

Blessed Savior Lutheran Church

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Worship –9:30 am Sunday School & Bible Class: 10:45am

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O, How He Loves!

Midweek Series for Lent

Wednesday March 18 - Part 4

“Love that Deals thoroughly with Sin” - Micah 7:18-20

INVOCATION & CALL TO WORSHIP

P: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits.

C: **The Lord works righteousness and justice for all who are oppressed.**

P: The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

C: **He will not always chide, nor will He keep His anger forever.**

P: He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.

C: **For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His steadfast love toward those who fear Him.**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**



OPENING HYMN “How Deep the Father’s Love for Us” (Philips, Craig, & Dean) – Video

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

P: Let us confess our sins, seeking God’s forgiveness in Jesus Christ.

C: **Forgive me for seeing so poorly, O Lord. I confess that my vision as a Christian is often blurred by sin. I focus only on my immediate circumstances, failing to see the enemy about me and your grace all around me. My doubt and my pain darken my long-sighted view of heaven and glory. Forgive me, renew my vision by your Spirit, and keep alive in me the hope of seeing all things clearly – and even Jesus, your Son – in heaven. Amen.**

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, you are forgiven. Now we see through a glass darkly, but then we will see clearly. God, grace us all with a clearer vision of the glory to come, now and especially in the hour of our death. In Jesus’ name.

C: **Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: O Lord, hear my prayer.

C: **And let my cry come to You.**

P: Let us pray. Heavenly Father, in Zechariah's seventh vision you take away the sin of the Judeans. We thank and praise you that in a much greater way you take away the sin of the world through the sacrificial Lamb—Jesus Christ our Lord. We pray in his powerful and priceless name.

C: **Amen.**

✘ **WORD** ✘

FIRST READING Micah 7:18-20

Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression for the remnant of his inheritance? He does not retain his anger forever, because he delights in steadfast love. He will again have compassion on us; he will tread our iniquities underfoot.

You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea. You will show faithfulness to Jacob and steadfast love to Abraham, as you have sworn to our fathers from the days of old.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING John 12:20-36

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 12th chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

(The Gospel is read.)

Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks. So these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. And Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.

"Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? But for this purpose I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven: "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." The crowd that stood there and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." He said this to show by what kind of death he was going to die. So the crowd answered him, "We have heard from the Law that the Christ remains forever. How can you say that the Son of Man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of Man?" So Jesus said to them, "The light is among you for a little while longer. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you. The one who walks in the darkness does not know where he is going. While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

CREED The Apostle's *Creed*. (*Please rise.*)

ALL: 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

SERMON HYMN LSB 435 "Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain" (VS 1-3)

Come to Calvary's holy mountain,
Sinners, ruined by the fall;
Here a pure and healing fountain
Flows for you, for me, for all,
In a full perpetual tide,
Opened when our Savior died.

Come in poverty and meanness,
Come defiled, without, within;
From infection and uncleanness,
From the leprosy of sin,
Wash your robes and make them white;
Ye shall walk with God in light.

Come in sorrow and contrition,
Wounded, impotent, and blind;
Here the guilty, free remission,
Here the troubled, peace many find.
Health this fountain will restore;
They that drink shall thirst no more.

SERMON "Love that Deals thoroughly with Sin" - Micah 7:18-20 Pastor Nathan

SERMON SERIES HYMN LSB 544 "O Love, How Deep" (VS 4)

For us He prayed; for us He taught;
For us His daily works He wrought,
By words and signs and actions thus
Still seeking not Himself but us.

OFFERING LSB 588 “Jesus Loves Me”

Jesus loves me!
This I know,
For the Bible tells me son,
Little ones to Him belong;
They are weak but He is strong. Refrain

Refrain:

Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
The Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me!
He who died
Heaven’s gates to open wide.
He has washed way my sin,
Let His little child come in. Refrain

PRAYERS

LORD’S PRAYER *Matthew 6:9–13*

People: 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

CLOSING HYMN “Abide” (Worship Initiative) – Video

SENDING

P: Go in peace as to love and serve the Lord.
C: **Thanks be to God!**

