



OUR SAVIOR'S
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH



**GOD
ON
TRIAL**

Truth

March 13, 2024 | 1:00 pm

Welcome

Opening Hymn

CW 423

The Power of the Cross



1 Oh, to see the dawn of the dark - est day: Christ on the
2 Oh, to see the pain writ - ten on your face, bear - ing the
3 Now the day - light flees; now the ground be - neath quakes as its



road to Cal - va - ry. Tried by sin - ful men,
awe - some weight of sin. Ev - 'ry bit - ter thought,
mak - er bows his head. Cur - tain torn in two,



torn and beat - en, then nailed to a cross of wood.
ev - 'ry e - vil deed crown - ing your blood - stained brow.
dead are raised to life; "Fin - ished!" the vic - t'ry cry.

Refrain



1-3 This the pow'r of the cross: Christ be -



came sin for us. Took the blame,



bore the wrath; we stand for - giv - en at the cross.

4 Oh, to see my name written in the wounds,
for through your suffering I am free.
Death is crushed to death; life is mine to live,
won through your selfless love!

This the pow'r of the cross:
Son of God—slain for us.
What a love, what a cost!
We stand forgiven at the cross.

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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

- 1 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)

Ref 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.

- 2 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)

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Passion History, Part 4

Matthew 27:1-26

Hymn of the Day

CW 409

- 1 Jesus, refuge of the weary, blest Redeemer, whom we love,
fountain in life's desert dreary, Savior from the world above,
often have your eyes, offended, gazed upon the sinner's fall;
yet, upon the cross extended, you endured the pain of all.
- 2 Dare we pass that cross unheeding, breathing no repentant vow,
as we see you wounded, bleeding, see your thorn-encircled brow?
Since your sinless death has brought us life eternal, peace, and rest,
only what your grace has taught us calms the sinner's deep distress.

- 3 Jesus, may our hearts be burning with more fervent love for you!
May our eyes be ever turning to behold your cross anew,
till in glory, parted never from the blessed Savior's side,
graven in our hearts forever dwell the cross, the Crucified!

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Sermon

John 18:33–40

Truth

³³Pilate then went back inside the palace, summoned Jesus and asked him, “Are you the king of the Jews?”

³⁴“Is that your own idea,” Jesus asked, “or did others talk to you about me?”

³⁵“Am I a Jew?” Pilate replied. “Your own people and chief priests handed you over to me. What is it you have done?”

³⁶Jesus said, “My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jewish leaders. But now my kingdom is from another place.”

³⁷“You are a king, then!” said Pilate.

Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. In fact, the reason I was born and came into the world is to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me.”

³⁸“What is truth?” retorted Pilate. With this he went out again to the Jews gathered there and said, “I find no basis for a charge against him. ³⁹But it is your custom for me to release to you one prisoner at the time of the Passover. Do you want me to release ‘the king of the Jews?’”

⁴⁰They shouted back, “No, not him! Give us Barabbas!” Now Barabbas had taken part in an uprising.

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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.**

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 789

All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night



1 All praise to thee, my God, this night for all the bless - ings
2 Teach me to live that I may dread the grave as lit - tle
3 When in the night I sleep - less lie, my soul with heav'n - ly



of the light. Keep me, O keep me, King of kings, be - neath thine
as my bed. Teach me to die that so I may rise glo - rious
thoughts sup - ply; let no ill dreams dis - turb my rest, no pow'rs of



own al - might - y wings. For - give me, Lord, for thy dear Son,
at the awe - full day. Oh, may my soul on thee re - pose
dark - ness me dis - tress. Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow;



the ill that I this day have done, that with the world, my -
and may sweet sleep mine eye - lids close, sleep that shall me more
praise him, all crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye



self, and thee I, ere I sleep, at peace may be.
vig - 'rous make to serve my God when I a - wake.
heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

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Serving in Worship Today

Minister ~ Pastor Andy Ewald (Immanuel, Mosinee)

Organist ~ Marie Kurth

Ushers ~ Mark Krohn, Kurt Schubring

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Lent & Holy Week Schedule

March 20, Midweek Lent #6: Pastor Ben Phelps – God on Trial: Restraint

March 28, Maundy Thursday: Pastor Mahnke – God on Trial: Respite

March 29, Good Friday: Pastor Mahnke – God on Trial: Evidence

March 31, Easter Sunday: Pastor Mahnke – God on Trial: Vindication

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