

# Blessed Savior Lutheran Church

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Worship –9:30 am.

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Sunday School & Bible Class 10:45 am

**Lenten Midweek 6**

**March 20, 2024**

**OPENING HYMN No. 425**      “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

**When I survey the wondrous cross  
On which the prince of glory died,  
My richest gain I count but loss  
And pour contempt on all my pride.**

**Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast  
Save in the death of Christ, my God;  
All the vain things that charm me most,  
I sacrifice them to His blood.**

**See, from His head, His hands, His feet  
Sorrow and love flow mingled down.  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet  
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?**

**Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
That were a tribute far too small;  
Love so amazing, so divine,  
Demands my soul, my life, my all!**

## **INVOCATION**

**P:** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** Amen.

## **OPENING VERSICLES**

**P:** O Lord, open my lips,

**C:** and my mouth will declare Your praise.

**P** Make haste, O God, to deliver me;

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

**C** **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. Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our salvation.**

## SENTENCES FOR WORSHIP

P: This is the day that the Lord has made;

**C: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

P: From the rising of the sun to its setting,

**C: the name of the Lord is to be praised!**

P: Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful,

**C: slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.**

P: Jesus told his disciples, "If anyone would come after me

**C: Let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me."**

P: He was wounded for our transgressions;

**C: he was crushed for our iniquities.**

P: From the rising of the sun to its setting,

**C: the name of the Lord is to be praised!**

## PRAYER

P: The Lord be with you!

**C: And also with you!**

Let us pray.

**ALL: Lord Jesus, even though our crafty foe, that ancient serpent called the devil, did his best to frustrate your purposes during your passion, you were victorious. You took the sins of the world to the cross, paying for our offenses with your lifeblood. When you rose to life three days later, you declared with great power your victory over sin, death and the devil. Keep us faithful to you until that day you destroy Satan's kingdom completely and crush him under our feet. In your name we pray. Amen.**

## CREEDAL HYMN No. 506 "Glory Be to God the Father"

**Glory be to God the Father, Glory be to God the Son,  
Glory be to God the Spirit: Great Jehovah, Three in One!  
Glory, glory While eternal ages run!**

**Glory be to Him who loved us, Washed us from each spot and stain;  
Glory be to Him who bought us, Made us kings with Him to reign!  
Glory, glory To the Lamb that once was slain!**

**Glory to the King of angels, Glory to the Church's King,  
Glory to the King of nations; Heav'n and earth, your praises bring!  
Glory, glory To the King of glory sing!**

**Glory, blessing, praise eternal! Thus the choir of angels sings:  
Honor, riches, pow'r, dominion! Thus its praise creation brings.  
Glory, glory, Glory to the King of kings!**

## **READINGS FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE**

After each reading:

P: O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Genesis 3:8-15.** And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. But the Lord God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?" And he said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself." He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate." Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate." The Lord God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all the beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel."

**Romans 16:17-20.** I appeal to you, brothers, to watch out for those who cause divisions and create obstacles contrary to the doctrine that you have been taught; avoid them. Such persons do not serve our Lord Christ, but their own appetites, and by smooth talk and flattery they deceive the hearts of the naïve. For your obedience is known to all, so that I rejoice over you, but I want you to be wise as to what is good and innocent as to what is evil. The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**John 13:21-35.** After saying these things, Jesus was troubled in his spirit, and testified, "Truly, truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me." The disciples looked at one another, uncertain of whom he spoke. One of his disciples, whom Jesus loved, was reclining at table close to Jesus, so Simon Peter motioned to him to ask Jesus of whom he was speaking. So that disciple, leaning back against Jesus, said to him, "Lord, is it I?" Jesus answered, "It is he to whom I will give this morsel of bread when I have dipped it." So when he had dipped the morsel, he gave it to Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot. Then after he had taken the morsel, Satan entered into him. Jesus said to him, "What you are going to do, do quickly." Now no one at the table knew why he said this to him. Some thought that, because Judas had the moneybag, Jesus was telling him, "Buy what we need for the feast," or that he should give something to the poor. So, after receiving the morsel of bread, he immediately went out. And it was night. When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him. If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself, and glorify him at once. Little children, yet a little while I am with you. You will seek me, and just as I said to the Jews, so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

**RESPONSORY FOR LENT** (spoken)

L: Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are the God of my salvation.  
C: **Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.**  
L: In You, O Lord, do I put my trust, Leave me not, O Lord, my God.  
C: **Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.**  
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**SERMON HYMN No. 919** “Abide, O Dearest Jesus”

**Abide, O dearest Jesus,  
Among us with Your grace  
That Satan may not harm us  
Nor we to sin give place.**

**Abide, O dear Redeemer,  
Among us with Your Word,  
And thus now and hereafter  
True peace and joy afford.**

**Abide with heav’nly brightness  
Among us, precious Light;  
Your truth direct and keep us  
From error’s gloomy night.**

**Abide with richest blessings  
Among us, bounteous Lord;  
Let us in grace and wisdom  
Grow daily through Your Word.**

**Abide with Your protection  
Among us, Lord, our strength,  
Lest world and Satan fell us  
And overcome at length.**

**Abide, O faithful Savior,  
Among us with Your love;  
Grant steadfastness and help us  
To reach our home above.**

**SERMON** “The Crafty Serpent” John 13:21-35

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**OFFERING**

**PRAYERS**

**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**

### **COLLECT OF THE WEEK**

P: Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, You despise nothing You have made and You forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create in us new and contrite hearts, that lamenting all our sins and acknowledging our need for you, we may receive full pardon and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen**

### **BLESSING**

P: Let us bless the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

P: The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

**C: Amen.**

### **CLOSING HYMN NO. 423**

“Jesus, Refuge of the Weary”

**Jesus, refuge of the weary,  
Blest redeemer, whom we love,  
Fountain in life’s desert dreary,  
Savior from the world above:**

**Often have Your eyes, offended,  
Gazed upon the sinner’s fall;  
Yet upon the cross extended,  
You have borne the pain of all.**

**Do we pass that cross unheeding,  
Breathing no repentant vow,  
Though we see You wounded, bleeding,  
See Your thorn encircled brow?  
Yet Your sinless death has brought us  
Life eternal, peace, and rest;  
Only what Your grace has taught us  
Calms the sinner's deep distress.**

**Jesus, may our hearts be burning  
With more fervent love for you;  
May our eyes be ever turning  
To behold your cross anew  
Till in glory, parted never  
From the blessed Savior's side,  
Graven in our hearts forever,  
Dwell the cross, the Crucified.**