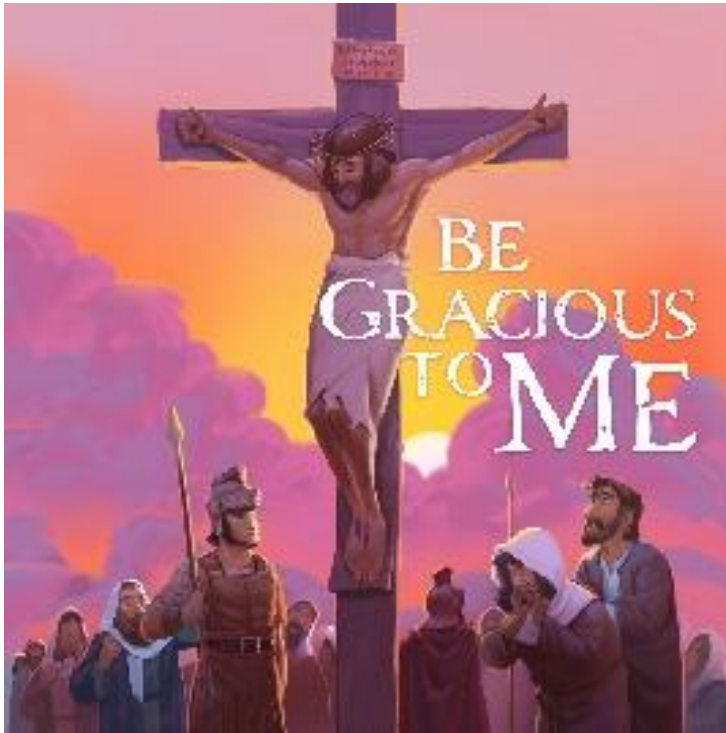


# FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

Missouri Synod



## **Lenten Vespers**

Wednesday, February 21, 2024

12:00 & 7:00 p.m.

## **SUSTAINED IN SICKNESS**

Since the fall into sin, no part of our human nature has escaped the ravages of original sin. Not only has sin separated us from God to our spiritual detriment, but our bodies, created for perfect health, endure sickness and injury. King David announces God's answer to this catastrophe in Psalm 41:3: "The LORD sustains him on his sickbed; in his illness You restore him to full health." This is a beautiful promise, but what does it mean for you and your infirmities? As all the Scriptures bear witness to Jesus, the gifts contained in these words are only revealed by your Baptism into Him by whose wounds we are healed.

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## OPENING VERSICLES

**L** O Lord, open my lips,

**C** and my mouth will declare Your praise.

**L** Make haste, O God, to deliver me;

**C** make haste to help me, O 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.  
Praise to You, O Christ, King who comes to save us.

## ✠ ✠ ✠ PSALMODY ✠ ✠ ✠

**SERIES PSALM** – Psalm 41:3-5; antiphon: 67:1

*The cantor sings the refrain and the congregation repeats it.*

*The congregation repeats the refrain after the verses.*

May God be gra - cious to us and  
bless us and make His face to shine up - on us.

*Cantor:* The LORD sustains him on his | sickbed;\*  
in his illness You restore him to | full health.  
As for me, I said, “O LORD, be gra - | cious to me;\*  
heal me, for I have sinned a - | gainst You!”  
My enemies say of me in | malice,\*  
“When will he die and his name | perish?”

### **C** Refrain

*Cantor:* Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\*  
and to the Holy | Spirit;  
as it was in the be- | ginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

### **C** Refrain

## OFFICE HYMN – LSB 435 – Come to Calvary’s Holy Mountain



1 Come to Cal - v'ry's ho - ly moun - tain, Sin - ners, ru - ined  
2 Come in pov - er - ty and mean - ness, Come de - filed, with -  
3 Come in sor - row and con - tri - tion, Wound - ed, im - po -  
4 They that drink shall live for - ev - er; 'Tis a soul - re -

by the fall; Here a pure and heal - ing foun - tain  
out, with - in; From in - fec - tion and un - clean - ness,  
tent, and blind; Here the guilt - y, free re - mis - sion,  
new - ing flood. God is faith - ful; God will nev - er

Flows for you, for me, for all, In a full, per -  
From the lep - ro - sy of sin, Wash your robes and  
Here the trou - bled, peace may find. Health this foun - tain  
Break His cov - e - nant of blood, Signed when our Re -

pet - ual tide, O - pened when our Sav - ior died.  
make them white; Ye shall walk with God in light.  
will re - store; They that drink shall thirst no more.  
deem - er died, Sealed when He was glo - ri - fied.

## ✠ ✠ ✠ READINGS ✠ ✠ ✠

### FIRST READING – *Psalms 103:1-14*

**P** A reading from Psalms, the 103<sup>rd</sup> chapter.

- <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 iniquity,  
who heals all your diseases,
- <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 forever.  
<sup>10</sup>He does not deal with us according to our sins,  
nor repay us according to our iniquities.  
<sup>11</sup>For as high as the heavens are above 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 transgressions 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.

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

## **SECOND READING** – *James 5:7-18*

**P** A reading from James, the fifth chapter.

<sup>7</sup>Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains. <sup>8</sup>You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. <sup>9</sup>Do not grumble against one another, brothers, so that you may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing at the door. <sup>10</sup>As an example of suffering and patience, brothers, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. <sup>11</sup>Behold, we consider those blessed who remained steadfast. You have heard of the steadfastness of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful.

<sup>12</sup>But above all, my brothers, do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or by any other oath, but let your “yes” be yes and your “no” be no, so that you may not fall under condemnation.

<sup>13</sup>Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise. <sup>14</sup>Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. <sup>15</sup>And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed

sins, he will be forgiven. <sup>16</sup>Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working. <sup>17</sup>Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. <sup>18</sup>Then he prayed again, and heaven gave rain, and the earth bore its fruit.

**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.
- 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.

**HYMN – LSB 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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**SERMON – Sustained in Sickness – Psalm 41:3**

**Psalm 41:3**  
 The LORD sustains him  
 on his sickbed;  
 in his illness you  
 restore him to full health.

✠ ✠ ✠ **CANTICLE** ✠ ✠ ✠

**ANTIPHON**

- L** Let my prayer rise before You as incense,
- C** and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

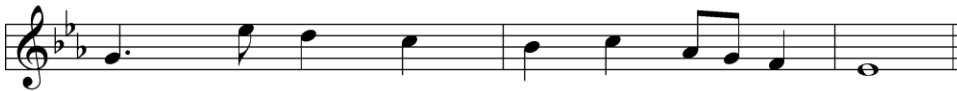
**MAGNIFICAT – LSB 934**



1 My soul now mag - ni - fies the Lord; My spir - it  
 2 For He a - lone who shows such might Has done a -  
 3 His arm is strong; His strength is great. He scat - ters  
 4 He feeds the hun - gry as His own; The wealth - y



leaps for joy in Him. He keeps me in His kind re -  
 maz - ing things to me. His mer - cy flows; His name like  
 those of proud in - tent And casts them down from high es -  
 leave with emp - ty hands. He gives His help to Is - ra -



gard, And I am blest for time to come.  
 light Re - mains in time per - pet - ual - ly.  
 tate, Then gives the low His nour - ish - ment.  
 el; His gra - cious prom - ise al - ways stands.

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## OFFERING

### ✠ ✠ ✠ PRAYER ✠ ✠ ✠

#### KYRIE



**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

**P** O Lord, hear my prayer.

**C** And let my cry come to You.

**P** Let Your blessing be upon us, heavenly Father, as we pass through these holy days in which we remember the sufferings and death of our dear Lord. Grant that His holy example being ever before us, we follow Him in willing obedience, learn His gracious humility, and being filled with His love and spirit of self-sacrifice, learn the lessons of a life pleasing to You and helpful to all people; through Him who loved us and gave Himself for us, even Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** Amen.

**C** 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.

**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.

## BENEDICAMUS

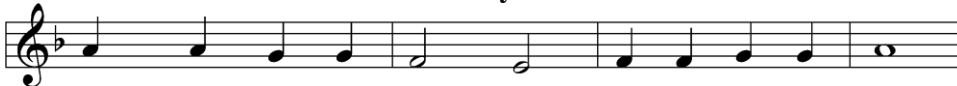
- L** Let us bless the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

## BENEDICTION

- L** 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.



## HYMN TO DEPART – LSB 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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## SILENT PRAYER/ANNOUNCEMENTS

# Lent 2024

**Wednesdays through March 20**

Midweek Lenten Fellowship & Worship:

Noon **Worship** ✠ 12:30pm **Meal**

5:45pm **Meal** ✠ 7pm **Worship**

✠ **Personal confession/absolution** in the office ✠  
30 mins before & immediately after each service