

# LENTEN MIDWEEK WORSHIP VI

APRIL 9, 2025 ~ 11:30 AM

## PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH SAINT LOUIS, MISSOURI

THE GOOD NEWS OF A SAVIOR WHO BRINGS GOOD FROM EVIL

#### **Opening Voluntary**



#### \*Invocation

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

**P** In the name of the Father and of the 

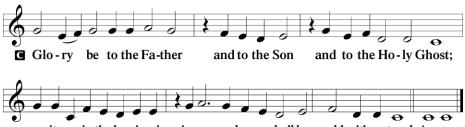
→ Son and of the Holy Spirit.



\*Psalm

Psalm 143

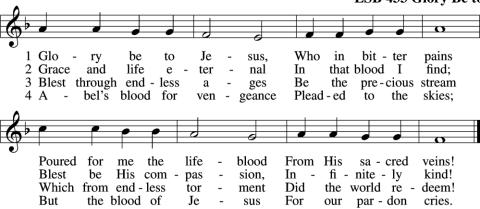
- P Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for mercy! In Your faithfulness answer me, in Your righteousness!
- **©** Enter not into judgment with Your servant, for no one living is righteous before You.
- P For the enemy has pursued my soul; he has crushed my life to the ground; he has made me sit in darkness like those long dead.
- **C** Therefore my spirit faints within me; my heart within me is appalled.
- I remember the days of old; I meditate on all that You have done; I ponder the work of Your hands.
- I stretch out my hands to You; my soul thirsts for You like a parched land.
- Answer me quickly, O LORD! My spirit fails! Hide not Your face from me, lest I be like those who go down to the pit.
- Let me hear in the morning of Your steadfast love, for in You I trust. Make me know the way I should go, for to You I lift up my soul.
- P Deliver me from my enemies, O LORD! I have fled to You for refuge!
- Teach me to do Your will, for You are my God! Let Your good Spirit lead me on level ground!
- P For Your name's sake, O LORD, preserve my life! In Your righteousness bring my soul out of trouble!
- And in Your steadfast love You will cut off my enemies, and You will destroy all the adversaries of my soul, for I am Your servant.



as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

#### Hymn

#### LSB 433 Glory Be to Jesus



- 5 Oft as earth exulting Wafts its praise on high, Angel hosts rejoicing Make their glad reply.
- 6 Lift we, then, our voices, Swell the mighty flood; Louder still and louder Praise the precious blood!

### **READINGS**

First Reading

Genesis 50:15-21

<sup>15</sup>When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him." <sup>16</sup>So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this command before he died, <sup>17</sup>Say to Joseph, Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you.' And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. <sup>18</sup>His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants." <sup>19</sup>But Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? <sup>20</sup>As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. <sup>21</sup>So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones." Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

**Second Reading** 

Romans 8:28–39

<sup>28</sup>We know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. <sup>29</sup>For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.

<sup>30</sup>And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

<sup>31</sup>What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? <sup>32</sup>He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? <sup>33</sup>Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. <sup>34</sup>Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. <sup>35</sup>Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? <sup>36</sup>As it is written,

"For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered."

<sup>37</sup>No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. <sup>38</sup>For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup>nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

\*Verse [The Alleluia is omitted for Lent]

Psalm 98:1a, 3

Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for He has done marvelous things! He has remembered His steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

\*Holy Gospel Matthew 26:47–56

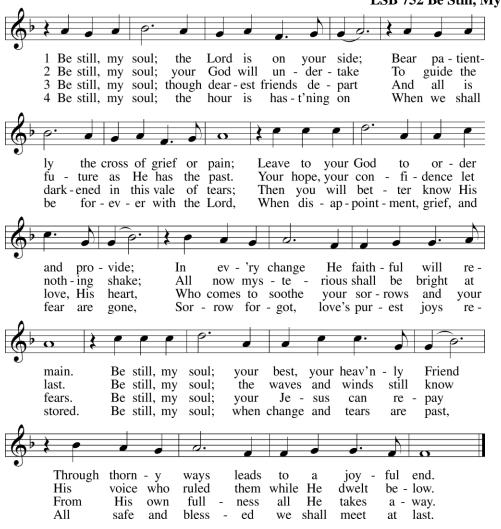
- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-sixth chapter.
- C Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>47</sup>While he was still speaking, Judas came, one of the twelve, and with him a great crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the elders of the people. <sup>48</sup>Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, "The one I will kiss is the man; seize him." <sup>49</sup>And he came up to Jesus at once and said, "Greetings, Rabbi!" And he kissed him. <sup>50</sup>Jesus said to him, "Friend, do what you came to do." Then they came up and laid hands on Jesus and seized him. <sup>51</sup>And behold, one of those who were with Jesus stretched out his hand and drew his sword and struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his ear. <sup>52</sup>Then Jesus said to him, "Put your sword back into its place. For all who take the sword will perish by the sword. <sup>53</sup>Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels? <sup>54</sup>But how then should the Scriptures be fulfilled, that it must be so?" <sup>55</sup>At that hour Jesus said to the crowds, "Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs to capture me? Day after day I sat in the temple teaching, and you did not seize me. <sup>56</sup>But all this has taken place that the Scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled." Then all the disciples left him and fled.

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- Praise to You, O Christ.

Hymn

#### LSB 752 Be Still, My Soul



**Sermon** "The Good News of a Savior Who Brings Good from Evil" (Genesis 50:15-21) **Sermon Notes:** 

**Gathering of the Offering** Please fill out an attendance card and place in the offering plate

\*Passion Reading John 19:1–16

<sup>1</sup>Then Pilate took Jesus and flogged him. <sup>2</sup>And the soldiers twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on his head and arrayed him in a purple robe. <sup>3</sup>They came up to him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" and struck him with their hands. <sup>4</sup>Pilate went out again and said to them, "See, I am bringing him out to you that you may know that I find no guilt in him." <sup>5</sup>So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, "Behold the man!" <sup>6</sup>When the chief priests and the officers saw him, they cried out, "Crucify him, crucify him!" Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and crucify him, for I find no guilt in him." <sup>7</sup>The Jews answered him, "We have a law, and according to that law he ought to die because he has made himself the Son of God." <sup>8</sup>When Pilate heard this statement, he was even more afraid. <sup>9</sup>He entered his headquarters again and said to Jesus, "Where are you from?" But Jesus gave him no answer. <sup>10</sup>So Pilate said to him, "You will not speak to me? Do you not know that I have authority to release you and authority to crucify you?" <sup>11</sup>Jesus answered him, "You would have no authority over me at all unless it had been given you from above. Therefore he who delivered me over to you has the greater sin."

<sup>12</sup>From then on Pilate sought to release him, but the Jews cried out, "If you release this man, you are not Caesar's friend. Everyone who makes himself a king opposes Caesar." <sup>13</sup>So when Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus out and sat down on the judgment seat at a place called The Stone Pavement, and in Aramaic Gabbatha. <sup>14</sup>Now it was the day of Preparation of the Passover. It was about the sixth hour. He said to the Jews, "Behold your King!" <sup>15</sup>They cried out, "Away with him, away with him, crucify him!" Pilate said to them, "Shall I crucify your King?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but Caesar." <sup>16</sup>So he delivered him over to them to be crucified.

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

#### \*Responsive Litany

- P Hear our prayer, O Lord.
- **C** Let our cry come to You.
- Lord Jesus Christ, as we draw near to the end of this Lenten season, we pray that the words we have heard would abide in our hearts as we abide in You.
- You, O Lord, have the words of eternal life.
- P Grant us peace this night
- With hearts that are restful, because they have found their rest in You.
- P Send us back tomorrow to our daily lives and duties, refreshed and restored,
- With greater understanding in our minds, greater love within our hearts, and a firmer grip upon Your hand.
- P Lord, we lift up to You our friends and loved ones who are not with us at this time.
- Bless them, O Lord, and keep them safe.

P Hear us, O Lord, as we silently bring You our private petitions.

Silent prayer

P Trusting in Your mercy, we pray as Your Son taught us:

#### \*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.

#### \*Luther's Morning Prayer

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

#### \*Benediction

- **P** The Lord bless you, defend you from all evil, and bring you to everlasting life.
- C Amen.

#### \*Dismissal

- **P** Go in peace as you serve the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.





#### SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP:

Preacher: Pastor Emeritus Dennis Kastens

Liturgist: Pastor Robert Brown Organist: Burnell Hackman, DMM

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Elder: Ralph Wolters

Ushers: Lenten Morning Team