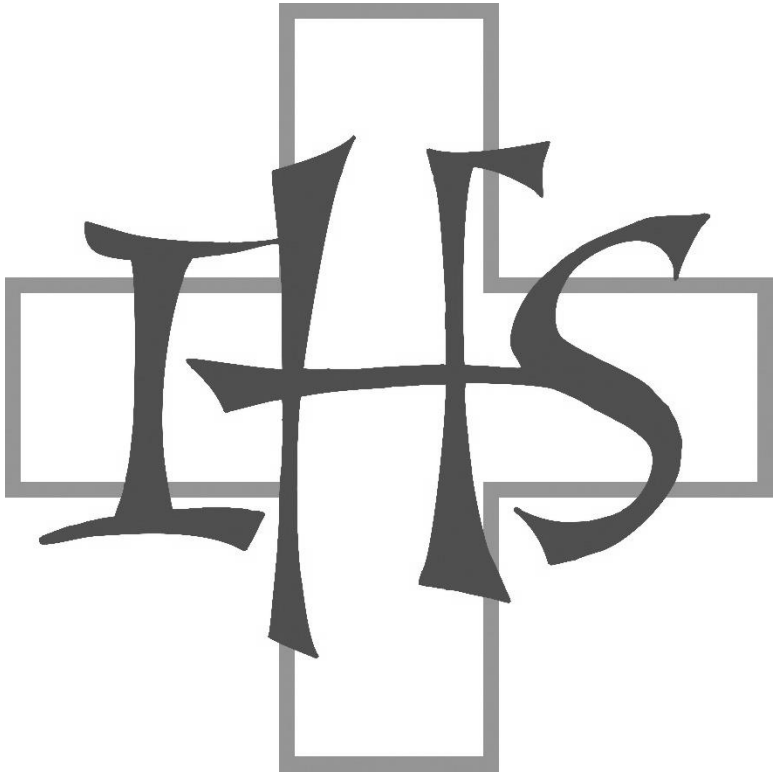


# The Lutheran Church of the Savior

**A Community of Faith:** *Centered in Christ – Called to Serve*



"But it shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." *Mark 10:43–45*

## Order of Worship

*March 17, 2024 10:45 AM*

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## **Introit**

*Psalm 116:1–4, 8; antiphon: Psalm 43:1*

Vindicate me, O God, and defend my cause against an ungodly  
people,

from the deceitful and unjust man deliver me!

I love the LORD, because he has heard

my voice and my pleas for mercy.

Because he inclined his ear to me,

therefore I will call on him as long as I live.

The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on  
me;

I suffered distress and anguish.

Then I called on the name of the LORD:

“O LORD, I pray, deliver my soul!”

For you have delivered my soul from death,

my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling.

## Communion Theology and Practice

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper is intended for those:

- who have been baptized in the name of the Triune God,
- who have faith in Jesus Christ as God the Son in the flesh and their personal Savior from sin, death, and the devil;
- who believe that they have sin that needs forgiving, hurt that needs healing, and faith that needs strengthening;
- who are committed to amending their sinful ways; and
- who believe that in, with, and under the bread and wine they receive the true body and blood of the risen Christ, together with the forgiveness of all their sins.

# Fifth Sunday in Lent

## Divine Service, Setting Two

### Opening Hymn

#### Christ Sits at God's Right Hand

LSB 564



1 Christ sits at God's right hand, His sav - ing work com - plete,  
2 Christ was that priest God swore, U - nique - ly First and Last,  
3 Christ's al - tar was the tree, Where on the world's be - half  
4 What cost - ly sac - ri - fice To cov - er hu - man sin!



To reign till ev - 'ry foe will lie Be - neath His feet—  
Who would in righ - teous - ness and love Be un - sur - passed:  
He shed a blood, un - like the blood Of goat or calf,  
Who but Christ Je - sus had the right To en - ter in?



All that the Fa - ther planned, The Son sought to ful - fill,  
"A priest for - ev - er - more," An oath God would not break,  
To seal God's guar - an - tee Of grace that can - not fail;  
His blood, that sprin - kled price, So we might be as - sured



When first He said, "Lord, here am I To do Your will."  
"A priest with - in the or - der of Mel - chiz - e - dek."  
With blood He en - tered for our good Be - hind the veil.  
That our in - her - i - tance in light Has been se - cured.

5 Then let us now draw near, Washed in that precious flood  
And enter the Most Holy Place By Jesus' blood.  
From hearts that are sincere, Let tongues our hope profess,  
And trust anew God's faithful grace That we confess.

△6 All praise to Christ we bring, Our Lord who intercedes,  
Our great High Priest enthroned above Who knows our needs;  
And to the Father sing Our songs of thankful praise,  
Who with the Spirit reigns in love For endless days.

## Invocation

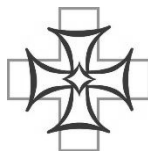
- L** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**

## Confession and Absolution

- L** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination*

- L** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**
- L** In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- C** **Amen.**



## Service of the Word

### Psalm

*Psalm 119:9–16*

*Spoken responsively*

<sup>9</sup>How can a young man keep his way pure?  
By guarding it according to your word.

**<sup>10</sup>With my whole heart I seek you;  
let me not wander from your commandments!**

<sup>11</sup>I have stored up your word in my heart,  
that I might not sin against you.

**<sup>12</sup>Blessèd are you, O LORD;  
teach me your statutes!**

<sup>13</sup>With my lips I declare  
all the just decrees of your mouth.

**<sup>14</sup>In the way of your testimonies I delight  
as much as in all riches.**

<sup>15</sup>I will meditate on your precepts  
and fix my eyes on your ways.

**<sup>16</sup>I will delight in your statutes;  
I will not forget your word.**

### Kyrie

*LSB 168*

**L** In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**L** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**L** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**L** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**L** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C Amen.**

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**L** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**L** Let us pray.

Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

## Old Testament Reading

*Jeremiah 31:31–34*

<sup>31</sup>“Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, <sup>32</sup>not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the LORD. <sup>33</sup>But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. <sup>34</sup>And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, ‘Know the LORD,’ for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.”

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Choir

“Give Thanks”

*Smith*

## Epistle

*Hebrews 5:1–10*

<sup>1</sup>Every high priest chosen from among men is appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. <sup>2</sup>He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is beset with weakness. <sup>3</sup>Because of this he is obligated to offer sacrifice for his own sins just as he does for those of the people. <sup>4</sup>And no one takes this honor for himself, but only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

<sup>5</sup>So also Christ did not exalt himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by him who said to him,

“You are my Son, today I have begotten you”;

<sup>6</sup>as he says also in another place,

“You are a priest forever, after the order of Melchizedek.”

<sup>7</sup>In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. <sup>8</sup>Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. <sup>9</sup>And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him, <sup>10</sup>being designated by God a high priest after the order of Melchizedek.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

### Alleluia and Verse – Lent

LSB 173



**C** Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for He is gra - cious and  
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in  
stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

### Holy Gospel

Mark 10:32–45

**L** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the tenth chapter.

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>32</sup>And they were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was walking ahead of them. And they were amazed, and those who followed were afraid. And taking the twelve again, he began to tell them what was to happen to him, <sup>33</sup>saying, “See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death and deliver him over to the Gentiles.

<sup>34</sup>And they will mock him and spit on him, and flog him and kill him. And after three days he will rise."

<sup>35</sup>And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came up to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you."

<sup>36</sup>And he said to them, "What do you want me to do for you?" <sup>37</sup>And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." <sup>38</sup>Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" <sup>39</sup>And they said to him, "We are able." And Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized, <sup>40</sup>but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared." <sup>41</sup>And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant at James and John. <sup>42</sup>And Jesus called them to him and said to them, "You know that those who are considered rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. <sup>43</sup>But it shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, <sup>44</sup>and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. <sup>45</sup>For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

**L** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

## Apostles' Creed

LSB 175

**C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin  
Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died  
and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He  
rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and  
sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From  
thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,  
and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.**



# Hymn of the Day

## My Song Is Love Unknown

LSB 430



1 My song is love un - known, My Sav - ior's love to  
2 He came from His blest throne Sal - va - tion to be -  
3 Some - times they strew His way And His sweet prais - es  
4 Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and



me, Love to the love - less shown That they might love - ly  
stow; But men made strange, and none The longed - for Christ would  
sing; Re - sound - ing all the day Ho - san - nas to their  
spite? He made the lame to run, He gave the blind their



be. Oh, who am I That for my sake  
know. But, oh, my friend, My friend in - deed,  
King. Then "Cru - ci - fy!" Is all their breath,  
sight. Sweet in - ju - ries! Yet they at these



My Lord should take Frail flesh and die?  
Who at my need His life did spend!  
And for His death They thirst and cry.  
Them - selves dis - please And 'gainst Him rise.

5 They rise and needs will have My dear Lord made away;  
A murderer they save, The Prince of Life they slay.  
Yet cheerful He To suff'ring goes  
That He His foes From thence might free.

6 In life no house, no home My Lord on earth might have;  
In death no friendly tomb But what a stranger gave.  
What may I say? Heav'n was His home  
But mine the tomb Wherein He lay.

7 Here might I stay and sing, No story so divine!  
Never was love, dear King, Never was grief like Thine.  
This is my friend, In whose sweet praise  
I all my days Could gladly spend!

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## Sermon



### Prayer of the Church

- Ⓘ Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

*Response after each petition*

- Ⓘ Lord, in your mercy,
  - Ⓒ **hear our prayer.**
- Ⓘ Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
  - Ⓒ **Amen.**

### Lord's Prayer

LSB 179

- Ⓘ Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- Ⓒ **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.**

### Benediction

LSB 183

- Ⓘ The Lord bless us and keep us.  
The Lord make His face shine on us and be gracious to us.  
The Lord look upon us with favor and ✠ give us peace.
- Ⓒ **Amen.**

# Closing Hymn

## Lord Jesus Christ, the Church's Head

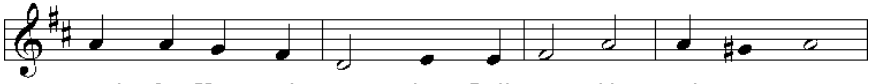
LSB 647



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, the Church's head, You are her one foun -  
2 O Lord, let this Your lit - tle flock, Your name a - lone con -  
3 Help us to serve You ev - er - more With hearts both pure and  
4 And for Your Gos - pel let us dare To sac - ri - fice all



da - tion; In You she trusts, be - fore You bows, And  
fess - ing, Con - tin - ue in Your lov - ing care, True  
low - ly; And may Your Word, that light di - vine, Shine  
trea - sure; Teach us to bear Your bless - ed cross, To



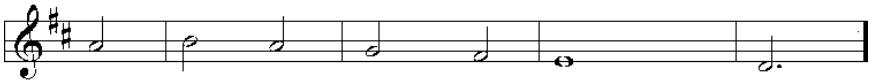
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u - ni - ty pos - sess - ing. Your sac - ra - ments, O Lord,  
on in splen - dor ho - ly That we re - pen - tance show,  
find in You all plea - sure. O grant us stead - fast - ness



Your Church shall en - dure Though all the world de -  
And Your sav - ing Word To us, Lord, pure re -  
In faith ev - er grow; The pow'r of sin de -  
In joy and dis - tress, Lest we, Lord, You for -



cay And all things pass a - way.  
tain. Grant that they may re - main  
stroy And e - vils that an - noy.  
sake. Let us by grace par - take



O hear, O hear us, Je - sus!  
Our on - ly strength and com - fort.  
O make us faith - ful Chris - tians.  
Of end - less joy and glad - ness.

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## Resources for Meditation this Week

### **PALM SUNDAY / SUNDAY OF THE PASSION**

24 March 2024

### **Readings**

John 12:12–19 (Palm Sunday Procession)

Zechariah 9:9–12

Philippians 2:5–11

Mark 14:1—15:47 or Mark 15:1–47 or John 12:20–43

### ***The Son of David Ascends His Throne and Reigns in Love from His Cross***

The Son of David comes in gentle humility, *"sitting on a donkey's colt,"* yet as the King of Israel *"in the name of the Lord"* (John 12:13–15). He comes to be lifted up in glory on the cross in order to cast out *"the ruler of this world"* and draw all people to Himself (John 12:23–32). The Church is thus called to *"rejoice greatly,"* because her King comes with salvation, and *"he shall speak peace to the nations"* (Zech. 9:9–10). As He is anointed *"beforehand for burial"* (Mark 14:8), He also ascends His royal throne as *"the King of the Jews"* by way of His Passion (Mark 15:2, 17–19, 26). He goes *"as it is written of him,"* wherefore *"you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power"* (Mark 14:21, 62). For the glory of God is love, which crescendos in the humble obedience and voluntary self-sacrifice of the Son of God for the salvation of sinners. So, God the Father has *"highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name"* (Phil. 2:9), that He might reign over us in love with the forgiveness of His cross.