

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church
Jackson, Minnesota

Lenten Midweek 5
April 9, 2025 6:30 PM



Hymn “When Peace Like a River”

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Opening Verses

P O Lord, open my lips,

C and my mouth will declare Your praise.

P Make haste, O God, to deliver me;

C make haste to help me, O Lord.

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.

Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our salvation.

Psalm 143

P Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for mercy!

C In your faithfulness answer me, in your righteousness!

P Enter not into judgment with your servant,

C for no one living is righteous before you.

P For the enemy has pursued my soul; he has crushed my life to the ground;

C he has made me sit in darkness like those long dead.

P Therefore my spirit faints within me;

C my heart within me is appalled.

P I remember the days of old; I meditate on all that you have done;

C I ponder the work of your hands.

P I stretch out my hands to you;

C my soul thirsts for you like a parched land.

P Answer me quickly, O LORD! My spirit fails!

C Hide not your face from me, lest I be like those who go down to the pit.

P Let me hear in the morning of your steadfast love, for in you I trust.

C Make me know the way I should go, for to you I lift up my soul.

P Deliver me from my enemies, O LORD!

C I have fled to you for refuge.

P Teach me to do your will, for you are my God!

C Let your good Spirit lead me on level ground!

P For your name's sake, O LORD, preserve my life!

C In your righteousness bring my soul out of trouble!

P And in your steadfast love you will cut off my enemies,

C and you will destroy all the adversaries of my soul, for I am your servant.

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.

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 50:15–21 ESV

¹⁵ 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." ¹⁶ So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this command before he died: ¹⁷ '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. ¹⁸ His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants." ¹⁹ But Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? ²⁰ 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. ²¹ 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.

Epistle

Romans 8:28–39 ESV

²⁸ And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹ 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.

³⁰ And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

³¹ What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³² 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? ³³ Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies.

³⁴ 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. ³⁵ Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?

Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? ³⁶ As it is written,

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

³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ 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.

Holy Gospel

St. Matthew 26:47–56 ESV

⁴⁷ While [Jesus] 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. ⁴⁸ Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, “The one I will kiss is the man; seize him.” ⁴⁹ And he came up to Jesus at once and said, “Greetings, Rabbi!” And he kissed him.

⁵⁰ Jesus said to him, “Friend, do what you came to do.” Then they came up and laid hands on Jesus and seized him. ⁵¹ 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. ⁵² Then Jesus said to him, “Put your sword back into its place. For all who take the sword will perish by the sword. ⁵³ Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels? ⁵⁴ But how then should the Scriptures be fulfilled, that it must be so?” ⁵⁵ 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. ⁵⁶ 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.

Responsory for Lent

P Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are the God of my salvation.

C Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.

P In You, O Lord, do I put my trust, leave me not, O Lord, my God.

C Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.

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Hymn “Christ, the Life of All the Living” 420 vv. 1-4

Sermon **Genesis 50:15–21**

“The Good News of a Savior Who Brings Good from Evil”

P Let my prayer rise before You as incense,

C and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

Canticle 231-232

Offering

P Lord have mercy.

C Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy.

Lord’s Prayer

Collects

P The Lord be with you. **C** And with your spirit.

P Almighty Father, Joseph suffered evil so that both he and others in his father Jacob’s household might be saved from the famine. Joseph’s suffering foreshadowed the suffering of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, so that through the evil that He suffered we might have the greatest good—the forgiveness of sins and eternal life with You. Grant us eyes of faith that see that all things work together for our good as we remain in Christ Jesus our Lord.

C Amen.

P 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.

Evening Prayer

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.

Benedicamus and Benediction

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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.

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