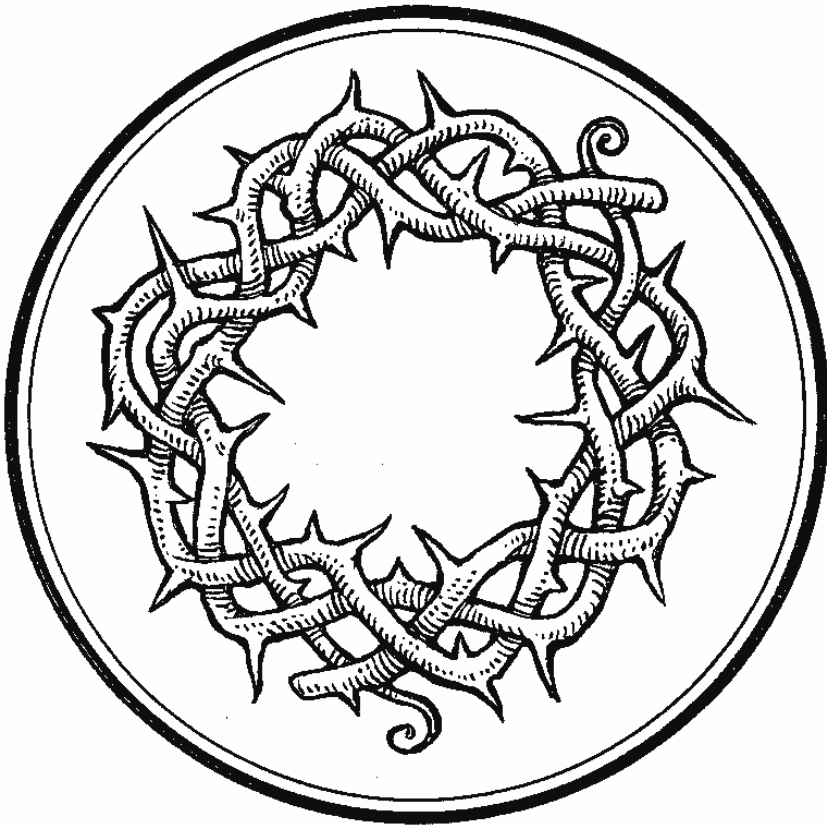


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# *Lenten Divine Service*



*Our Savior Lutheran Church*

*Westminster, MA*

SCRIPTURE ALONE ✠ GRACE ALONE ✠ FAITH ALONE

Lenten Divine Service .....Wednesday, March 26, AD 2025

> *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

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

**Do not reward us according to our iniquities.**

*O God, merciful Father, You have promised to hear the prayers of all who in repentance call out to You. Graciously hear us so that all evils which beset us may be of no avail, that we, Your servants, may evermore give thanks to You in Your holy Church; 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 9:1–35*

*After the reading:*

*This is the word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

*In my distress I called upon the LORD; to my God I cried for help.*

*Then the earth reeled and rocked; the foundations also of the mountains trembled and quaked,  
because He was angry.*

**Smoke went up from His nostrils, and devouring fire from His mouth;  
glowing coals flamed forth from Him.**

*He bowed the heavens and came down; thick darkness was under His feet.*

**He rode on a cherub and flew; He came swiftly on the wings of the wind.**

*He made darkness His covering, His canopy around Him, thick clouds dark with water.*

**Out of the brightness before Him hailstones and coals of fire broke through His clouds.**

*The LORD also thundered in the heavens, and the Most High uttered His voice,  
hailstones and coals of fire.*

**And He sent out His arrows and scattered them;**

**He flashed forth lightnings and routed them.**

*Then the channels of the sea were seen, and the foundations of the world were laid bare at your rebuke,  
O LORD, at the blast of the breath of Your nostrils.*

**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.**

*In my distress I called upon the LORD; to my God I cried for help.*

*The Gospel Reading: Luke 22:47–53*

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

*After the reading:*

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

## *The Sermon*

*Exodus 9 ~ The Fifth, Sixth, and Seventh Wonders*

HYMN OF THE DAY – TUNE & TEXT: LSB 431

**1 Not all the blood of beasts  
On Jewish altars slain  
Could give the guilty conscience peace  
Or wash away the stain.**

**2 But Christ, the heav'nly Lamb,  
Takes all our sins away;  
A sacrifice of nobler name  
And richer blood than they.**

**3 My faith would lay its hand  
On that dear head of Thine,  
While as a penitent I stand,  
And there confess my sin.**

**4 My soul looks back to see  
The burden Thou didst bear  
When hanging on the cursèd tree;  
I know my guilt was there.**

## 5 Believing, we rejoice

To see the curse remove;  
We bless the Lamb with cheerful voice  
And sing His bleeding love.

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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 OF THE DAY – TUNE: LSB 430 & TEXT: TLH 380, ALT.

**1 Your deeds, not mine, O Christ,  
Bring gladness to my heart.  
They tell me all is done;  
They make my fears depart.  
None can atone but You alone.  
To whom but You, then, can I go?**

**2 Your wounds, not mine, O Christ,  
Can heal my battered soul.  
Your pain, not mine, contains  
The cure that makes me whole.  
None can atone but You alone.  
To whom but You, then, can I go?**

**3 Your cross, not mine, O Christ,  
Has borne the awful load  
Of sins that none could bear  
But the incarnate God.  
None can atone but You alone.  
To whom but You, then, can I go?**

**4 Your death, not mine, O Christ,  
Has paid the ransom due.  
Ten thousand deaths like mine  
Would have been all too few.  
None can atone but You alone.  
To whom but You, then, can I go?**

**5 Your righteousness, O Christ, alone can cover me.  
Your goodness is enough to win eternity!  
None can atone but You alone.  
To whom but You, then, can I go?**

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**Preacher & Celebrant: Rev Peter F. Gregory  
Liturgist: Paul Dwiggins (7:00 pm) • Acolyte: Jack Gould (7:00 pm)  
Organist: Mary Gregory**

## **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

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## **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

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*Visitor, you are very welcome here.*

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