



OUR SAVIOR'S

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Midweek Lent – March 23, 2022



THE CRUCIAL HOURS

I Will Keep the Passover

790 Before the Ending of the Day

CW 790

- 1 Before the ending of the day,
Creator of the world, we pray.
Your grace and peace to us allow
and guard and keep your people now.
- 2 From evil dreams defend our sight,
from all the terrors of the night,
from all deluding thoughts that creep
on heedless minds disarmed by sleep.
- 3 O Father, this we ask be done
through Jesus Christ, your only Son,
whom with the Spirit we adore
forever and forever more. Amen.

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Confession of Sins

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you in our thoughts, in our words, in our deeds, and in all that we have not done. Forgive us in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Deliver and restore us, that we may rest in peace.

By the mercy of God we are redeemed by Jesus Christ, and in him we are forgiven. Let us rest in his peace until the rising of the sun, when we shall serve him in newness of life. **Amen.**

Psalm 51



Wash away all my iniquity,*
and cleanse me from my sin.

For I know my transgressions,*
and my sin is always before me.

Refrain

Against you, you only, have I sinned*
and done what is evil in your sight.

Surely I was sinful at birth,*
sinful from the time my mother conceived me.

Hide your face from my sins,*
and blot out all my iniquity.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation,*
and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

**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.**

Refrain

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Psalm Prayer

Lord, we confess our sins to you and plead for your mercy. We acknowledge that sin runs too deep in our nature for us ever to rid ourselves of it, but we thank you that Jesus has done what we could not do, washing us clean of every stain. We plead that your Spirit would give us the strength to live a new life; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Reading

Luke 22:54–71

⁵⁴Then seizing him, they led him away and took him into the house of the high priest. Peter followed at a distance. ⁵⁵And when some there had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and had sat down together, Peter sat down with them. ⁵⁶A servant girl saw him seated there in the firelight. She looked closely at him and said, “This man was with him.”

⁵⁷But he denied it. “Woman, I don’t know him,” he said.

⁵⁸A little later someone else saw him and said, “You also are one of them.”

“Man, I am not!” Peter replied.

⁵⁹About an hour later another asserted, “Certainly this fellow was with him, for he is a Galilean.”

⁶⁰Peter replied, “Man, I don’t know what you’re talking about!” Just as he was speaking, the rooster crowed. ⁶¹The Lord turned and looked straight at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word the Lord had spoken to him: “Before the rooster crows today, you will disown me three times.” ⁶²And he went outside and wept bitterly.

⁶³The men who were guarding Jesus began mocking and beating him. ⁶⁴They blindfolded him and demanded, “Prophecy! Who hit you?” ⁶⁵And they said many other insulting things to him.

⁶⁶At daybreak the council of the elders of the people, both the chief priests and the teachers of the law, met together, and Jesus was led before them. ⁶⁷“If you are the Messiah,” they said, “tell us.”

Jesus answered, “If I tell you, you will not believe me, ⁶⁸and if I asked you, you would not answer. ⁶⁹But from now on, the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the mighty God.”

⁷⁰They all asked, “Are you then the Son of God?”

He replied, “You say that I am.”

⁷¹Then they said, “Why do we need any more testimony? We have heard it from his own lips.”

- 1 From depths of woe, Lord God, I cry;
O hear my humble pleading!
Listen in mercy to my sigh,
my prayer for rescue heeding!
Were you, O Lord, to fix your gaze
on our rebellious, sinful ways,
then who could stand before you?
- 2 What we have done on our best day
is flawed from its beginning;
only your grace can clear away
the guilt of all our sinning.
Before you pride must disappear;
each soul must live in rev'rent fear,
upon your grace relying.
- 3 Thus any merit of my own
is void and unavailing;
I trust in God and God alone,
he is my hope unfailing.
Since he is good, I soon will see
the comfort he has promised me;
I wait for its arrival.
- 4 If it delays into the night
or waits until tomorrow,
my heart will lean on God's great might,
discarding doubt and sorrow.
The Spirit of the Lord is near,
providing strength to persevere;
depend on God to help you!
- 5 Although our sin is great indeed,
the grace of God is greater;
no loss we suffer can exceed
the help of our Creator.
Our shepherd good and true is he,
who will at last his people free
from all their sin and sorrow.

Sermon

Matthew 26:18

¹⁸He replied, “Go into the city to a certain man and tell him, ‘The Teacher says: My appointed time is near. I am going to celebrate the Passover with my disciples at your house.’”

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Offering

Prayer

Abide with us, Lord, for it is evening and the day is almost over. Abide with us and with your whole Church. Abide with us in the evening of the day, in the evening of life, in the evening of the world. Abide with us in your grace and goodness, in your holy Word and sacrament, in your comfort and blessing. Abide with us when we are overcome by the night of sorrow and fear, by the night of doubt and affliction, by the night of bitter death. Abide with us and with all your people in time and in eternity.

Amen.

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

May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine on us. **May God bless us still, so that all the ends of the earth will fear him.**

558 Salvation Unto Us Has Come

CW 558 sts. 1,3-6

- 1 Salvation unto us has come by God's free grace and favor;
good works cannot avert our doom, they help and save us never.
Faith looks to Jesus Christ alone, who did for all the world atone;
he is our one Redeemer.

- 3 It was a false, misleading dream that God his law had given
that sinners could themselves redeem and by their works gain heaven.
The law is but a mirror bright to bring the inbred sin to light
that lurks within our nature.

- 4 From sin our flesh could not abstain, sin held its sway unceasing;
the task was useless and in vain, our guilt was e'er increasing.
None can remove sin's poisoned dart or purify our wicked heart,
so deep is our corruption.

- 5 Yet as the law must be fulfilled or we must die despairing,
Christ came and has God's anger stilled, our human nature sharing.
He has for us the law obeyed and thus the Father's vengeance stayed
which over us impended.

- 6 Since Christ has full atonement made and brought to us salvation,
each Christian therefore may be glad and build on this foundation.
Your grace alone, dear Lord, I plead, your death is now my life
indeed, for you have paid my ransom.

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Welcome to Our Savior's

Welcome to worship, especially our guests! We are delighted to have you with us. May God bless your time with us richly.

Sincere Thanks

We thank Pastor Jeff Mahnke from St. Peter for leading today's worship. Next Wednesday Vicar Sam Helwig from St. Peter will lead our worship. His theme will be: "Satan Has Asked to Sift All of You."

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