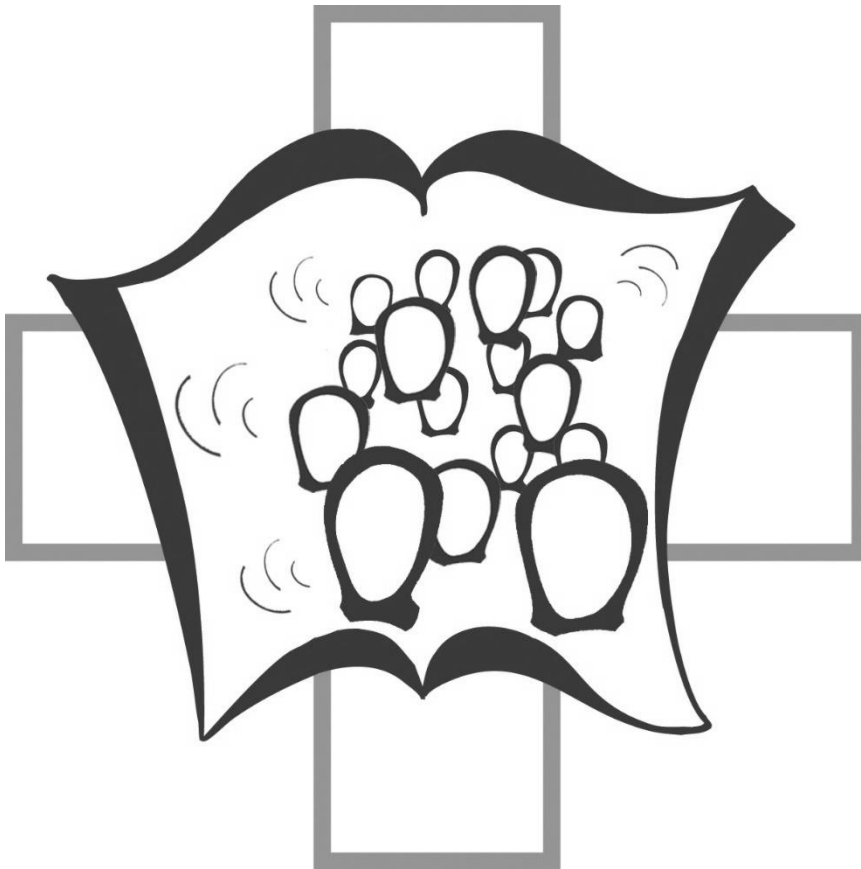


# ***"Sounds of the Passion"***



## ***"Shouting of the Mob"***

**The Lutheran Church of the Savior**

*Midweek Lent Worship – March 30, 2022*

# Vespers

## Prelude Music

*We listen, reflect, and pray as the Lord prepares our hearts to receive his holy Word.*

## Opening Words

**P** In the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

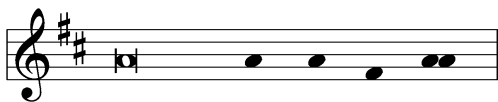
**P** Come, Lord Jesus, and be with us this Lenten season.

**C** **As we stop and look to the cross Lord, help us to see the importance of Your sacrifice for our lives.**

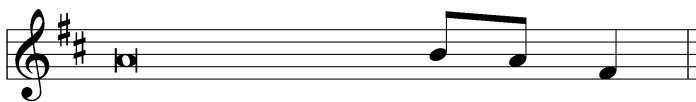
**P** You have put Your love for us first in giving Your life on the cross.

**C** **Renew and re-order our lives Lord, as we journey with You to the cross, hearing the sounds of Your Passion once again.**

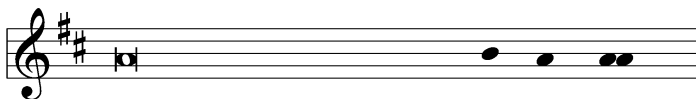
## Opening Versicles



**L** O Lord, o - pen my lips,



**C** and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.



**L** Make haste, O God, to de - liv - er me;



**C** make haste to help me, O Lord.



**C** Glo-ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.



Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our sal - va - tion.

## Psalm

Psalm 26

*Spoken responsively, whole verse by whole verse*

<sup>1</sup>Vindicate me, O LORD,  
for I have walked in my integrity,  
and I have trusted in the LORD without wavering.

**<sup>2</sup>Prove me, O LORD, and try me;  
test my heart and my mind.**

<sup>3</sup>For your steadfast love is before my eyes,  
and I walk in your faithfulness.

**<sup>4</sup>I do not sit with men of falsehood,  
nor do I consort with hypocrites.**

<sup>5</sup>I hate the assembly of evildoers,  
and I will not sit with the wicked.

**<sup>6</sup>I wash my hands in innocence  
and go around your altar, O LORD,**

<sup>7</sup>proclaiming thanksgiving aloud,  
and telling all your wondrous deeds.

**<sup>8</sup>O LORD, I love the habitation of your house  
and the place where your glory dwells.**

<sup>9</sup>Do not sweep my soul away with sinners,  
nor my life with bloodthirsty men,

**<sup>10</sup>in whose hands are evil devices,  
and whose right hands are full of bribes.**

<sup>11</sup>But as for me, I shall walk in my integrity;  
redeem me, and be gracious to me.

**<sup>12</sup>My foot stands on level ground;  
in the great assembly I will bless the LORD.**

**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.**

**O Dearest Jesus, What Law Hast Thou Broken**

*LSB 439 sts. 1-5*



1 O dear - est Je - sus, what law hast Thou bro - ken  
2 They crown Thy head with thorns, they smite, they scourge Thee;  
3 Whence come these sor - rows, whence this mor - tal an - guish?  
4 What pun - ish - ment so strange is suf - fered yon - der!  
5 The sin - less Son of God must die in sad - ness;



That such sharp sen - tence should on Thee be spo - ken?  
With cru - el mock - ings to the cross they urge Thee;  
It is my sins for which Thou, Lord, must lan - guish;  
The Shep - herd dies for sheep that loved to wan - der;  
The sin - ful child of man may live in glad - ness;



Of what great crime hast Thou to make con -  
They give Thee gall to drink, they still de -  
Yea, all the wrath, the woe, Thou dost in -  
The Mas - ter pays the debt His ser - vants  
Man for - feit - ed his life and is ac -



fes - sion,            What            dark trans - gres - sion?  
cry    Thee;            They            cru - ci - fy    Thee.  
her - it,            This            I    do    mer - it.  
owe    Him,            Who            would not know    Him.  
quit - ted;            God            is    com - mit - ted.

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## Readings from Holy Scripture

### Reading

*Isaiah 50:4–9*

<sup>4</sup>The Lord GOD has given me  
the tongue of those who are taught,  
that I may know how to sustain with a word  
him who is weary.  
Morning by morning he awakens;  
he awakens my ear  
to hear as those who are taught.  
<sup>5</sup>The Lord GOD has opened my ear,  
and I was not rebellious;  
I turned not backward.  
<sup>6</sup>I gave my back to those who strike,  
and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard;  
I hid not my face  
from disgrace and spitting.  
<sup>7</sup>But the Lord GOD helps me;  
therefore I have not been disgraced;  
therefore I have set my face like a flint,  
and I know that I shall not be put to shame.  
<sup>8</sup>He who vindicates me is near.  
Who will contend with me?  
Let us stand up together.

Who is my adversary?

Let him come near to me.

<sup>9</sup>Behold, the Lord GOD helps me;  
who will declare me guilty?

Behold, all of them will wear out like a garment;  
the moth will eat them up.

**P** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**G** **Thanks be to God.**

## Reading

*Acts 3:11–15*

<sup>11</sup>While he clung to Peter and John, all the people ran together to them in the portico called Solomon's, astounded. <sup>12</sup>And when Peter saw it he addressed the people: "Men of Israel, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we have made him walk? <sup>13</sup>The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified his servant Jesus, whom you delivered over and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release him. <sup>14</sup>But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, <sup>15</sup>and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses.

**P** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**G** **Thanks be to God.**

## Reading

*Matthew 27:11–26*

<sup>11</sup>Now Jesus stood before the governor, and the governor asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus said, "You have said so." <sup>12</sup>But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he gave no answer. <sup>13</sup>Then Pilate said to him, "Do you not hear how many things they testify against you?" <sup>14</sup>But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed.

<sup>15</sup>Now at the feast the governor was accustomed to release for the crowd any one prisoner whom they wanted. <sup>16</sup>And they had then a notorious prisoner called Barabbas. <sup>17</sup>So when they had gathered, Pilate said to them, "Whom do you want me to release for you: Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?" <sup>18</sup>For he knew that it was out of envy that



# Chief of Sinners Though I Be

LSB 611



1 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Je - sus shed His  
2 Oh, the height of Je - sus' love, High - er than the  
3 On - ly Je - sus can im - part Balm to heal the  
4 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Christ is all in  
5 O my Sav - ior, help af - ford By Your Spir - it



blood for me, Died that I might live on high,  
heav'ns a - bove, Deep - er than the depths of sea,  
wound - ed heart, Peace that flows from sin for - giv'n,  
all to me; All my wants to Him are known,  
and Your Word! When my way - ward heart would stray,



Lives that I might nev - er die. As the branch is  
Last - ing as e - ter - ni - ty! Love that found me—  
Joy that lifts the soul to heav'n, Faith and hope to  
All my sor - rows are His own. He sus - tains the  
Keep me in the nar - row way; Grace in time of



to the vine, I am His, and He is mine.  
won - drous thought! Found me when I sought Him not.  
walk with God In the way that E - noch trod.  
hid - den life Safe with Him from earth - ly strife.  
need sup - ply While I live and when I die.

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## Prayers

### Kyrie

LSB 233



**C** Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.



**C** 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.

**Prayers of God's People**

**P** Lord, hear my prayer.

**C** And let my cry come to you.

**P** O Lenten King, you could have stopped your journey to the cross at any point along the way. Again tonight, as we have heard the shouts of "Crucify", we know that you could have fled from the mob. Yet you continued your journey to the cross out of obedience to your Father and out of love for us.

**C** Keep us strong, Lord, when the crowds try to influence us. Again tonight Lord, open our ears to hear your Word and to hear again the sounds of your journey to the cross, which did not stop but continued all the way to your death for us.

**P** Abide with us Lord, for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent. Abide with us at the end of the day, at the end of our life, and at the end of the world.

**C** Abide with us with your grace and goodness, with your holy Word, and with your strength and blessing.

**P** Abide with us when the night of affliction and temptation comes upon us, the night of fear and despair, the night when death draws near.

**C** Abide with us and with all the faithful, now and forever. Amen.

**Benedicamus and Benediction**



**L** Let us bless the Lord.



**C** Thanks be to God.



**P** The grace of our Lord Je - sus Christ and the love of God



and the communion of the Holy Spir - it be with you all.



**C** A - men.

### Christ, the Life of All the Living

LSB 420



1 Christ, the life of all the liv - ing, Christ, the death of  
2 Thou, ah! Thou, hast tak - en on Thee Bonds and stripes, a  
3 Thou hast borne the smit - ing on - ly That my wounds might  
4 Heart - less scof - fers did sur-round Thee, Treat - ing Thee with



death, our foe, Who, Thy - self for me once giv - ing  
cru - el rod; Pain and scorn were heaped up - on Thee,  
all be whole; Thou hast suf - fered, sad and lone - ly,  
shame - ful scorn And with pierc - ing thorns they crowned Thee.



To the dark - est depths of woe: Through Thy suf - f'rings,  
O Thou sin - less Son of God! Thus didst Thou my  
Rest to give my wea - ry soul; Yea, the curse of  
All dis - grace Thou, Lord, hast borne, That as Thine Thou



death, and mer - it I e - ter - nal life in - her - it.  
soul de - liv - er From the bonds of sin for - ev - er.  
God en - dur - ing, Bless - ing un - to me se - cur - ing.  
might - est own me And with heav'n - ly glo - ry crown me.



Thou-sand, thou - sand thanks shall be, Dear - est Je - sus, un - to Thee.  
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5 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.

6 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.

7 Then, for all that wrought my pardon, For Thy sorrows deep and sore,  
For Thine anguish in the Garden, I will thank Thee evermore,  
Thank Thee for Thy groaning, sighing, For Thy bleeding and Thy dying,  
For that last triumphant cry, And shall praise Thee, Lord, on high.

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## Postlude Music

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# Lent, Holy Week & Easter Worship

*Please join us in worship this Lent & Easter season*

*Wednesday evenings – Soup Supper at 6:00 pm*



## **Midweek Lent Services**

Wednesday, March 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm

Wednesday, April 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm



## **Palm Sunday Services**

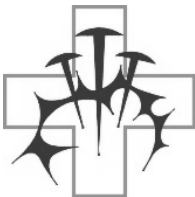
Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 am & 10:45 am



## **Holy (Maundy) Thursday Service**

Thursday, April 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm

*with Holy Communion*



## **Good Friday Service**

Friday, April 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm



## **Easter Services**

Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup> at

6:00 am (*sunrise*)

8:00 am (*traditional*) & 10:45 am (*blended*)