

# Lent 3 2022

### Our Savior Lutheran Church Grafton, WI Lent 3 – March 17, 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**

They Bound Him.

#### "A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth" HYMN CW, # 100:1-3 A Lamb goes uncomplaining forth, Our guilt and evil bearing And, laden with the sins of earth, None else the burden sharing. Goes patient on, grows weak and faint, To slaughter led without complaint, That spotless life to offer, Bears shame and stripes and wounds and death. Anguish and mockery and says, "Willing all this I suffer." This Lamb is Christ, the soul's great friend, The Lamb of God, our Savior: Him God the Father chose to send To gain for us his favor. "Go forth, my Son," the Father said, "And free my children from their dread Of guilt and condemnation. The wrath and stripes are hard to bear, But by your passion they will share The fruit of your salvation." "Yes, Father, yes, most willingly I'll bear what you command me. My will conforms to your decree; I'll do what you have asked me." O wondrous Love, what have you done! The Father offers up his Son, Desiring our salvation. O Love, how strong you are to save! You make his bed within the grave Who built the earth's foundation.

#### CONFESSION OF SINS

- **P:** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- C: the maker of heaven and earth.
- **P**: Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
- C: we have sinned against you in our thoughts, in our words, in our deeds, and in all that we have not done according to your holy will. Forgive us in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Deliver and restore us, that we may rest in peace.
- **P:** By the mercy of God we are redeemed by Jesus Christ, and in him we are forgiven. Let us rest in his peace and with thankfulness serve him in newness of life.
- C: Amen.

#### PSALM 40 (p.7)

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 Jesus, when the difficulties of life become more than we can bear and we find ourselves sinking into despair, put our feet back on the rock of your righteousness. You obeyed your Father's will on our behalf. When Satan would lead us to despair, give us confidence to cry, "My Savior lived and died for me!" In his name we pray. Amen.

#### PASSION HISTORY Luke 22:39-53

#### **GETHSEMANE AND THE ARREST**

#### **RESPONSE** (2 Corinthians 5:21)

God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

HYMN	"Enslaved by Sin and Bound in Chains" Enslaved by sin and bound in chains, Beneath its dreadful tyrant sway, And doomed to everlasting pains We wretched, guilty captives lay.	CW, # 102
	Nor gold nor gems could buy our peace, Nor all the world's collected store Suffice to purchase our release; A thousand worlds were all too poor.	

Jesus, the Lord, the mighty God, An all-sufficient ransom paid. O matchless price! His precious blood For vile, rebellious traitors shed.

Jesus the sacrifice became To rescue guilty souls from hell; The spotless, bleeding, dying Lamb Beneath avenging justice fell.

Amazing goodness! Love divine! Oh, may our grateful hearts adore The matchless grace nor yield to sin Nor wear its cruel fetters more! Tet and Tune: public domain. "Setting: c 1982 Concordia Publishing House. Used by permission of CPH.

#### SERMON They Bound Him.

John 18:12

Then the detachment of soldiers with its commander and the Jewish officials arrested Jesus. They bound him.

#### HYMN "Jesus, Grant that Balm and Healing"

O my God, my Rock and Tower, Grant that in your death I trust, Knowing death has lost his power Since you crushed him in the dust. Savior, let your agony Ever help and comfort me; When I die be my protection, light and life and resurrection.

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#### 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.

#### LENTEN PRAYER

#### 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.

CW, #121:5

#### THE SACRAMENT

#### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

- **P:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C: (sing): Amen.

SING: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world; have mercy on us.O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world; have mercy on us.O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world; grant us your peace.Amen.

#### DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT

HYMN

#### "My God Will Never Leave Me"

CW, #418

My God will never leave me, And I will not leave him; A light my God will give me In pathways dark and grim. He reaches out his hand, His mighty power sharing, My burdens ever bearing Wherever I may stand.

When human thought and action Shall unavailing prove, God grants me his protection And shows his pow'r and love. He helps in ev'ry need, From sin and shame redeems me, From chains and bonds reclaims me; From death I, too, am freed.

God shall be my reliance In sorrow's darkest night; Its dread I bid defiance When he is at my right. I unto him commend My body, soul, and spirit --They are his own by merit -- All's well, then, at the end.

Oh, praise him for he never Forgets our daily need; Oh, blest the hour whenever To him our thoughts can speed, For all the time we spend Without him is but wasted, Till we his joy have tasted, The joy that has no end.

And when the world will perish With all its pride and pow'r, All that the world may cherish Will vanish in that hour.But though in death they make The deepest grave our cover, When there our sleep is over, Our God will us awake.

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#### 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 "A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth" From morn till eve, in all I do, I'll praise you, Christ, my treasure. To sacrifice myself for you

Shall be my aim and pleasure.

My stream of life shall ever be A current flowing ceaselessly,

Your constant praise outpouring. I'll treasure in my memory,

O Lord, all you have done for me, Your gracious love adoring.

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#### For Lent 4 - Think ahead for next week: The Semblance of Legality - Luke 22:66

The Jewish Sanhedrin was forbidden by law to meet at night to prevent a covert, unjust trial. Yet that is exactly what they did on the night they arrested Jesus. Blinded by their hatred of him, they determined that Jesus was worthy of death. But to make it "legal" they held a second trial at daybreak to declare him guilty. This was just a "semblance of legality." Such hypocrisy – their outward actions masked the sinful intentions of their hearts. To be honest with ourselves, we need to take a close look at what happened on that Good Friday morning and learn important truths for our lives as Christians.

PASTOR: Mike Hintz ORGANIST: Bob Klug VOCIALIST: Matt Berger CW. # 100:4

I waited patiently for the LORD;

he turned to me and heard my cry.

Many, LORD my God, are the wonders you have done; were I to tell of your deeds, they would be too many to declare.

Sacrifice and offering you did not desire;

burnt offerings and sin offerings you did not require.

Then I said, "Here I am, I have come—it is written about me in the scroll. I desire to do your will, my God; your law is within my heart." *Refrain* 

Do not withhold your mercy from me, LORD;

may your love and faithfulness always protect me.

You are my help and my deliverer;

you are my God, do not delay.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen. Refrain Music: © 2016 Mark Haas. Used by permission: OneLicense no. 714932



Mid-Week Thursday Services

3:30 & 7:00 pm

Our Savior Ev. Lutheran Church

March 24 March 31 April 7 Midweek #4 Midweek #5 Midweek #6 Mike Hintz Mike Hintz Mike Hintz

# HOLY WEEK SERVICES

April 10	Palm Sunday	Mark Wagner
	8 & 10:30am	
April 14	Maundy Thursday	Mike Hintz
	3:30 & 7pm	
April 15	Good Friday Afternoon	Mark Wagner
	1:00pm	_
April 15	Good Friday Evening	Jeff Samelson
	7:00pm	
April 17	Easter Sonrise	Mike Hintz
	7:00am	
April 17	Easter Festival	Mark Wagner
	9:30am	