

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH



APRIL 9, 2025

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TODAY'S SERVICE

April 9th, 2025 - Lent Service
Liturgy: WS page 22

Speaker: Pastor Matthew Ude

Organist: Dan Barthels

PRE-SERVICE DEVOTION

Psalm 95:1-7

Oh come, let us sing to the LORD! Let us shout joyfully to the Rock of our salvation. ² Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving; Let us shout joyfully to Him with psalms. ³ For the LORD *is* the great God, And the great King above all gods. ⁴ In His hand *are* the deep places of the earth; The heights of the hills *are* His also. ⁵ The sea *is* His, for He made it; And His hands formed the dry *land*. ⁶ Oh come, let us worship and bow down; Let us kneel before the LORD our Maker. ⁷ For He *is* our God, And we *are* the people of His pasture, And the sheep of His hand. Today, if you will hear His voice:

SERVICE OF THE WORD

#172:1,8,9 O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

INVOCATION

p In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

CONFESSION OF SINS

p God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.

c If we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His son cleanses us from all sin.

p If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

c If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

p Let us confess our sins.

all Almighty God, merciful Father, we are sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. But we are sorry for our transgressions and pray You, of Your bountiful mercy, to be gracious and merciful unto us. Forgive us for Jesus sake, renew us by Your Spirit, and lead us in the way everlasting.

p Jesus Christ is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only, but for the sins of the whole world. We are forgiven. With boldness and confidence we may approach the throne to find grace to help in time of need. In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

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 Let us pray . . . Heavenly Father, all things are in Your hands, both creation and our very lives. Turn our eyes to follow the finger of John the Baptist pointing to Jesus, the Lamb of God who takes away

the sins of the world. Jesus has received nails into His hands for our sins to bring us forgiveness. When and where You will, use us to point others to Jesus and where He promises to be found in His Word and Sacraments; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

THE SIXTH PASSION READING

Jesus Condemned by the Jews and Pilate

Then Pilate, when he had called together the chief priests, the rulers, and the people, said to them, "You have brought this Man to me as one who misleads the people; and, indeed, having examined Him in your presence, I have found no fault in this Man concerning those things of which you accuse Him. No, neither did Herod; for I sent you back to him, and, indeed, nothing worthy of death has been done by Him. I will, therefore, chastise Him and release Him.

Now at the feast the governor was accustomed to release to the multitude one prisoner whom they wished, whom-ever they requested. And they had then a notorious prisoner called Barabbas, who was chained with his fellow-insurrectionists. He had been thrown into prison for a certain insurrection made in the city, and for murder. And the multitude cried aloud and began to ask Pilate to do just as he had always done for them.

Therefore Pilate, the governor, answered them, saying, "You have a custom, that I should release someone to you at the Passover. Whom do you want me to release to You? Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ, the King of the Jews?" For he knew that the chief priests had handed Him over because of envy.

While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent to him, saying, "Have nothing to do with that just Man; for I have suffered many things today in a dream because of Him."

But the chief priests and elders stirred up the crowd and persuaded the multitudes that they should ask for Barabbas and destroy Jesus. The governor answered and said to them, "Which of the two do you want me to release to

you?"

Then they all cried out at once, saying, "Away with this Man, and release to us Barabbas."

Pilate, therefore, wishing to release Jesus, again called out to them. He said to them, "What, then, do you want me to do with Jesus, who is called Christ, the King of the Jews?" And they all shouted, "Let Him be crucified!"

Then the governor said to them the third time, "Why, what evil has He done? I have found no reason for death in Him. I will therefore chastise Him and let Him go." So the soldiers of the governor led Jesus away into the hall called Praetorium, and they gathered the whole garrison around Him. And they stripped Him, scourged Him and put a scarlet robe on Him, clothing Him in purple. And the soldiers twisted a crown of thorns and put it on His head, and they put a reed in His right hand. And they bowed the knee before Him and worshipped Him, mocking Him. They saluted Him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" Then they spat on Him and took the reed and struck Him on the head with it. And they struck Him with their hands.

And when they had mocked Him, Pilate went out again

and said to them, "Behold, I am bringing Him out to you, that you may know that I find no fault in Him." Now Jesus was wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe.

And Pilate said to them, "Behold, the Man!"

Therefore, when the chief priests and officers saw Him, they cried out, saying, "Crucify Him! Crucify Him!"

Pilate said to them, "You take Him and crucify Him, for I find no fault in Him."

The Jews answered him, "We have a law, and according to our law He ought to die, because He made Himself the Son of God."

Therefore, when Pilate heard that saying, he was the more afraid; and went again into the Praetorium and said to Jesus, "Where are You from?" But Jesus gave him no answer. Then Pilate said to Him, "Are You not speaking to me? Do You not know that I have power to crucify You and power to release You?"

Jesus answered, "You could have no power at all against Me, unless it had been given you from above; therefore, the one who delivered Me to you has the greater sin."

From then on Pilate sought to release Him, but the Jews cried out, saying, "If you let this Man go, you are not

Caesar's friend. Whoever makes himself a king speaks against Caesar."

When Pilate therefore heard that saying, he brought Jesus out and sat down in the judgment seat in a place that is call The Pavement, but in Hebrew, Gabbatha. Now it was the preparation day of the Passover and about the sixth hour [probably 6:00 a.m., according to Roman time].

And he said to the Jews, "Behold, your King!"

But they cried out instantly with a loud voice, "Away with Him, away with Him, crucify Him!"

Pilate said to them, "Shall I crucify your King?"

The chief priests answered, "We have no king but Caesar."

They were insistent and cried out more exceedingly, "Let Him be crucified! Crucify Him!" And the voices of these men and of the chief priests prevailed. When Pilate saw that he could not prevail at all, but rather that a tumult was rising, he took water and washed his hands before the multitude, saying, "I am innocent of the blood of this just Person. You see to it."

And all the people answered and said, "His blood be on us and on our children."

And wanting to gratify the crowd, Pilate gave sentence that it should be as they requested. And he released Barabbas to them, the one they requested, who for insurrection and murder had been thrown into prison. And delivered Jesus to their will, to be crucified.

Then the soldiers mocked Jesus some more, took the purple robe off Him and put His own clothes on Him, and led Jesus away, bearing His own cross, to crucify Him.

p Blessed are they who hear the word of God and keep it.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, Born of the virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and is seat-

ed at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins, The resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

#743 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

SERMON

John 3:11-18,22-36 ¹¹ "Most assuredly, I say to you, We speak what We know and testify what We have seen, and you do not receive Our witness. ¹² "If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how will you believe if I tell you heavenly things? ¹³ "No one has ascended to heaven but He who came down from heaven, *that is*, the Son of Man who is in heaven. ¹⁴ "And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵ "that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁶ "For God so loved the

world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. ¹⁷ "For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

²² After these things Jesus and His disciples came into the land of Judea, and there He remained with them and baptized. ²³ Now John also was baptizing in Aenon near Salim, because there was much water there. And they came and were baptized. ²⁴ For John had not yet been thrown into prison. ²⁵ Then there arose a dispute between *some* of John's disciples and the Jews about purification. ²⁶ And they came to John and said to him, "Rabbi, He who was with you beyond the Jordan, to whom you have testified-- behold, He is baptizing, and all are coming to Him!" ²⁷ John answered and said, "A man can receive nothing unless it has been given to him from heaven. ²⁸ "You yourselves bear me witness, that I said, 'I am not the Christ,' but, 'I have been sent before Him.' ²⁹ "He who has the bride is the bridegroom; but the friend of the bridegroom, who stands and hears him, rejoices greatly because of the bridegroom's voice. Therefore this joy of mine is fulfilled.

³⁰ "He must increase, but I *must* decrease. ³¹ "He who comes from above is above all; he who is of the earth is earthly and speaks of the earth. He who comes from heaven is above all. ³² "And what He has seen and heard, that He testifies; and no one receives His testimony. ³³ "He who has received His testimony has certified that God is true. ³⁴ "For He whom God has sent speaks the words of God, for God does not give the Spirit by measure. ³⁵ "The Father loves the Son, and has given all things into His hand. ³⁶ "He who believes in the Son has everlasting life; and he who does not believe the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him."

THE HAND OF THE LORD WHO HOLDS ALL THINGS

OFFERING, PRAYERS AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

all 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 Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace. Amen

#53 Abide O Dearest Jesus



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