

Blessed Savior Lutheran Church

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Worship –9:30 am.

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Sunday School & Bible Class: 10:45am

Lenten Midweek 2

March 12, 2025

OPENING HYMN No. 554 “O Jesus, King Most Wonderful”

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 evening, we will consider Jesus’ agony in the Garden of Gethsemane. Facing the prospect of his death, he prayed the most intense prayer of his life.

C: Jesus, prayer is never easy. When we are facing difficult times in our lives, help us to go to you in prayer.

P: Heavenly Father, help us to realize that in the most desperate of situations of our lives, you will hear us as you once heard your Son’s pleas for help.

C: You know the troubles that we have dealt with in our past and are dealing with in our present. Some things seem very frightening for us as we face our future.

P: We know that our suffering is the result of the curse on Adam and his descendants for disobeying you in the Garden of Eden.

C: Help us to believe the word of St. John, “God is love” (1 John 4:8) and “God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish, but have eternal life.”

P: Your love for us in the Garden and on the Cross caused you to be willing to shed your blood for us. Such love is beyond our wildest imagination to understand!

C: But we do accept it. “God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men’s sins against them.” 2 Cor. 5:19 Therefore we are forgiven sinners.

P: Help us to take to heart this costly gift of forgiveness,

C: and share it with others.

ALL: Amen.

PRAYER

P: The Lord be with you!

C: And also with you!

P: Let us pray.

ALL: Lord Jesus, you came to earth to be our Redeemer. You emptied yourself and became obedient to death, even death on a cross, to rescue us from sin, death, and Satan. Create in us thankful hearts and minds for your tremendous sacrifice, the cost of which you felt keenly in the Garden of Gethsemane. By your agony in the Garden, teach us to pray, to bear our crosses and to follow you. Hear us for the sake of your name. 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 3:17-19

And to Adam he said, "Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you, 'You shall not eat of it,' cursed is the ground because of you; in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life; thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field. By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Luke 22:39-46

And he came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives, and the disciples followed him. And when he came to the place, he said to them, "Pray that you may not enter into temptation." And he withdrew from them about a stone's throw, and knelt down and prayed, saying, "Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me. Nevertheless, not my will, but yours, be done." And there appeared to him an angel from heaven, strengthening him. And being in agony he prayed more earnestly; and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground. And when he rose from prayer, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping for sorrow, and he said to them, "Why are you sleeping? Rise and pray that you may not enter into temptation."

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.

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SERMON HYMN No. 436 "Go To Dark Gethsemane"

Go to dark Gethsemane,
All who feel the tempter's pow'r
Your Redeemer's conflict see.
Watch with Him one bitter hour;
Turn not from His griefs away;
Learn from Jesus Christ to pray.

Follow to the judgment hall,
View the Lord of life arraigned;
Oh, the wormwood and the gall!
Oh, the pangs His soul sustained!
Shun not suff'ring, shame, or loss;
Learn from Him to bear the cross.

Calv'ry's mournful mountain climb;
There, adoring at His feet,
Mark that miracle of time,
God's own sacrifice complete.
"It is finished!" hear Him cry;
Learn from Jesus Christ to die.

Early hasten to the tomb
Where they laid His breathless clay
All is solitude and gloom.
Who has taken Him away?
Christ is ris'n! He meets our eyes.
Savior, teach us so to rise.

SERMON "Sweating It Out," Luke 22:39–46

Rev. Tony Troup

OFFERING

PRAYERS

P: Let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, hear our prayer.

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. 424 "O Christ, You Walked the Road"

**O Christ, You walked the road
Our wand'ring feet must go.
You faced with us temptation's pow'r
And fought our ancient foe.**

**No bread of earth alone
Can fill our hung'ring hearts.
Lord, help us seek Your living Word,
The food Your grace imparts.**

**No blinding sign we ask,
No wonder from above.
Lord, help us place our trust alone
In Your unswerving love.**

**When lures of easy gain
With promise brightly shine,
Lord, help us seek Your kingdom first;
Our wills with Yours align.**

**O Christ, You walked the road
Our wand'ring feet must go.
Stay with us through temptation's hour
To fight our ancient foe.**