

A Surprising Savior - You MUST Forgive



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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, God does not simply want his people to forgive. He demands it.

ENTRANCE PRAYER: *O Lord, teach me to "Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave me (Ephesians 4:32)" Amen.*

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP – Compline (pg. 253)

No Prelude Music

Stand The Opening Hymn: “Come to Calvary’s Holy Mountain” **LSB #435**

- 1 Come to Calv’ry’s holy mountain, Sinners, ruined by the fall;
Here a pure and healing fountain Flows for you, for me, for all,
In a full, perpetual tide, Opened when our Savior died.**
- 2 Come in poverty and meanness, Come defiled, without, within;
From infection and uncleanness, From the leprosy of sin,
Wash your robes and make them white; Ye shall walk with God in light.**
- 3 Come in sorrow and contrition, Wounded, impotent, and blind;
Here the guilty, free remission, Here the troubled, peace may find.
Health this fountain will restore; They that drink shall thirst no more.**
- 4 They that drink shall live forever; ’Tis a soul-renewing flood.
God is faithful; God will never Break His covenant of blood,
Signed when our Redeemer died, Sealed when He was glorified.**

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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 103:8-10, 12; antiphon, Psalm 103:17)

[P]: *But the steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him, and his righteousness to children’s children.*

[C]: **The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

[P]: *He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever.*

[C]: **He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.**

[P]: *as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.*

[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 the steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him, and his righteousness to children's children.*

The Office Hymn: "Glory Be to Jesus"..... **LSB #433**

- 1 **Glory be to Jesus, Who in bitter pains
Poured for me the lifeblood From His sacred veins!**
- 2 **Grace and life eternal In that blood I find;
Blest be His compassion, Infinitely kind!**
- 3 **Blest through endless ages Be the precious stream
Which from endless torment Did the world redeem!**
- 4 **Abel's blood for vengeance Pleaded to the skies;
But the blood of Jesus For our pardon cries.**
- 5 **Oft as earth exulting Wafts its praise on high,
Angel hosts rejoicing Make their glad reply.**
- 6 **Lift we, then, our voices, Swell the mighty flood;
Louder still and louder Praise the precious blood!**

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Old Testament Reading:..... Jeremiah 31:31-34

³¹“Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, ³²not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the LORD. ³³For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, ‘Know the LORD,’ for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.”

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

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

Epistle Reading:..... Romans 7:14-20

¹⁴For we know that the law is spiritual, but I am of the flesh, sold under sin. ¹⁵I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶Now if I do what I do not want, I agree with the law, that it is good. ¹⁷So now it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. ¹⁹For I do not do the

good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing. ²⁰Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me.

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

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

Gospel Reading: Luke 17:1-6

¹And he said to his disciples, "Temptations to sin are sure to come, but woe to the one through whom they come! ²It would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck and he were cast into the sea than that he should cause one of these little ones to sin. ³Pay attention to yourselves! If your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him, ⁴and if he sins against you seven times in the day, and turns to you seven times, saying, 'I repent,' you must forgive him."

⁵The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" ⁶And the Lord said, "If you had faith like a grain of mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

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

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

The Sermon Hymn: "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" **LSB #449**

- 1 **O sacred Head, now wounded, With grief and shame weighed down,
Now scornfully surrounded With thorns, Thine only crown.
O sacred Head, what glory, What bliss, till now was Thine!
Yet, though despised and gory, I joy to call Thee mine.**
- 2 **What Thou, my Lord, hast suffered Was all for sinners' gain;
Mine, mine was the transgression, But Thine the deadly pain.
Lo, here I fall, my Savior! 'Tis I deserve Thy place;
Look on me with Thy favor, And grant to me Thy grace.**
- 3 **What language shall I borrow To thank Thee, dearest Friend,
For this Thy dying sorrow, Thy pity without end?
O make me Thine forever! And should I fainting be,
Lord, let me never, never, Outlive my love for Thee.**
- 4 **Be Thou my consolation, My shield, when I must die;
Remind me of Thy passion When my last hour draws nigh.
Mine eyes shall then behold Thee, Upon Thy cross shall dwell,
My heart by faith enfold Thee. Who dieth thus dies well.**

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The Sermon: "A Surprising Savior: You Must Forgive" Luke 17:1-6

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.

- 1 All praise to Thee, my God, this night For all the blessings of the light.
Keep me, O keep me, King of kings, Beneath Thine own almighty wings.
- 2 Forgive me, Lord, for Thy dear Son, The ill that I this day have done,
That with the world, myself, and Thee, I, ere I sleep, at peace may be.
- 3 Teach me to live that I may dread The grave as little as my bed.
Teach me to die that so I may Rise glorious at the awe-full day.
- 4 Oh, may my soul in Thee repose, And may sweet sleep mine eyelids close,
Sleep that shall me more vig'rous make To serve my God when I awake!
- 5 When in the night I sleepless lie, My soul with heav'nly thoughts supply;
Let no ill dreams disturb my rest, No pow'rs of darkness me molest.
- 6 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

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