

# *A Surprising Savior - The Cost*



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**MISSION STATEMENT:** *"See Christ Through Us"*

*Our Savior Lutheran Church members, through Christ, preach, teach, listen, learn, and live so the world sees Christ through us.*

**WELCOME:** As we hear the Word of God regularly in worship and personal devotions, many of the things Jesus does seem to be natural to us. His miracles, His mercy, His teachings are things that we know well. As we journey with Jesus on his road to the cross this Lent, we reconsider his words and actions and recognize the radical grace He comes to bring. Tonight, Jesus shows that the Christian road is a costly and difficult one.

**ENTRANCE PRAYER:** *Almighty King, bless me as "I walk in the way of righteousness, in the paths of justice. (Proverbs 8:20)" Amen.*

**THE ORDER OF WORSHIP – Compline (pg. 253)**

No Prelude Music

**Stand The Opening Hymn: “Jesus, Grant That Balm and Healing” ..... LSB #421**

- 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 from its first beginning.**
- 2 Should some lust or sharp temptation Fascinate my sinful mind,  
Draw me to Your cross and 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  
And to master each 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 faint, Your cross revives me, Granting new life to my soul.  
Yes, Your comfort renders sweet Ev’ry bitter cup I meet;  
For Your all-atoning 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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**Stand The Invocation:**

[P]: *We come before the Lord our God with the words that signify His coming to us in our Baptism: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

[C]: **Amen.**

[P]: *The Lord Almighty grant us a quiet night and peace at the last.*

[C]: **Amen.**

[P]: *It is good to give thanks to the Lord,*

[C]: **to sing praise to Your name, O Most High;**

[P]: *to herald Your love in the morning,*

[C]: **Your truth at the close of day.**

**The Confession and Absolution of Sin:**

[P]: *Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another.*

[C]: **I confess that I have sinned against You this day. Some of my sin I know—the thoughts and words and deeds of which I am ashamed—but some is known only to You. In the name of Jesus Christ I ask forgiveness. Deliver and restore me that I may rest in peace.**

[P]: *By the mercy of God we are redeemed by Jesus Christ, and in Him we are forgiven. We rest now in His peace and rise in the morning to serve Him.*

[C]: **Amen.**

**Sit The Psalm:** (*Psalm 49:7-9, 12; antiphon, Psalm 49:15*)

[P]: *But God will ransom my soul from the power of Sheol, for he will receive me.*

[C]: **Truly no man can ransom another, or give to God the price of his life,**

[P]: *for the ransom of their life is costly and can never suffice,*

[C]: **that he should live on forever and never see the pit.**

[P]: *Man in his pomp will not remain; he is like the beasts that perish*

[C]: **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.**

[P]: *But God will ransom my soul from the power of Sheol, for he will receive me.*

**The Office Hymn: "The Lamb".....LSB #547**

**1 The Lamb, the Lamb, O Father, where's the sacrifice?  
Faith sees, believes God will provide the Lamb of price!**

*Refrain Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me His own!  
The Lamb is reigning on His throne!*

**2 The Lamb, the Lamb, One perfect final offering.  
The Lamb, the Lamb, Let earth join heav'n His praise to sing. Refrain**

**3 The Lamb, the Lamb, As wayward sheep their shepherd kill  
So still, His will On our behalf the Law to fill. Refrain**

**4 He sighs, He dies, He takes my sin and wretchedness.  
He lives, forgives, He gives me His own righteousness. Refrain**

**5 He rose, He rose, My heart with thanks now overflows.  
His song prolong Till ev'ry heart to Him belong. Refrain**

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**Old Testament Reading:** ..... Deuteronomy 30:15-20

<sup>15</sup>“See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. <sup>16</sup>If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you today, by loving the LORD your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his rules, then you shall live and multiply, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. <sup>17</sup>But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, <sup>18</sup>I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess. <sup>19</sup>I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, <sup>20</sup>loving the LORD your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.”

[P]: *O Lord, have mercy on us.*

[C]: **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle Reading:.....2 Timothy 4:1-5

<sup>1</sup>I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: <sup>2</sup>preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. <sup>3</sup>For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, <sup>4</sup>and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths. <sup>5</sup>As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

[P]: *O Lord, have mercy on us.*

[C]: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading:..... Luke 14:25-33

<sup>25</sup>Now great crowds accompanied [Jesus], and he turned and said to them, <sup>26</sup>“If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. <sup>27</sup>Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. <sup>28</sup>For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? <sup>29</sup>Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, <sup>30</sup>saying, ‘This man began to build and was not able to finish.’ <sup>31</sup>Or what king, going out to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and deliberate whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? <sup>32</sup>And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace. <sup>33</sup>So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple.

[P]: *O Lord, have mercy on us.*

[C]: **Thanks be to God.**

The Sermon Hymn: "Jesus, I Will Ponder Now" .....**LSB #440**

- 1 **Jesus, I will ponder now On Your holy passion;  
With Your Spirit me endow For such meditation.  
Grant that I in love and faith May the image cherish  
Of Your suffering, pain, and death That I may not perish.**
- 2 **Make me see Your great distress, Anguish, and affliction,  
Bonds and stripes and wretchedness And Your crucifixion;  
Make me see how scourge and rod, Spear and nails did wound You,  
How for them You died, O God, Who with thorns had crowned You.**
- 3 **Yet, O Lord, not thus alone Make me see Your passion,  
But its cause to me make known And its termination.  
Ah! I also and my sin Wrought Your deep affliction;  
This indeed the cause has been Of Your crucifixion.**

- 4 Grant that I Your passion view With repentant grieving.  
 Let me not bring shame to You By unholy living.  
 How could I refuse to shun Ev'ry sinful pleasure  
 Since for me God's only Son Suffered without measure?
- 5 If my sins give me alarm And my conscience grieve me,  
 Let Your cross my fear disarm; Peace of conscience give me.  
 Help me see forgiveness won By Your holy passion.  
 If for me He slays His Son, God must have compassion!
- 6 Graciously my faith renew; Help me bear my crosses,  
 Learning humbleness from You, Peace mid pain and losses.  
 May I give You love for love! Hear me, O my Savior,  
 That I may in heav'n above Sing Your praise forever.

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The Sermon: "A Surprising Savior: The Cost" ..... Luke 14:25-33

The Offering

**Stand The Prayers:**

[P]: *Hear my prayer, O Lord;*

[C]: **listen to my cry.**

[P]: *Keep me as the apple of Your eye;*

[C]: **hide me in the shadow of Your wings.**

[P]: *In righteousness I shall see You;*

[C]: **when I awake, Your presence will give me joy.**

[P]: *Be present, merciful God, and protect us through the hours of this night, so that we who are wearied by the changes and chances of life may find our rest in You; through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

[C]: **Amen.**

[P]: *Be our light in the darkness, O Lord, and in Your great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of Your only Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.*

[C]: **Amen.**

[P]: *Eternal God, the hours both of day and night are Yours, and to You the darkness is no threat. Be present, we pray, with those who labor in these hours of night, especially those who watch and work on behalf of others. Grant them diligence in their watching, faithfulness in their service, courage in danger, and competence in emergencies. Help them to meet the needs of others with confidence and compassion; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.*

[C]: **Amen.**

[P]: *Abide with us, Lord, for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent. Abide with us and with Your whole Church. Abide with us at the end of the day, at the end of our life, at the end of the world. Abide with us with Your grace and goodness, with Your holy Word and Sacrament, with Your strength and blessing. Abide with us when the night of affliction and temptation*

*comes upon us, the night of fear and despair, the night when death draws near. Abide with us and with all the faithful, now and forever.*

**[C]: Amen. I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.**

**[P]:** *Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:*

**[C]: 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.**

**The Benediction:**

**[P]:** *The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless you and keep you.*

**[C]: Amen.**

**The Closing Hymn: "Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed" ..... LSB #437**

- 1 Alas! And did my Savior bleed, And did my sov'reign die?  
Would He devote that sacred head For such a worm as I?**
- 2 Was it for crimes that I had done He groaned upon the tree?  
Amazing pity, grace unknown, And love beyond degree!**
- 3 Well might the sun in darkness hide And shut his glories in  
When God, the mighty maker, died For His own creatures' sin.**
- 4 Thus might I hide my blushing face While His dear cross appears,  
Dissolve my heart in thankfulness, And melt mine eyes to tears.**
- 5 But drops of grief can ne'er repay The debt of love I owe;  
Here, Lord, I give myself away: 'Tis all that I can do.**

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**Silent Prayer/Postlude Music**

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