

**Blessed Savior Lutheran Church**

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Worship –9:30 am.

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Sunday School & Bible Class: 10:45am

**Lenten Midweek**

**March 19, 2025**

**“His Tears, Our Tears, No Tears”**

**OPENING HYMN No. 440**

"Jesus, I Will Ponder Now"

Jesus, I will ponder now On your holy Passion;  
With Your Spirit me endow For such meditation.  
Grant that I in love and faith May the image cherish  
Of your suff'ring, pain, and death That I may not perish.

Make me see Your great distress, Anguish, and affliction,  
Bonds and stripes and wretchedness And Your crucifixion;  
Make me see how scourge and rod, Spear and nails did wound You,  
How for them You died, O God, Who with thorns had crowned You.

Yet, O Lord, not thus alone Make me see Your Passion;  
But its cause to me make known And its termination.  
Ah! I also and my sin Wrought your deep affliction;  
This indeed the cause has been Of Your crucifixion.

Grant that I Your passion view With repentant grieving.  
Let me not bring shame to You By unholy living.  
How could I refuse to shun Ev'ry sinful pleasure  
Since for me God's only Son Suffered without measure?

If my sins give me alarm And my conscience grieve me,  
Let Your cross my fear disarm, Peace of conscience give me.  
Help me see forgiveness won By Your holy Passion;  
If for me He slays His Son, God must have compassion.

Graciously my faith renew; Help me bear my crosses,  
Learning humbleness from you, Peace mid pain and losses.  
May I give You love for love! Hear me, O my Savior,  
That I may in heav'n above Sing Your praise forever.

**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 again meditate on Jesus' sufferings. In the message we will especially zero in on His tears. We all have shed tears at different times in our lives.

C: **We will consider some times that Jesus cried, and what it means that God is sometimes grieved.**

P: We will be reminded that tears are shed at different times in our lives to reflect sadness, disappointments, fear, and sorrow. "God, thank You for the gift of our tears to express the hurt that we are feeling. Jesus said: *'Blessed are those who mourn.'*

C: **"Your Son, Jesus, cried when His friend, Lazarus died. He cried over the failure of Jewish leaders to accept His as Savior.**

P: "He cried at the thought of the destruction of Jerusalem. He spoke to those women who were crying as they saw Him on His way to crucifixion: *'...do not weep for Me, but weep for yourselves and for your children'* (Luke 23:28).

C: **"Thank You, God, for the Promise: *'He will wipe away every tear from their eyes...neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain any more...'* Amen."** (Rev. 21:3-4). P: That's something to look forward to – to *sadf* to live for.

All: **"Bless us, tonight, as we meditate on Jesus tears, our tears, and the day when there will be no more tears. 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.**

## READINGS FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

After each reading:

P: O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### First Reading: Psalm 56:8-11

You have kept count of my tossings; put my tears in your bottle.

Are they not in your book? Then my enemies will turn back in the day when I call. This I know, that God is for me. In God, whose word I praise, in the LORD, whose word I praise, in God I trust; I shall not be afraid. What can man do to me?

### Second Reading: Revelations 21:1-4

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."

### Third Reading: Luke 19:41-44

And when he drew near and saw the city, he wept over it, saying, "Would that you, even you, had known on this day the things that make for peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes. For the days will come upon you, when your enemies will set up a barricade around you and surround you and hem you in on every side and tear you down to the ground, you and your children within you. And they will not leave one stone upon another in you, because you did not know the time of your visitation."

### John 11:28-35

When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary, saying in private, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." And when she heard it, she rose quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come into the village, but was still in the place where Martha had met him. When the Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary rise quickly and go out, they followed her, supposing that she was going to the tomb to weep there. Now when Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet, saying to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in his spirit and greatly troubled. And he said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus wept.

## 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.**

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**SERMON HYMN No 756 "Why Should Cross and Trial Grieve Me?" (st. 1,2,3,4)**

Why should cross and trial grieve me?  
Christ is near With His cheer;  
Never will He leave me.  
Who can rob me of the heaven  
That God's Son For me won  
When His life was given?

When life's troubles rise to meet me,  
Though their weight May be great,  
They will not defeat me.  
God, my loving Savior, sends them;  
He who knows All my woes  
Knows how best to end them.

God gives me my days of gladness,  
And I will Trust Him still  
When He sends me sadness.  
God is good; His love attends me  
Day by day, Come what may,  
Guides me and defends me.

From God's joy can nothing sever,  
For I am His dear lamb,  
He, my Shepherd ever.  
I am His because He gave me  
His own blood For my good,  
By His death to save me.

**SERMON**      "His Tears, Our Tears, No Tears"      Pastor Perry Schefelker  
John 11:35, Luke 19:41-42, Psalm 56:8, Rev. 21:4

**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

## **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. 437** "Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed" (st. 2,3,4,5)

**Was it for crimes that I had done  
He groaned upon the tree?  
Amazing pity, grace unknown,  
And love beyond degree!**

**Well might the sun in darkness hide  
And shut his glories in  
When God, the mighty maker, died  
For His own creatures' sin.**

**Thus might I hide my blushing face  
While His dear cross appears,  
Dissolve my heart in thankfulness,  
And melt my eyes to tears.**

**But drops of grief can ne'er repay  
The debt of love I owe;  
Here, Lord, I give myself away:  
'Tis all that I can do.**