm) • Acolyte: Simeon Gregory (7:00 pm)
Organists: Mary Gregory (12:00 pm); Anne Bennet (7:00 pm)

Lenten Midweek Services — March 12, 19, 26, April 2, 9

Exodus 6–12: Israel Delivered

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

March 12 • Exodus 7 & Luke 19:41–48

Before Pharaoh and the First Wonder

March 19 • Exodus 8 & Luke 20:41–47

The Second, Third, and Fourth Wonders: Frogs, Gnats, Flies

March 26 • Exodus 9 & Luke 22:47–53

The Fifth, Sixth, and Seventh Wonders: Death of Animals and Boils

April 2 • Exodus 10 & Luke 23:18–25

The Eighth and Ninth Wonders: Hail and Darkness

April 9 • Exodus 11 & Luke 23:44–49

A Final Wonder Threatened

Holy Week

Palm/Passion Sunday, April 13

Divine Service at 10:00 am

Maundy Thursday, April 17 • Exodus 12:1–14

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

Good Friday, April 18

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

Holy Saturday, April 19 • Exodus 14:10–15:1

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.

Office@OurSaviorLCMS.com • 978-874-2479 • www.oursaviorlcms.com