



OUR SAVIOR'S  
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH



**GOD  
ON  
TRIAL**

# God on Trial

February 21, 2024 | 1:00 pm

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## Welcome

## Opening Hymn

CW 420 sts. 1-2, 4-5



1 Je - sus, I will pon-der now on your ho - ly pas - sion;  
2 Make me see your great dis - tress, an - guish, and af - flic - tion,  
4 Grant that I your pas-sion view with re - pent - ant griev - ing;  
5 If my sins give me a - larm and my con-science grieve me,



with your Spir - it me en - dow for such med - i - ta - tion.  
bonds and stripes and wretch-ed - ness and your cru - ci - fix - ion;  
let me not bring shame to you by un - ho - ly liv - ing.  
let your cross my fear dis - arm, peace of con-science give me.



Grant that I in love and faith may the im - age cher - ish  
make me see how scourge and rod, spear and nails did wound you,  
How could I re - fuse to shun ev - 'ry sin - ful plea - sure  
Help me see for - give - ness won by your ho - ly pas - sion.



of your suf - f'ring, pain, and death that I may not per - ish.  
how for them you died, O God, who with thorns had crowned you.  
since for me God's on - ly Son suf - fered with - out mea - sure?  
If for me he slays his Son, God must have com - pas - sion!

Text: tr. August Crull, 1845-1923, alt.; Sigmund von Birken, 1626-1681

Tune: Melchior Vulpius, c. 1570-1615

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*Stand*

## **Confession**

In the name of our God, to whom all hearts are open and from whom no secrets are hidden.

**Amen.**

**I confess that I am by nature sinful.**

**I am guilty of many sins.**

**I am distressed by the sins that trouble me.**

**For all this I am sorry. I pray for forgiveness.**

**Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love.**

Jesus says to his people, “If you forgive anyone’s sins, their sins are forgiven.” His death paid for the guilt of your sins and the sins of the whole world. Do you believe this?

**Yes, I believe.**

By the authority of Christ, I forgive you your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (†) and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

*Be seated*

Hymn

CW 615

Jesus, Thank You



1 The mys - t'ry of the cross I can - not com - pre - hend,  
 2 By your per - fect sac - ri - fice I've been brought near.



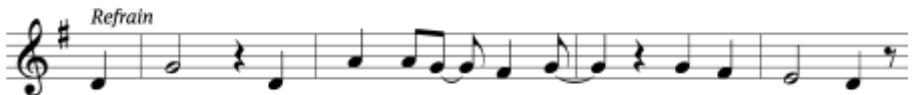
the ag - o - nies of Cal - va - ry.  
 Your en - e - my you've made your friend.



You, the per - fect Ho - ly One, crushed your Son, who  
 Pour - ing out the rich - es of your glo - rious grace, your



drank the bit - ter cup re - served for me.  
 mer - cy and your kind - ness know no end.



*Refrain*  
 Your blood has washed a - way my sin; Je - sus, thank you.



The Fa - ther's wrath com - plete - ly sat - is - fied;



Je - sus, thank you. Once your en - e - my, now



seat - ed at your ta - ble; Je - sus, thank you.

Text: Pat Sczebel, b. 1965 Tune: Pat Sczebel, b. 1965

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Passion History, Part 1

Matthew 26:1-35

Hymn of the Day

CW 400

*Sweet the Moments, Rich in Blessing*



1 Sweet the mo - ments, rich in bless - ing, which be -  
 2 Here we rest in won - der, view - ing all our  
 3 Here we find the dawn of heav - en while up -  
 4 Oh, that, near the cross a - bid - ing, we may  
 5 Lord, in lov - ing con - tem - pla - tion fix our



fore the cross we spend, life and health and  
 sins on Je - sus laid; here we see re -  
 on the cross we gaze, see our tres - pass -  
 to the Sav - ior cleave, naught with him our  
 hearts and eyes on you till we taste your



peace pos - sess - ing from the sin - ner's dy - ing friend.  
 demp - tion flow - ing from the sac - ri - fice he made.  
 es for - giv - en, and our songs of tri - umph raise.  
 hearts di - vid - ing, all for him con - tent to leave!  
 full sal - va - tion and your un - veiled glo - ry view.

Text: alt. Walter Shirley, 1725–1786; James Allen, 1734–1804  
 Tune: Erbaulicher Musicalischer Christen-Schatz, Basel, 1745, alt.  
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Sermon

Luke 23:26–34

*Sympathy*

<sup>26</sup>As the soldiers led him away, they seized Simon from Cyrene, who was on his way in from the country, and put the cross on him and made him carry it behind Jesus. <sup>27</sup>A large number of people followed him, including women who mourned and wailed for him. <sup>28</sup>Jesus turned and said to them, “Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me;

weep for yourselves and for your children. <sup>29</sup>For the time will come when you will say, ‘Blessed are the childless women, the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed!’ <sup>30</sup>Then

“ ‘they will say to the mountains, “Fall on us!”  
and to the hills, “Cover us!” ’

<sup>31</sup>For if people do these things when the tree is green, what will happen when it is dry?”

<sup>32</sup>Two other men, both criminals, were also led out with him to be executed. <sup>33</sup>When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him there, along with the criminals—one on his right, the other on his left. <sup>34</sup>Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.” And they divided up his clothes by casting lots.

## **Thank Offering & Friendship Register**

*Members of Our Savior’s give generous and free will gifts to honor the Lord and support our ministry of the gospel. Guests are welcome to give but should not feel obligated to do so.*

*As the offering is gathered, please sign the Friendship Register as it is passed down the pew.*

*Stand*

## **Prayer of the Church**

O God our Father, by your mercy and might the world turns safely into darkness and returns again to light.

**We place into your hands our unfinished tasks, our unsolved problems, and our unfulfilled hopes, knowing that only what you bless will prosper.**

To your great love and protection we commit each other and all those we love, knowing that you alone are our sure defender; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

### Blessing

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him. Amen.

### Closing Hymn

CW 787



1 God, who made the earth and heav-en, dark - ness and light:  
 2 And when morn a - gain shall call us to run life's way,  
 3 Guard us wak - ing, guard us sleep-ing, and, when we die,  
 4 Ho - ly Fa - ther, throned in heav-en, all - ho - ly Son,



you the day for work have giv - en, for rest the night.  
 may we still, what - e'er be - fall us, your will o - bey.  
 may we in your might - y keep-ing all peace - ful lie.  
 Ho - ly Spir - it, free - ly giv - en, blest Three in One:



May your an - gel guards de - fend us, slum-ber sweet your mer - cy  
 From the pow'r of e - vil hide us, in the nar - row path - way  
 When the last dread call shall wake us, then, O Lord, do not for-  
 grant us grace, we now im - plore you, till we lay our crowns be -



send us, ho - ly dreams and hopes at-tend us all through the night.  
 guide us, nev - er be your smile de-nied us all through the day.  
 sake us, but to reign in glo - ry take us with you on high.  
 fore you and in wor - thier strains a-dore you while a - ges run.

Text (st. 1): Reginald Heber, 1783–1826, alt.; (sts. 2, 4): William Mercer, 1811–1873, alt.; (st. 3): Richard Whately, 1787–1863, alt. Tune: Welsh, 18th cent. Text and tune: Public domain



We have four more special Lent services on Wednesdays leading up to Holy Week. May the Lord bless our solemn journey all the way to our Savior's cross and then his empty tomb on Easter Sunday.

Feb. 28 – Pastor Cortright	Misconceptions	Luke 23:1-12
March 6 – Pastor Buschkopf	Testimony	Matthew 26:57-75
March 13 – Pastor Ewald	Truth	John 18:33-44
March 20 – Pastor Phelps	Restraint	Luke 22:47-53

### **Serving in Worship Today**

Minister ~ Vicar John Wenzel  
Organist ~ Marie Kurth  
Anthem ~ Our Savior's School Children  
Ushers ~ Tim & Ellen Heil

**Thank you** to Our Savior's School families for post service treats. And we thank the Ladies Aid for providing beverages, set up and clean up.

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