

Ash Wednesday
2022

Our Savior Lutheran Church
Grafton, WI
Ash Wednesday / Lent 1 – March 2022

The theme for our special midweek Lenten services this year is “The Crucial Hours.” The series ponders key words and moments from the account of Jesus’ passion that demonstrate the thorough completeness of his saving work for us, the breadth and depth of his love for us, and the strength of his union with us.

The Crucial Hours

“I will keep the Passover.”

HYMN

“Jesus, I Will Ponder Now”

CW 98: 1-4

Jesus, I will ponder now On your holy passion;
With your Spirit me endow For such meditation.
Grant that I in love and faith May the image cherish
Of your suffering, pain, and death That I may not perish.

Make me see your great distress, Anguish, and affliction,
Bonds and stripes and wretchedness And your crucifixion;
Make me see how scourge and rod, Spear and nails did wound you,
How for them you died, O God, Who with thorns had crowned you.

Yet, O Lord, not thus alone Make me see your passion,
But its cause to me make known And its termination.
Ah! I also and my sin Wrought your deep affliction;
This indeed the cause has been Of your crucifixion.

If my sins give me alarm And my conscience grieve me,
Let your cross my fear disarm; Peace of conscience give me.
Help me see forgiveness won By your holy passion.
If for me he slays his Son, God must have compassion!

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Triune God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Congregation: **Amen.** (*spoken*)

A LENTEN LITANY

P: Let us live this Lenten season with the cross before us.

C: Show us your cross, Lord Jesus!

P: In times of prosperity, when success and comfort would draw us away from the way of the cross,

C: Show us the way of your cross, Lord Jesus!

P: In darker times of trial and worry when we feel alone, abandoned to wander in the valley of the shadow,

C: Show us the way of your cross, Lord Jesus!

P: In the routine of each day, in the work we do, in our lives with family and friends, in the light of each day, and in our rest each night,

C: Show us the way of your cross, Lord Jesus!

P: Heavenly Father, as a family of believers in this congregation, we pray that all we do together may be governed by your love for us in Christ.

C: Keep his cross before us, so that we are always ready and eager to follow him!

PSALM 51

(p.10)

The vocalist sings the refrain and repeats with the congregation. Then the vocalist sings all of the *verses* and the congregation sings the **refrains** and “**Glory be to the Father...**”

PSALM PRAYER

Lord, we confess our sins to you and plead for your mercy. We acknowledge that sin runs too deep in our nature for us ever to rid ourselves of it, but we thank you that Jesus has done what we could not do, washing us clean of every stain. We plead that your Spirit would give us the strength to live a new life; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

READING OF GOD’S WORD

2 Samuel 12:1-13 - Nathan Rebukes David for his Sins

Luke 18:9-14 - Jesus' Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector

HYMN: "The Lamb"

CW21, 525

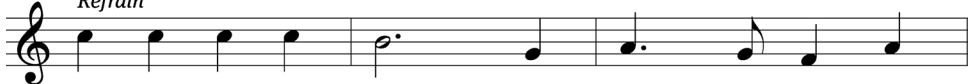


1 The Lamb, the Lamb, O Fa - ther, where's the sac - ri - fice?
2 The Lamb, the Lamb, one per - fect fi - nal of - fer - ing.
3 The Lamb, the Lamb, as way - ward sheep their shep - herd kill
4 He sighs, he dies, he takes my sin and wretch - ed - ness.
5 He rose, he rose, my heart with thanks now o - ver - flows.



Faith sees, be - lieves God will pro - vide the Lamb of price!
The Lamb, the Lamb, let earth join heav'n his praise to sing.
so still, his will, on our be - half the law to fill.
He lives, for - gives, he gives me his own right - eous - ness.
His song pro - long till ev - 'ry heart to him be - long.

Refrain



Wor - thy is the Lamb whose death makes me his



own! The Lamb is reign - ing on his throne.

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SERMON: "I will keep the Passover." Matthew 26:18

And He said, "Go into the city to a certain man, and say to him, 'The Teacher says, 'My time is at hand; I will keep the Passover at your house with My disciples.'"

HYMN: "Jesus, My Great High Priest"

CW, 359

Jesus, my great High Priest, Offered his blood and died;
My guilty conscience seeks No sacrifice beside.
His pow'rful blood did once atone,
And now it pleads before the throne.

To Christ, my substitute, Will I commit my cause;
He answers and fulfills His Father's broken laws.
Behold my soul at freedom set --
My Jesus paid the dreadful debt!

My advocate appears For my defense on high;
A gracious Father hears And lays his thunder by.
Not all that hell or sin can say
Shall turn his heart, his love, away.

Should all the hosts of death And pow'rs of hell unknown
Put their most dreadful forms Of rage and mischief on,
I shall be safe, for Christ displays
Superior pow'r and guardian grace.

OFFERING

To honor God and to remind each other that our offerings are part of our regular gathering and worship, we bring the offering plates forward to the altar at this time.

PRAYER FOR ASH WEDNESDAY

P: Holy and righteous God, as we begin again the solemn spiritual journey of Lent, we come before you in deep humility. We confess that we are sinners, both by the nature we inherit and by the sinful thoughts and desires, words and actions that our nature produces. Because of our sins, we deserve only your wrath and punishment. Yet you reveal yourself, not only as a God of holiness and justice but as a God of mercy and love. Despairing of our own merits and worthiness, and in response to your gracious invitation, we come pleading for your forgiveness.

C: Lord, have mercy on us for your holy name's sake.

P: You have revealed your love and mercy for us sinners in Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior. You sent him into our world to be the atoning sacrifice for the sins of all people. Help us grasp by faith the great truth that the pain and suffering, the mockery and ridicule, and the death and punishment he endured should have been ours. Help us understand that in incomprehensible love he suffered and died for us.

C: Lord, have mercy on us for Jesus' sake.

P: In silent meditation let us reflect on our sins, praise our Savior for the forgiveness he has won for us, and ask for God's continued grace to remove any doubt that we are forgiven.

Time for silent meditation.

- P: God of grace and mercy, may your Spirit continue to be with us as we follow the way of the cross. As we contemplate the story of our Savior's passion, build us up in our faith. Renew in us the zeal to serve you by reflecting your love in our lives. Give us the desire and the ability to boldly proclaim the grace in which we stand, so that all for whom you lived and died may join us in fellowship now and in your presence forever.
- C: **We offer our humble thanks and praise, our prayers and petitions, and ourselves in body and spirit to you, Lord God. Hear us, according to your promise, for Jesus' sake. Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

THE SACRAMENT

PREPARATION FOR RECEIVING THE LORD'S SUPPER *(from Luther's Small Catechism)*

- P: What is the sacrament of Holy Communion?
- C: **It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ for us Christians to eat and to drink.**
- P: What blessing do we receive through this eating and drinking?
- C: **That is shown us by these words, "Given and poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins." Through these words we receive forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation in this sacrament. For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation.**

P: How can eating and drinking do such great things?

C: **It is certainly not the eating and drinking that does such things, but the words, "Given and poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins." These words are the main thing in this sacrament, along with the eating and drinking. And whoever believes these words has what they plainly say, the forgiveness of sins.**

P: Who, then, is properly prepared to receive this sacrament?

C: **Fasting and other outward preparations may serve a good purpose, but he is properly prepared who believes these words, "Given and poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins." But whoever does not believe these words or doubts them is not prepared, because the words "for you" require nothing but hearts that believe.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT

HYMN

"Salvation unto Us Has Come"

CW, 390

Salvation unto us has come
By God's free grace and favor.
Good works cannot avert our doom;
They help and save us never.
Faith looks to Jesus Christ alone,
Who did for all the world atone;
He is the one Redeemer.

What God does in his law demand
And none to him can render,
Brings wrath and woe on ev'ry hand
For man, the vile offender.
Our flesh has not those pure desires
The spirit of the law requires,
And lost is our condition.

It is a false, misleading dream
That God his law has given
That sinners can themselves redeem
And by their works gain heaven.
The law is but a mirror bright
To bring the inbred sin to light
That lurks within our nature.

Yet as the law must be fulfilled
Or we must die despairing,
Christ came and has God's anger stilled,
Our human nature sharing.
He has for us the law obeyed
And thus the Father's vengeance stayed
Which over us impended.

Since Christ has full atonement made
And brought to us salvation,
Each Christian therefore may be glad
And build on this foundation.
Your grace alone, dear Lord, I plead;
Your death is now my life indeed,
For you have paid my ransom.

All blessing, honor, thanks, and praise
To Father, Son, and Spirit,
The God who saved us by his grace
All glory to his merit!
O Triune God in heav'n above,
You have revealed your saving love;
Your blessed name be hallowed!

PRAYER

Heavenly Father, by the suffering and death of your Son you redeemed this world from the guilt of sin. Grant eternal joy to your faithful people, whom you have delivered from the punishment of eternal death, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.

BLESSING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **Amen.**

HYMN: "Jesus, I Will Ponder Now"

CW, 98:5-6

Grant that I your passion view With repentant grieving.
Let me not bring shame to you By unholy living.
How could I refuse to shun Ev'ry sinful pleasure
Since for me God's only Son Suffered without measure?

Graciously my faith renew; Help me bear my crosses,
Learning humbleness from you, Peace mid pain and losses.
May I give you love for love! Hear me, O my Savior,
That I may in heav'n above Sing your praise forever.

SILENT PRAYER & ANNOUNCEMENTS

For Lent 2 - Think ahead for next week: "Satan Has Asked to Sift All of You" Luke 22:31,32

Satan wanted to shake Peter's soul so violently that his faith would be shaken loose from his soul. Satan wanted to shake Peter's soul so violently that it would no longer be able to stay connected to Jesus. What this powerful text teaches us is that through painful experiences Jesus had a gracious plan for Peter, and for us too.

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ORGANIST: Ann Petermann

VOCALIST: Lisa McLaughlin

51A Be Merciful, O Lord

Psalm 51A

Refrain



Tone



*Have mercy on / me, O God,
according to your un- / failing love;
according to your great com- / passion
blot out my trans- / gressions.*

*Wash away all my in- / iquity
and cleanse me / from my sin.
For I know my trans- / gressions,
and my sin is always be- / fore me. Refrain*

*Against you, you only, / have I sinned
and done what is evil / in your sight.
Surely I was sin- / ful at birth,
sinful from the time my mother con- / ceived me.*

*Cleanse me with hyssop, and I / will be clean;
wash me, and I will be whit- / er than snow.
Hide your face / from my sins
and blot out all my in- / iquity.*

**Glory be to the Father and / to the Son
and to the Holy / Spirit,
as it was in the be- / ginning,
is now, and will be forever. / Amen. Refrain**

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The way our culture looks at religion is changing, rapidly. If we want to reach atheists, skeptics, the dechurched and disenfranchised, younger generations, that is unlikely to begin at church... **Everyone Outreach** begins with **YOU!**

Starts March 28—April 3

During this week we will be hosting multiple in home small group studies.

Let's Go is a seven part series designed to encourage and equip Christians to connect unchurched people in their lives to the gospel of Jesus Christ.



Sign Up will begin March 20!



Lent 2022

MidWeek Worship—Thursdays at 3:30 & 7:00 pm

March 2 /3: (Ash Wed 3:30)	I Will Keep the Passover
March 10: Lent 2	Satan Has Asked to Sift All of You
March 17: Lent 3	They Bound Him
March 24: Lent 4	The Semblance of Legality
March 31: Lent 5	What to Remember When You Are Seized
April 7: Lent 6	A Part for the Whole?

Holy Week & Easter

April 10 Palm Sunday: 8:00/10:30 am	
April 14 Maundy Thursday: 3:30/7pm	The Three Unions in Holy Communion
April 15 Good Friday: 1 & 7pm	
April 17 Easter Sunday: 7 & 9:30am	God's Easter Sunday Declaration

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