



OUR SAVIOR'S  
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH



**GOD  
ON  
TRIAL**

# Testimony

March 6, 2024 | 1:00 pm

## Welcome

## Opening Hymn

CW 406

*In the Hour of Trial*



1 In the hour of tri - al, Je - sus, plead for me  
2 With for - bid - den plea - sures should this vain world charm  
3 Should your mer - cy send me sor - row, toil, and woe,  
4 When my life is end - ing, though in grief or pain,



lest by base de - ni - al I un - wor - thy be.  
or its tempt - ing - ni - al I un - wor - thy be.  
or should pain at - tend me spread to work me harm,  
when my bod - y chang - es back to dust a - gain,



When you see me wa - ver, with a look re - call,  
bring to my re - mem - brance sad Geth - sem - a - ne  
grant that I may nev - er fail your cross to view;  
on your truth re - ly - ing, through that mor - tal strife,



nor for fear or fa - vor ev - er let me fall.  
or, in dark - er sem - blance, cross-crowned Cal - va - ry.  
grant that I may ev - er cast my care on you.  
Je - sus, take me, dy - ing, to e - ter - nal life.

Text: James Montgomery, 1771–1854, alt.

Tune: John B. Dykes, 1823–1876

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Stand

## Confession of Sins

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*

The myst’ry of the cross I cannot comprehend,  
the agonies of Calvary.

You, the perfect Holy One, crushed your Son,  
who drank the bitter cup reserved for me.

*Refrain:*

Your blood has washed away my sin; Jesus, thank you.  
The Father’s wrath completely satisfied; Jesus, thank you.  
Once your enemy, now seated at your table; Jesus, thank you.

By your perfect sacrifice I’ve been brought near.  
Your enemy you’ve made your friend.  
Pouring out the riches of your glorious grace,  
your mercy and your kindness know no end. *Refrain*

Hymn of the Day

CW 430

*Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted*



1 Strick-en, smit-ten, and af-flict-ed, see him dy-ing on the  
 2 Tell me, as you hear him groan-ing, was there ev-er grief like  
 3 If you think of sin but light-ly nor sup-pose the e-vil  
 4 Here we have a firm foun-da-tion, here the ref-uge of the



tree! 'Tis the Christ, by man re-ject-ed; yes, my  
 his, friends through fear his cause dis-own-ing, foes in-  
 great, here you see its na-ture right-ly, here its  
 lost: Christ, the rock of our sal-va-tion, is the



soul, 'tis he, 'tis he. 'Tis the long-ex-pect-ed  
 sult-ing his dis-tress? Man-y hands were raised to  
 guilt may es-ti-mate. Mark the sac-ri-fice ap-  
 name of which we boast; Lamb of God, for sin-ners



Proph-et, Da-vid's son, yet Da-vid's Lord; proofs I  
 wound him, none would in-ter-vene to save; but the  
 point-ed, see who bears the aw-ful load; 'tis the  
 wound-ed, sac-ri-fice to can-cel guilt! None shall



see suf-fi-cient of it: 'tis the true and faith-ful Word.  
 deep-est stroke that pierced him was the stroke that jus-tice gave.  
 Word, the Lord's a-noint-ed, Son of Man and Son of God.  
 ev-er be con-found-ed who on him their hope have built.

Text: Thomas Kelly, 1769–1855, alt.  
 Tune: Geistliche Volkslieder, Paderborn, 1850  
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## Testimony

<sup>57</sup>Those who had arrested Jesus took him to Caiaphas the high priest, where the teachers of the law and the elders had assembled. <sup>58</sup>But Peter followed him at a distance, right up to the courtyard of the high priest. He entered and sat down with the guards to see the outcome.

<sup>59</sup>The chief priests and the whole Sanhedrin were looking for false evidence against Jesus so that they could put him to death. <sup>60</sup>But they did not find any, though many false witnesses came forward.

Finally two came forward <sup>61</sup>and declared, “This fellow said, ‘I am able to destroy the temple of God and rebuild it in three days.’ ”

<sup>62</sup>Then the high priest stood up and said to Jesus, “Are you not going to answer? What is this testimony that these men are bringing against you?” <sup>63</sup>But Jesus remained silent.

The high priest said to him, “I charge you under oath by the living God: Tell us if you are the Messiah, the Son of God.”

<sup>64</sup>“You have said so,” Jesus replied. “But I say to all of you: From now on you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Mighty One and coming on the clouds of heaven.”

<sup>65</sup>Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, “He has spoken blasphemy! Why do we need any more witnesses? Look, now you have heard the blasphemy. <sup>66</sup>What do you think?”

“He is worthy of death,” they answered.

<sup>67</sup>Then they spit in his face and struck him with their fists. Others slapped him <sup>68</sup>and said, “Prophecy to us, Messiah. Who hit you?”

<sup>69</sup>Now Peter was sitting out in the courtyard, and a servant girl came to him. “You also were with Jesus of Galilee,” she said.

<sup>70</sup>But he denied it before them all. “I don’t know what you’re talking about,” he said.

<sup>71</sup>Then he went out to the gateway, where another servant girl saw him and said to the people there, “This fellow was with Jesus of Nazareth.”

<sup>72</sup>He denied it again, with an oath: “I don’t know the man!”

<sup>73</sup>After a little while, those standing there went up to Peter and said, “Surely you are one of them; your accent gives you away.”

<sup>74</sup>Then he began to call down curses, and he swore to them, “I don’t know the man!”

Immediately a rooster crowed. <sup>75</sup>Then Peter remembered the word Jesus had spoken: “Before the rooster crows, you will disown me three times.” And he went outside and wept bitterly.

## **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.*

## **Anthem**

*Our Savior’s Students, Grades 2-4*

*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.**

## **Lord’s Prayer**

**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.**

*Be seated*

# Closing Hymn

**CW 791**

*Round Me Falls the Night*



1 Round me falls the night; Sav - ior, be my light.  
2 Earth - ly work is done; earth - ly sounds are none.  
3 Bless - ed, heav'n - ly light, shin - ing through earth's night,



Through the hours in dark - ness shroud - ed  
Rest in sleep and si - lence seek - ing,  
voice that oft of love has told me,



let me see your face un - cloud - ed;  
Je - sus, let me hear you speak - ing;  
arms so strong to clasp and hold me—



let your glo - ry shine in this heart of mine.  
“Nei - ther fret nor fear; I am al - ways near.”  
care - ful watch now keep, Sav - ior, o'er my sleep.

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Minister ~ Pastor Andrew Buschkopf (Mountain of the Lord)

Organist ~ Marie Kurth

Anthem ~ Our Savior's School Children, Grades 2-4

Usher ~ Dan Stelzer

**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.



We have two 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.

March 13 – Pastor Ewald

Truth

John 18:33-44

March 20 – Pastor Phelps

Restraint

Luke 22:47-53

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