

Midweek of Lent 4

March 13, 2024 12:00pm & 6:45pm Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church

ORDER OF VESPERS

HYMN SING (6:30PM)

WELCOME

Stand

OPENING VERSICLES

LSB 229



PSALM Psalm 41

- P Blessed is the one who considers the poor!
- In the day of trouble the LORD delivers him;
- P the LORD protects him and keeps him alive; he is called blessed in the land;
- You do not give him up to the will of his enemies.
- P The LORD sustains him on his sickbed; in his illness You restore him to full health.
- As for me, I said, "O LORD, be gracious to me; heal me, for I have sinned against You!"
- P My enemies say of me in malice, "When will he die and his name perish?"
- And when one comes to see me, he utters empty words, while his heart gathers iniquity; when he goes out, he tells it abroad.
- P All who hate me whisper together about me; they imagine the worst for me.
- They say, "A deadly thing is poured out on him; he will not rise again from where he lies."
- Even my close friend in whom I trusted, who ate my bread, has lifted his heel against me.
- But You, O LORD, be gracious to me, and raise me up, that I may repay them!
- By this I know that You delight in me: my enemy will not shout in triumph over me.
- But You have upheld me because of my integrity, and set me in Your presence forever.

Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting! Amen and Amen.

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.

READING Psalm 52:1-9

P A reading from Psalms, the fifty-second chapter.

¹Why do you boast of evil, O mighty man? The steadfast love of God endures all the day. ²Your tongue plots destruction, like a sharp razor, you worker of deceit. ³You love evil more than good, and lying more than speaking what is right. ⁴You love all words that devour, O deceitful tongue. ⁵But God will break you down forever; he will snatch and tear you from your tent; he will uproot you from the land of the living. ⁶The righteous shall see and fear,and shall laugh at him, saying, ⁷"See the man who would not make God his refuge, but trusted in the abundance of his riches and sought refuge in his own destruction!" ⁸But I am like a green olive tree in the house of God. I trust in the steadfast love of God forever and ever. ⁹I will thank you forever, because you have done it. I will wait for your name, for it is good, in the presence of the godly.

- P O Lord, have mercy on us.
- Thanks be to God.

READING James 3:1–10

P A reading from James, the third chapter.

¹Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. ²For we all stumble in many ways, and if anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle his whole body. ³If we put bits into the mouths of horses so that they obey us, we guide their whole bodies as well. ⁴Look at the ships also: though they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. ⁵So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great things.

How great a forest is set ablaze by such a small fire! ⁶And the tongue is a fire, a world of unrighteousness. The tongue is set among our members, staining the whole body, setting on fire the entire course of life, and set on fire by hell. ⁷For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has

been tamed by mankind, ⁸but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. ⁹With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God. ¹⁰From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so.

- P O Lord, have mercy on us.
- Thanks be to God.

Stand

HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 26:57-62

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-sixth chapter.

G Glory to You, O Lord.

⁵⁷Then those who had seized Jesus led Him to Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and the elders had gathered. ⁵⁸And Peter was following Him at a distance, as far as the courtyard of the high priest, and going inside he sat with the guards to see the end. ⁵⁹Now the chief priests and the whole Council were seeking false testimony against Jesus that they might put Him to death, ⁶⁰but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward. At last two came forward ⁶¹and said, "This man said, 'I am able to destroy the temple of God, and to rebuild it in three days.'" ⁶²And the high priest stood up and said, "Have You no answer to make? What is it that these men testify against You?"

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- Praise to You, O Christ.

RESPONSORY (LENT)

LSB 231



SERMON HYMN

In Silent Pain the Eternal Son

LSB 432

SERMON

Empty Words

Psalm 41:6 Vicar Nathan Harkins

Stand

CANTICLE

Sing Praise to the God of Israel

LSB 936

OFFERING

PRAYERS LSB 233

COLLECTS



- P O pitying Lord Jesus, grant us of Your gentleness and forbearance, of Your compassion and love, and of Your tenderheartedness, that filled with Your grace we may always find fitting and salutary words to speak and willingly forgive the wrongs and evils done us. This we ask in Your precious and mighty name.
- 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.

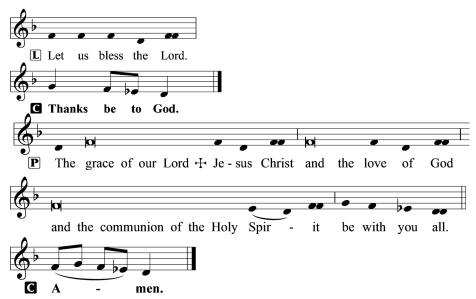
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For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

- 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.

BENEDICAMUS & BENEDICTION

LSB 234



CLOSING HYMN

In the Cross of Christ I Glory
LSB 427

POSTLUDE

Sing Praise to the God of Israel arr. Held

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SERVING THE LORD AND US THIS EVENING:

Preaching	Vicar Nathan Harkins
Liturgist	
Organist	
Acolytes	(6:45) Caroline Stoll & Adam Stoll

LENTEN AND EASTER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

MIDWEEK LENTEN SUPPER

March 20th Served from 5:30pm – 6:20pm

MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES

March 20th Services at 12:00pm and 6:45pm (Hymn sing at 6:30pm)

HOLY WEEK PALM SUNDAY – March 24th

8:00am Service with Holy Communion 9:30am Education Hour 10:45am Service with Holy Communion

LESSONS AND CAROLS - March 24th

Service at 4:00pm

SEDER MEAL - March 26th at 6:30pm

Advanced reservation is required. Please email office@bslcks.org to reserve your spot.

HOLY (MAUNDY) THURSDAY - March 28th

Services at 4:45pm and 6:45pm

GOOD FRIDAY - March 29th

Services at 4:45pm and 6:45pm

EASTER EGG HUNT - March 30th

9:30am-11:00am

EASTER VIGIL – March 30th

Service at 6:00pm

EASTER SUNDAY – March 31st

6:30am Easter Sunrise Service w/Holy Communion

7:30am – 10:30am – Easter Breakfast 8:00am Easter Holy Service w/Holy Communion 9:30am Easter Holy Service w/Holy Communion 11:00am Easter Holy Service w/Holy Communion