

Lent 4

2022

Our Savior Lutheran Church

Grafton, WI

Lent 4 – March 24, 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

The Semblance of Legality

HYMN “Salvation unto Us Has Come”

CW, # 390:1-5

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.

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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 2 (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, keep us safe in the refuge of your anointed Son, so that when the nations rage against him, we are not terrified. You have begotten him from eternity and have seated him on your throne in heaven. Let us see him as he truly is, the One who lives and rules with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

PASSION HISTORY: Luke 22:54-71

ON TRIAL BEFORE THE HIGH PRIEST

RESPONSE (1 Peter 3:18)

Christ suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God.

HYMN

“He Stood before the Court”

CW, #115

He stood before the court On trial instead of us;
He met its pow'r to hurt, Condemned to face the cross --
Our King, accused of treachery;
Our God, abused for blasphemy!

These are the crimes that tell The tale of human guilt;
Our sins, our death, our hell -- On these the case is built.
To this world's pow'rs the Lord stays dumb.
The guilt is ours, no answers come.

The sentence must be passed, The unknown pris'ner killed;
The price is paid at last, The law of God fulfilled.
He takes our blame, and from that day
Th' accuser's claim is wiped away.

Shall we be judged and tried? In Christ our trial is done;
We live, for he has died, Our condemnation gone.
In Christ are we both dead and raised,
Alive and free -- his name be praised!

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SERMON The Semblance of Legality

Luke 22:66

At daybreak the council of the elders of the people, both the chief priests and the teachers of the law, met together, and Jesus was led before them.

HYMN “Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”

CW, #389

Rock of Ages, cleft for me, Let me hide myself in thee;
Let the water and the blood From thy riven side which flowed
Be of sin the double cure: Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.

Not the labors of my hands Can fulfill thy law's demands.
Could my zeal no respite know, Could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone; Thou must save and thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring, Simply to thy cross I cling;
Naked, come to thee for dress, Helpless, look to thee for grace.
Foul, I to the fountain fly -- Wash me, Savior, or I die!

While I draw this fleeting breath, When mine eyelids close in death,
When I soar to worlds unknown, See thee on thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me, Let me hide myself in thee!

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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 in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

BLESSING

P: The almighty and merciful Lord—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit—bless us and keep us.

C: Amen.

HYMN “Salvation unto Us Has Come”

CW, #390:6

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!

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For Lent 5 - Think ahead for next week:

What to Remember When You Are Seized with Remorse - Matthew 27:3,4

Judas was seized with remorse over his sin of betraying Jesus. Remorse had such a hold on him that it became the one thing—the only thing—he could think about. Guilt consumed him. It's good for us to realize the true nature of our sins, to realize the true nature of our utter sinfulness, but it's not good for us to let remorse and guilt seize us and lead us to despair. We have a Savior who has seized us for his kingdom and his family, and he will not let us go!

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2A You Are My Son

Refrain



Music notation for the Refrain, featuring a single treble clef staff in D major. The melody consists of the following notes: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4-A4 (beamed eighth notes), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (half).

You are my Son; this day have I be - got - ten you.

Tone



Music notation for the Tone, featuring a grand staff (treble and bass clefs) in D major. The melody consists of the following notes: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4-A4 (beamed eighth notes), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (half).

Why do the nations rage?

Why do the peoples plot in vain?

The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers assemble against the LORD
and against his Anointed One. *Refrain*

He who sits in heaven laughs;

the Lord scoffs at them.

Then he addresses them in his anger and frightens them with his fury, saying,
“I have set my King on Zion, my holy hill.” *Refrain*

I will declare the LORD’s decree:

He said to me, “You are my Son; today I have begotten you.”

Glory be to the Father and to the Son

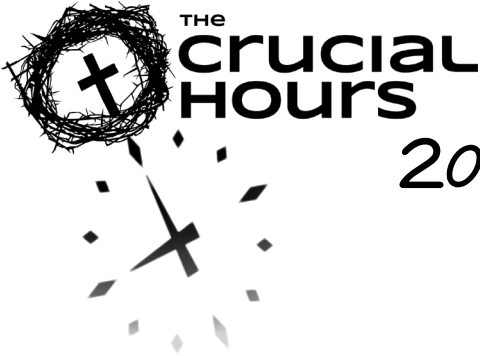
and to the Holy Spirit,

as it was in the beginning,

is now, and will be forever. Amen. *Refrain*

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THE
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HOURS

2022 LENTEN SERVICES

Mid-Week Thursday Services

3:30 & 7:00 pm

Our Savior Ev. Lutheran Church

March 31

Midweek #5

Mike Hintz

APRIL 7

Midweek #6

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 Sunrise

Mike Hintz

7:00am

APRIL 17 Easter Festival

Mark Wagner

9:30am