

# **Our Savior Lutheran Church**

**Lent 4 Midweek**

**“From Death to Life - Creator/Life-Giver”**

**April 2, 2025**

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### 433 Glory Be to Jesus



1 Glo - ry be to Je - sus, Who in bit - ter pains  
 2 Grace and life e - ter - nal In that blood I find;  
 3 Blest through end - less a - ges Be the pre - cious stream  
 4 A - bel's blood for ven - geance Plead - ed to the skies;



Poured for me the life - blood From His sa - cred veins!  
 Blest be His com - pas - sion, In - fi - nite - ly kind!  
 Which from end - less tor - ment Did the world re - deem!  
 But the blood of Je - sus For our par - don cries.

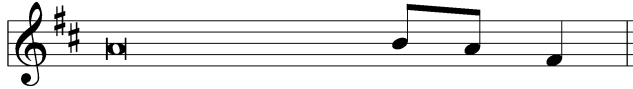
- 5 Oft as earth exulting  
 Wafts its praise on high,  
 Angel hosts rejoicing  
 Make their glad reply.
- 6 Lift we, then, our voices,  
 Swell the mighty flood;  
 Louder still and louder  
 Praise the precious blood!

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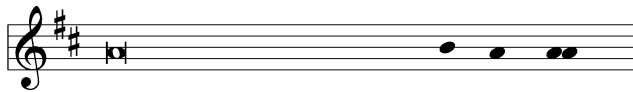
Stand



**L** O Lord, o - pen my lips,



**C** and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.



**L** Make haste, O God, to de - liv - er me;



**C** make haste to help me, O Lord.



**C** Glo - ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.



Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our sal - va - tion.

## Psalmody

### Psalm

*Psalm 103*

<sup>1</sup>Bless the LORD, | O my soul,\*  
and all that is within me,  
bless his | holy name!

<sup>2</sup>**Bless the LORD, | O my soul,\***  
**and forget not all his | benefits,**

<sup>3</sup>who forgives all your in- | iquity,\*  
who heals all your dis- | eases,

<sup>4</sup>**who redeems your life | from the pit,\***  
**who crowns you with steadfast love and | mercy,**

<sup>5</sup>who satisfies | you with good\*  
so that your youth is renewed like the | eagle's.

<sup>6</sup>**The LORD works | righteousness\*  
and justice for all who | are oppressed.**

<sup>7</sup>He made known his ways to | Moses,\*  
his acts to the people of | Israel.

<sup>8</sup>**The LORD is merciful and | gracious,\*  
slow to anger and abounding in | steadfast love.**

<sup>9</sup>He will not | always chide,\*  
nor will he keep his anger for- | ever.

<sup>10</sup>**He does not deal with us according | to our sins,\*  
nor repay us according to our in- | iquities.**

<sup>11</sup>For as high as the heavens are a- | bove the earth,\*  
so great is his steadfast love toward those who | fear him;

<sup>12</sup>**as far as the east is | from the west,\*  
so far does he remove our transgres- | sions from us.**

<sup>13</sup>As a father shows compassion to his | children,\*  
so the LORD shows compassion to those who | fear him.

<sup>14</sup>**For he | knows our frame,\*  
he remembers that | we are dust.**

<sup>15</sup>As for man, his days | are like grass;\*  
he flourishes like a flower | of the field;

<sup>16</sup>**for the wind passes over it, and | it is gone,\*  
and its place knows | it no more.**

<sup>17</sup>But the steadfast love of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting on those who | fear him,\*  
and his righteousness to children's | children,

<sup>18</sup>**to those who keep his | covenant\*  
and remember to do his com- | mandments.**

<sup>19</sup>The LORD has established his throne in the | heavens,\*  
and his kingdom rules | over all.

**20 Bless the LORD, O you his | angels,\*  
 you mighty ones who do his word,  
 obeying the voice | of his word!**

**21 Bless the LORD, | all his hosts,\*  
 his ministers, who | do his will!**

**22 Bless the LORD, all his works,  
 in all places of his do- | minion.\*  
 Bless the LORD, | O my soul!**

*Sit*

**420 Christ, the Life of All the Living**



1 Christ, the life of all the liv - ing, Christ, the death of  
 2 Thou, ah! Thou, hast tak - en on Thee Bonds and stripes, a  
 3 Thou hast borne the smit - ing on - ly That my wounds might  
 4 Heart - less scof - fers did sur - round Thee, Treat - ing Thee with



death, our foe, Who, Thy - self for me once giv - ing  
 cru - el rod; Pain and scorn were heaped up - on Thee,  
 all be whole; Thou hast suf - fered, sad and lone - ly,  
 shame - ful scorn And with pierc - ing thorns they crowned Thee.



To the dark - est depths of woe: Through Thy suf - f'rings,  
 O Thou sin - less Son of God! Thus didst Thou my  
 Rest to give my wea - ry soul; Yea, the curse of  
 All dis - grace Thou, Lord, hast borne, That as Thine Thou



death, and mer - it I e - ter - nal life in - her - it.  
 soul de - liv - er From the bonds of sin for - ev - er.  
 God en - dur - ing, Bless - ing un - to me se - cur - ing.  
 might - est own me And with heav'n - ly glo - ry crown me.



Thou - sand, thou - sand thanks shall be, Dear - est Je - sus, un - to Thee.  
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5 Thou hast suffered men to bruise Thee,  
 That from pain I might be free;  
 Falsely did Thy foes accuse Thee:  
 Thence I gain security;  
 Comfortless Thy soul did languish  
 Me to comfort in my anguish.  
 Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,  
 Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

- 6 Thou hast suffered great affliction  
 And hast borne it patiently,  
 Even death by crucifixion,  
 Fully to atone for me;  
 Thou didst choose to be tormented  
 That my doom should be prevented.  
 Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,  
 Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.
- 7 Then, for all that wrought my pardon,  
 For Thy sorrows deep and sore,  
 For Thine anguish in the Garden,  
 I will thank Thee evermore,  
 Thank Thee for Thy groaning, sighing,  
 For Thy bleeding and Thy dying,  
 For that last triumphant cry,  
 And shall praise Thee, Lord, on high.

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## Readings

### Reading

*Jonah 2*

**L** A reading from Jonah, chapter 2.

<sup>1</sup>Then Jonah prayed to the LORD his God from the belly of the fish, <sup>2</sup>saying,

“I called out to the LORD, out of my distress,  
 and he answered me;  
 out of the belly of Sheol I cried,  
 and you heard my voice.

<sup>3</sup>For you cast me into the deep,  
 into the heart of the seas,  
 and the flood surrounded me;  
 all your waves and your billows  
 passed over me.

<sup>4</sup>Then I said, ‘I am driven away  
 from your sight;  
 Yet I shall again look  
 upon your holy temple.’

<sup>5</sup>The waters closed in over me to take my life;  
 the deep surrounded me;  
 weeds were wrapped about my head  
<sup>6</sup>at the roots of the mountains.

I went down to the land  
 whose bars closed upon me forever;  
 yet you brought up my life from the pit,

O LORD my God.  
<sup>7</sup>When my life was fainting away,  
I remembered the LORD,  
and my prayer came to you,  
into your holy temple.  
<sup>8</sup>Those who pay regard to vain idols  
forsake their hope of steadfast love.  
<sup>9</sup>But I with the voice of thanksgiving  
will sacrifice to you;  
what I have vowed I will pay.  
Salvation belongs to the LORD!”

<sup>10</sup>And the LORD spoke to the fish, and it vomited Jonah out upon the dry land.

**L** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

### Reading

*Ephesians 2:1–10*

**L** A reading from Ephesians, chapter 2.

<sup>1</sup>And you were dead in the trespasses and sins <sup>2</sup>in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— <sup>3</sup>among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. <sup>4</sup>But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, <sup>5</sup>even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— <sup>6</sup>and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, <sup>7</sup>so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup>For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, <sup>9</sup>not a result of works, so that no one may boast. <sup>10</sup>For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

**L** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

### Reading

*John 12:20–36*

**L** A reading from John, chapter 12.

<sup>20</sup>Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks. <sup>21</sup>So these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” <sup>22</sup>Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. <sup>23</sup>And Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. <sup>24</sup>Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. <sup>25</sup>Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. <sup>26</sup>If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.

<sup>27</sup>“Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? ‘Father, save me from this hour’? But for this purpose I have come to this hour. <sup>28</sup>Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven: “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” <sup>29</sup>The crowd that stood there and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” <sup>30</sup>Jesus answered, “This voice has come for

your sake, not mine. <sup>31</sup>Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out. <sup>32</sup>And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” <sup>33</sup>He said this to show by what kind of death he was going to die. <sup>34</sup>So the crowd answered him, “We have heard from the Law that the Christ remains forever. How can you say that the Son of Man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of Man?” <sup>35</sup>So Jesus said to them, “The light is among you for a little while longer. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you. The one who walks in the darkness does not know where he is going. <sup>36</sup>While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light.”

When Jesus had said these things, he departed and hid himself from them.

**L** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Responsory (Lent)

LSB 231



**L** 1 Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are  
the God of my sal - va - tion.  
2 In You, O Lord, do I put my trust, leave me not, O Lord, my God.  
3 Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are  
the God of my sal - va - tion.

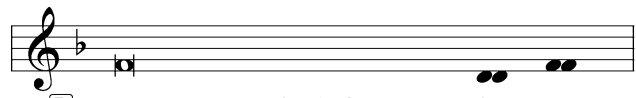


**C** Rescue me from my en - e - mies, protect me  
from those who rise a - gainst me.

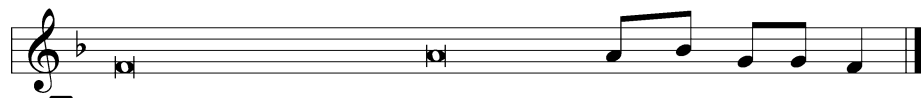
## Sermon

## Canticle

### Stand



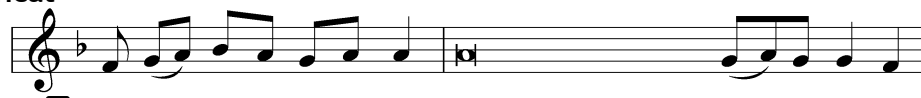
**L** Let my prayer rise before You as in - cense,



**C** and the lifting up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.

## Magnificat


LSB 231




**C** My soul mag-ni-fies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God, my Sav-ior;



**I** for He has re-gard - ed the lowliness of His hand-maid - en.



II For be-hold, from this day all generations will call me bless-ed.




I For the Mighty One has done great things to me, and holy is His name;




II and His mercy is on those who fear Him from generation to gen-er-a-tion.



I He has shown strength with His arm; He has scattered the proud in the



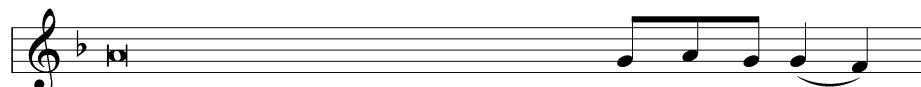
imagination of their hearts. II He has cast down the



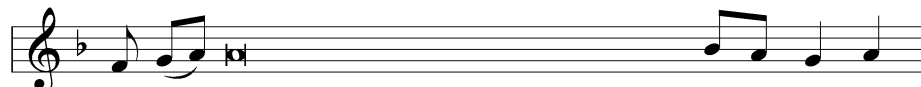
might-y from their thrones and has ex-alt-ed the low-ly.




I He has filled the hun-gry with good things,



and the rich He has sent emp-ty a-way.




II He has helped His servant Israel in remembrance of His mer-cy



as He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his seed for-ev-er.



III Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Spir-it;



as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A-men.

Sit

Offering



# Prayer

*Kneel/Stand*

## Kyrie

LSB 233



**C** Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

## Lord's Prayer

**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.

## Collects

- L** O Lord, hear my prayer.
- C** And let my cry come to You.

## Collect of the Day

- P** Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

## Collect for Peace

**L** O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*Stand*

## Benedicamus

LSB 234



**L** Let us bless the Lord.



**C** Thanks be to God.

## Benediction

LSB 234



**P** The grace of our Lord ✠ Je - sus Christ and the love of God



and the communion of the Holy Spir - it be with you all.



**C** A - men.

## 421 Jesus, Grant That Balm and Healing



1 Je - sus, grant that balm and heal - ing In Your ho - ly  
 2 Should some lust or sharp temp - ta - tion Fas - ci - nate my  
 3 If the world my heart en - tic - es With the broad and  
 4 Ev - 'ry wound that pains or grieves me By Your wounds, Lord,  
 5 O my God, my rock and tow - er, Grant that in Your



wounds I find, Ev - 'ry hour that I am feel - ing Pains of  
 sin - ful mind, Draw me to Your cross and pas - sion, And new  
 eas - y road, With se - duc - tive, sin - ful vi - ces, Let me  
 is made whole; When I'm faint, Your cross re - vives me, Grant - ing  
 death I trust, Know - ing death has lost its pow - er Since You



bod - y and of mind. Should some e - vil thought with - in  
 cour - age I shall find. Or should Sa - tan press me hard,  
 weigh the aw - ful load You were will - ing to en - dure.  
 new life to my soul. Yes, Your com - fort ren - ders sweet  
 crushed it in the dust. Sav - ior, let Your ag - o - ny



Tempt my treach - 'rous heart to sin, Show the per - il, and from  
 Let me then be on my guard, Say - ing, "Christ for me was  
 Help me flee all thoughts im - pure And to mas - ter each temp -  
 Ev - 'ry bit - ter cup I meet; For Your all - a - ton - ing  
 Ev - er help and com - fort me; When I die be my pro -



sin - ning Keep me from its first be - gin - ning.  
 wound - ed," That the tempt - er flee con - found - ed.  
 ta - tion, Calm in prayer and med - i - ta - tion.  
 pas - sion Has pro - cured my soul's sal - va - tion.  
 tec - tion, Light and life and res - ur - rec - tion.

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