



# OUR SAVIOR'S

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Midweek Lent – March 30, 2022



# The Crucial Hours

## Satan Has Asked to Sift All of You

### 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 25

Psalm

*Refrain*

To you, O Lord, I lift my soul; in you I trust, my God.

*Psalm tone*

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To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul;\*  
in you I trust, O my God.

Remember, O LORD, your great mercy and love,\*  
for they are from of old.

Remember not the sins of my youth and my rebellious ways;\*  
according to your love remember me,  
for you are good, O LORD.

### *Refrain*

Turn to me and be gracious to me,\*  
for I am lonely and afflicted.

Look upon my affliction and my distress\*  
and take away all my sins.

Guard my life and rescue me,\*  
for I take refuge in you.

**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:** To you, O Lord, I lift my soul; in you I trust, my God.

## Psalm Prayer

Lord, do not remember the sins of our youth and our rebellious ways. Remember instead the great mercy and love that you have shown your people for hundreds of generations. Forgive our sins and teach us to live lives of integrity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Reading

Luke 23:1–25

<sup>1</sup>Then the whole assembly rose and led him off to Pilate. <sup>2</sup>And they began to accuse him, saying, “We have found this man subverting our nation. He opposes payment of taxes to Caesar and claims to be Messiah, a king.”

<sup>3</sup>So Pilate asked Jesus, “Are you the king of the Jews?”

“You have said so,” Jesus replied.

<sup>4</sup>Then Pilate announced to the chief priests and the crowd, “I find no basis for a charge against this man.”

<sup>5</sup>But they insisted, “He stirs up the people all over Judea by his teaching. He started in Galilee and has come all the way here.”

<sup>6</sup>On hearing this, Pilate asked if the man was a Galilean. <sup>7</sup>When he learned that Jesus was under Herod’s jurisdiction, he sent him to Herod, who was also in Jerusalem at that time.

<sup>8</sup>When Herod saw Jesus, he was greatly pleased, because for a long time he had been wanting to see him. From what he had heard about him, he hoped to see him perform a sign of some sort. <sup>9</sup>He plied him with many questions, but Jesus gave him no answer. <sup>10</sup>The chief priests and the teachers of the law were standing there, vehemently accusing him. <sup>11</sup>Then Herod and his soldiers ridiculed and mocked him.

Dressing him in an elegant robe, they sent him back to Pilate. <sup>12</sup>That day Herod and Pilate became friends—before this they had been enemies.

<sup>13</sup>Pilate called together the chief priests, the rulers and the people, <sup>14</sup>and said to them, “You brought me this man as one who was inciting the people to rebellion. I have examined him in your presence and have found no basis for your charges against him. <sup>15</sup>Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us; as you can see, he has done nothing to deserve death. <sup>16</sup>Therefore, I will punish him and then release him.”

<sup>18</sup>But the whole crowd shouted, “Away with this man! Release Barabbas to us!” <sup>19</sup>(Barabbas had been thrown into prison for an insurrection in the city, and for murder.)

<sup>20</sup>Wanting to release Jesus, Pilate appealed to them again. <sup>21</sup>But they kept shouting, “Crucify him! Crucify him!”

<sup>22</sup>For the third time he spoke to them: “Why? What crime has this man committed? I have found in him no grounds for the death penalty. Therefore I will have him punished and then release him.”

<sup>23</sup>But with loud shouts they insistently demanded that he be crucified, and their shouts prevailed. <sup>24</sup>So Pilate decided to grant their demand. <sup>25</sup>He released the man who had been thrown into prison for insurrection and murder, the one they asked for, and surrendered Jesus to their will.

## 427 O Darkest Woe

CW 427

1    O darkest woe!  
O tears, forth flow!  
    Has earth so sad a wonder?  
God the Father's only Son  
    now is buried yonder.

2    O sorrow dread!  
Our God is dead,  
    upon the cross extended.  
There his love enlivened us  
    as his life was ended.

3    O child of woe:  
Who struck the blow  
    that killed our gracious Master?  
“It was I,” your conscience cries,  
    “I have wrought disaster!”

4    All stained with blood  
the Lamb of God,  
    the Bridegroom, lies before you,  
pouring out his life that he  
    may to life restore you.

- 5 O Virgin's Son,  
what you have won  
    is far beyond all telling:  
how our God, detested, died,  
    hell and devil felling.
- 6 O Jesus blest,  
my help and rest,  
    regard my prayerful weeping:  
usher me through death and grave  
    safe into your keeping.

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## Sermon

Luke 22:31–32

<sup>31</sup>“Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift all of you as wheat. <sup>32</sup>But I have prayed for you, Simon, that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned back, strengthen your brothers.”

### Satan Has Asked to Sift All of You

## 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.**

### **404 Jesus, Grant That Balm and Healing**

CW 404

- 1   Jesus, grant that balm and healing  
      in your holy wounds I find,  
      ev'ry hour that I am feeling  
          pains of body and of mind.  
Should some evil thought within  
tempt my treach'rous heart to sin,  
      show the peril, and from sinning  
      keep me ere its first beginning.**
  
- 2   Should some lust or sharp temptation  
      fascinate my sinful mind,  
let me think about your passion,  
      and new courage I shall find.  
Or should Satan press me hard,  
let me then be on my guard,  
      saying, "Christ for me was wounded,"  
      that the tempter flee confounded.**

- 3 If the world my heart entices  
    with the broad and easy road,  
with seductive, sinful vices,  
    let me weigh the awful load  
you were willing to endure.  
Help me flee all thoughts impure,  
    mastering each wild temptation,  
calm in prayer and meditation.
- 4 Ev'ry wound that pains or grieves me  
    by your wounds, Lord, is made whole;  
when I'm weak, your cross revives me,  
    granting new life to my soul.  
Yes, your comfort renders sweet  
ev'ry bitter cup I meet;  
    for your all-aton ing passion  
has procured my soul's salvation.
- 5 O my God, my rock and tower,  
    grant that in your death I trust,  
knowing death has lost its power  
    since you crushed it in the dust.  
Savior, let your agony  
ever help and comfort me;  
    when I die be my protection,  
light and life and resurrection.

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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 Vicar Sam Helwig from St. Peter for leading today's worship. Next Wednesday Pastor Andrew Buschkopf from Mountain of the Lord will lead our worship. His theme will be: "They Bound Him."

### Holy Week Schedule

#### **Maundy Thursday** (4/14)

Worship with Communion  
at 1:00 & 6:30 PM

#### **Good Friday** (4/15)

Worship at 1:00 & 6:30 PM

#### **Easter Sunday** (4/17)

Easter Worship at 8:00 AM  
*Fellowship hour to follow*

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