



# Lent

Good News  
from the  
Beginning:  
The Gospel  
in Genesis

**Midweek Lenten Worship VI**

*The Good News of a Savior:*

*Who Brings Good from Evil*

**Genesis 50:15-21**

**FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**Wednesday, April 2, 2025**

**11:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.**

**ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH – HAMBURG**

**Thursday, April 3, 2025**

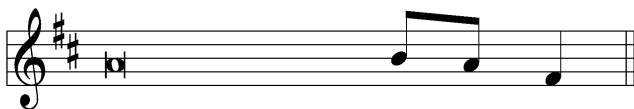
**6:30 p.m.**

## OPENING HYMN

***“Christ, the Life of All the Living”***

**LSB #420 vs. 1-4**

**P** O Lord, open my lips,



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

**P** Make haste, O God, to deliver 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.

## **Psalm 143** *(read responsively)*

**P** <sup>1</sup>Hear my prayer, O LORD;  
give ear to my pleas for mercy!  
In your faithfulness answer me, in your righteousness!

**C** <sup>2</sup>**Enter not into judgment with your servant,  
for no one living is righteous before you.**

**P** <sup>3</sup>For the enemy has pursued my soul;  
he has crushed my life to the ground;  
he has made me sit in darkness like those long dead.

- C** <sup>4</sup>**Therefore my spirit faints within me;  
my heart within me is appalled.**
- P** <sup>5</sup>I remember the days of old;  
I meditate on all that you have done;  
I ponder the work of your hands.
- C** <sup>6</sup>**I stretch out my hands to you;  
my soul thirsts for you like a parched land.**
- P** <sup>7</sup>Answer me quickly, O LORD!  
My spirit fails!  
Hide not your face from me,  
lest I be like those who go down to the pit.
- C** <sup>8</sup>**Let me hear in the morning of your steadfast love,  
for in you I trust.  
Make me know the way I should go,  
for to you I lift up my soul.**
- P** <sup>9</sup>Deliver me from my enemies, O LORD!  
I have fled to you for refuge!
- C** <sup>10</sup>**Teach me to do your will,  
for you are my God!  
Let your good Spirit lead me  
on level ground!**
- P** <sup>11</sup>For your name's sake, O LORD, preserve my life!  
In your righteousness bring my soul out of trouble!
- C** <sup>12</sup>**And in your steadfast love you will cut off my  
enemies,  
and you will destroy all the adversaries of my soul,  
for I am your servant.**

## ANTIPHON

- P** Blessed be God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.



- C** O come, let us wor - ship Him.

- 1 Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from Thy presence;  
and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation;  
and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

- P** “God is spirit, and His worshipers must worship in spirit and in truth.” (*John 4:24*) And, “He who conceals his sins does not prosper, but whoever confesses and renounces them finds mercy. (*Proverbs 28:13*) Therefore, let us confess and renounce our sins with a sincere heart and mind before the Lord, receiving His Almighty, Divine, and Eternal forgiveness.

*(A moment of silence  
for personal confession and reflection.)*

- P** We confess:

- C** **God forgive me, a sinner. Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

- P** “For God so loved the world that He gave His only-begotten Son, so that whosoever believes in Him shall not perish, but shall have everlasting life. (*John 3:16*) “Blessed is the one whose sin the LORD does not count against him, and in whose spirit is no deceit.

*(Based on Psalm 32:1, 2)* By this, your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto you, and by the command and in the stead of the Lord Jesus Christ, *(John 20:22-23; Matthew 16:19 NIV)* I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. "Be of good cheer, your sins are forgiven you. *(Matthew 9:2 KJV)* Now, go and live a life worthy of your calling in Christ Jesus, and produce fruit in keeping with real repentance. *(Ephesians 4:1)*

## READING

## Genesis 50:15-21

**P** A reading from Genesis, chapter 50.

<sup>15</sup>When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him." <sup>16</sup>So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this command before he died, <sup>17</sup>'Say to Joseph, Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you.' And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. <sup>18</sup>His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants." <sup>19</sup>But Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? <sup>20</sup>As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. <sup>21</sup>So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones." Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## READING

## Romans 8:28-39

**P** A reading from Romans, chapter 8.

<sup>28</sup>We know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. <sup>29</sup>For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. <sup>30</sup>And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

<sup>31</sup>What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? <sup>32</sup>He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? <sup>33</sup>Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. <sup>34</sup>Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. <sup>35</sup>Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? <sup>36</sup>As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all the day long;  
we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.”

<sup>37</sup>No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. <sup>38</sup>For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup>nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## READING

**Matthew 26:47-56**

**P** A reading from Matthew, chapter 26.

<sup>47</sup>While he was still speaking, Judas came, one of the twelve, and with him a great crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the elders of the people. <sup>48</sup>Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, “The one I will kiss is the man; seize him.” <sup>49</sup>And he came up to Jesus at once and said, “Greetings, Rabbi!” And he kissed him. <sup>50</sup>Jesus said to

him, "Friend, do what you came to do." Then they came up and laid hands on Jesus and seized him. <sup>51</sup>And behold, one of those who were with Jesus stretched out his hand and drew his sword and struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his ear. <sup>52</sup>Then Jesus said to him, "Put your sword back into its place. For all who take the sword will perish by the sword. <sup>53</sup>Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels? <sup>54</sup>But how then should the Scriptures be fulfilled, that it must be so?" <sup>55</sup>At that hour Jesus said to the crowds, "Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs to capture me? Day after day I sat in the temple teaching, and you did not seize me. <sup>56</sup>But all this has taken place that the Scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled." Then all the disciples left him and fled.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## SERMON HYMN

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

LSB #420, vs. 5-7

## SERMON

## OFFERING

## KYRIE



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

## PRAYERS

### 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.

## BENEDICTION

**P** The grace of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C** Amen.

## CLOSING HYMN

*“All Depends on Our Possessing”*

LSB #732

## CLOSING PRAYER

*“Abide with Me”*

LSB #878 vs. 6

**6** Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes;  
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.  
Heav’n’s morning breaks, and earth’s vain shadows flee;  
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

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## *Holy Week Services*

WEDNESDAY, April 16 (Maundy Thursday)

11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Worship with Holy Communion at Faith

Thursday, April 17 (Maundy Thursday)

6:30 p.m. Worship with Holy Communion at St. John’s

Friday, April 18 (Good Friday)

1:00 p.m. Worship at Faith

6:30 p.m. Worship at St. John’s

Sunday, April 20 (Easter Sunday)

8:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion at St. John’s

10:15 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion at Faith