

SOLA SCRIPTURA ✘ SOLA GRATIA ✘ SOLA FIDE

Lenten Divine Service



Our Savior Lutheran Church

Westminster, MA

SCRIPTURE ALONE ✘ GRACE ALONE ✘ FAITH ALONE

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

The First Reading: Jeremiah 17:5–14

After the reading:

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM

Psalms 31:9–21; antiphon vv. 14–15

I trust in You, O LORD; I say, "You are my God."

My times are in Your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies and from my persecutors!

*Be gracious to me, O LORD, for I am in distress; my eye is wasted from grief;
my soul and my body also.*

**For my life is spent with sorrow, and my years with sighing;
my strength fails because of my iniquity, and my bones waste away.**

*Because of all my adversaries I have become a reproach, especially to my neighbors,
and an object of dread to my acquaintances; those who see me in the street flee from me.*

I have been forgotten like one who is dead; I have become like a broken vessel.

*For I hear the whispering of many — terror on every side! —
as they scheme together against me, as they plot to take my life.*

But I trust in You, O LORD; I say, “You are my God.”

My times are in Your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies and from my persecutors!

Make Your face shine on Your servant; save me in Your steadfast love!

*O LORD, let me not be put to shame, for I call upon You;
let the wicked be put to shame; let them go silently to Sheol.*

**Let the lying lips be mute, which speak insolently
against the righteous in pride and contempt.**

*Oh, how abundant is Your goodness, which You have stored up for those who fear You
and worked for those who take refuge in You, in the sight of the children of mankind!*

**In the cover of Your presence You hide them from the plots of men;
You store them in Your shelter from the strife of tongues.**

*Blessèd be the LORD, for He has wondrously shown His steadfast love to me
when I was in a besieged city.*

**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.**

I trust in You, O LORD; I say, “You are my God.”

My times are in Your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies and from my persecutors!

The Gospel Reading: John 3:25–36

Glory be to You, O Lord!

After the reading:

Praise be to You, O Christ!

The Sermon

John 3:25–36 ~ Jesus Discusses with the Pharisees

- 1 **Jesus, refuge of the weary, blest Redeemer, whom we love,
Fountain in life's desert dreary, savior from the world above:
Often have Your eyes, offended, gazed upon the sinner's fall;
Yet upon the cross extended, You have borne the pain of all.**
- 2 **Do we pass that cross unheeding, breathing no repentant vow,
Though we see You wounded, bleeding, see Your thorn-encircled brow?
Yet Your sinless death has brought us life eternal, peace, and rest;
Only what Your grace has taught us calms the sinner's deep distress.**
- 3 **Jesus, may our hearts be burning with more fervent love for You;
May our eyes be ever turning to behold Your cross anew
Till in glory, parted never from the blessed Savior's side,
Graven in our hearts forever, dwell the cross, the Crucified.**

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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.***

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 Heartless scoffers did surround Thee,
Treating Thee with shameful scorn
And with piercing thorns they crowned Thee.
All disgrace Thou, Lord, hast borne,
That as Thine Thou mightest own me
And with heav'nly glory crown me.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.
- 3 Thou hast suffered men to bruise Thee,
That from pain I might be free;
Falsely did Thy foes accuse Thee:
Thence I gain security;
Comfortless Thy soul did languish
Me to comfort in my anguish.
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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Preacher & Celebrant: Rev Peter F. Gregory

Liturgist: Tom Connell (7:00 pm) • Acolyte: Sim Gregory (7:00 pm)

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

Lenten Midweek Services—February 25; March 4, 11, 18, 25 **Jesus in the Gospel of John**

Wednesday Services • 12:00 noon & 7:00 p.m. | Individual Confession • 5:00 pm
Lenten Suppers • 6:00 p.m.

February 25 • Jesus Cleanses the Temple

Psalm 50:1–15; Jeremiah 26:1–15; John 2:13–22

March 4 • Jesus Discusses with the Pharisees

Psalm 31:9–21; Jeremiah 17:5–14; John 3:25–36

March 11 • The Authority of the Son

Psalm 95; Jeremiah 7:21–28; John 5:18–30

March 18 • Jesus Threatened

Psalm 145:10–21; Jeremiah 18:18–23; John 10:31–42

March 25 • The Feast of the Annunciation

Psalm 45:7–17; Isaiah 7:10–14; Luke 1:26–38

Holy Week

Palm/Passion Sunday, March 29

Divine Service at 10:00 am

Maundy Thursday, April 2

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

Good Friday, April 3

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

Holy Saturday, April 4

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

The Resurrection of Our Lord, Sunday, April 5

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

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