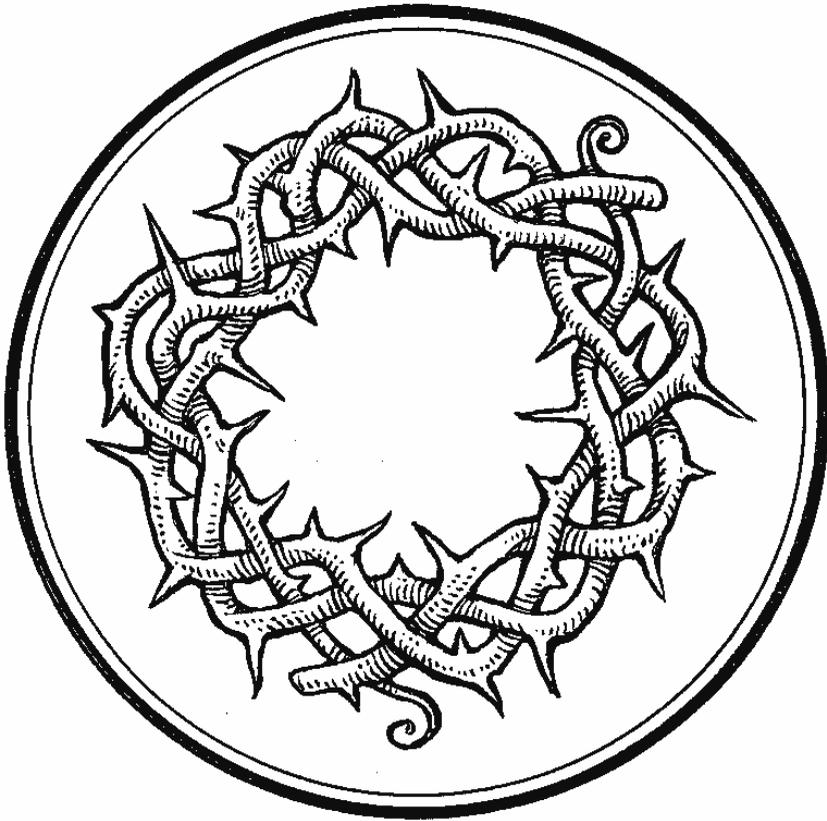


SOLA SCRIPTURA ✘ SOLA GRATIA ✘ SOLA FIDE

# *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

*Call on Me in the day of trouble.*

**I will deliver you, and you will glorify Me.**

*Spare us, O Lord, and mercifully forgive us our sins. Though by our continual transgressions we have merited Your chastisements, be gracious to us. Grant that all these punishments which we have deserved may not come upon us, but that all things may work to our everlasting good; 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 11:1–10*

*After the reading:*

*This is the word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

*Remember the wondrous works that He has done, His miracles, and the judgments He uttered,  
He struck down all the firstborn in their land, the firstfruits of all their strength.*

**Then He brought out Israel with silver and gold,  
and there was none among His tribes who stumbled.**

*Egypt was glad when they departed, for dread of them had fallen upon it.*

**He spread a cloud for a covering, and fire to give light by night.**

*They asked, and He brought quail, and gave them bread from heaven in abundance.*

**He opened the rock, and water gushed out; it flowed through the desert like a river.**

*For He remembered His holy promise, and Abraham, His servant.*

**So He brought His people out with joy, His chosen ones with singing.**

*And He gave them the lands of the nations, and they took possession of the fruit of the peoples' toil,  
that they might keep His statutes and observe His laws.*

**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.**

*Remember the wondrous works that He has done, His miracles, and the judgments He uttered,*

*The Gospel Reading: Luke 23:44–49*

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

*After the reading:*

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

## *The Sermon*

*Exodus 11 ~ A Final Wonder Threatened*

*HYMN OF THE DAY – TUNE: TLH 159/LSB 436 & TEXT: LSB 436*

- 1 **Go to dark Gethsemane, all who feel the tempter's pow'r;  
Your Redeemer's conflict see, watch with Him one bitter hour;  
Turn not from His griefs away; learn from Jesus Christ to pray.**
- 2 **Follow to the judgment hall, view the Lord of life arraigned;  
Oh, the wormwood and the gall! Oh, the pangs His soul sustained!  
Shun not suff'ring, shame, or loss; learn from Him to bear the cross.**
- 3 **Calv'ry's mournful mountain climb; there, adoring at His feet,  
Mark that miracle of time, God's own sacrifice complete.  
"It is finished!" hear Him cry; learn from Jesus Christ to die.**

**4 Early hasten to the tomb where they laid His breathless clay;  
All is solitude and gloom. who has taken Him away?  
Christ is ris'n! He meets our eyes. Savior, teach us so to rise.**

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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.**

HYMN OF THE DAY – TUNE: TLH 320/LSB 610 & TEXT: LSB 610

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| <b>1 Lord Jesus, think on me<br/>And purge away my sin;<br/>From worldly passions set me free<br/>And make me pure within.</b>           | <b>3 Lord Jesus, think on me<br/>Amid the battle's strife;<br/>In all my pain and misery,<br/>O be my health and life!</b>    |
| <b>2 Lord Jesus, think on me,<br/>By anxious thoughts oppressed;<br/>Let me Your loving servant be<br/>And taste Your promised rest.</b> | <b>4 Lord Jesus, think on me<br/>Nor let me go astray;<br/>Through darkness and perplexity<br/>Point out Your chosen way.</b> |

**5 Lord Jesus, think on me  
That, when this life is past,  
I may th'eternal brightness see  
And share Your joy at last.**

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Preacher & Celebrant: Rev Peter F. Gregory

Liturgist: Ray Arsenault (7:00 pm) • Acolyte: Simeon Gregory (7:00 pm)

Organist: Mary Gregory (12:00 noon); Anne Bennet (7:00 pm)

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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, April 20**

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

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