

**FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**MARCH 19, 2025**



# **WELCOME**

Thank you for worshipping with us today.  
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## **TODAY'S SERVICE**

**March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025 - Lent Service**  
**Liturgy: WS page 22**

**Speaker: Jared Swyter**

# PRE-SERVICE DEVOTION

## *Psalm 4*

Hear me when I call, O God of my righteousness! You have relieved me in *my* distress; Have mercy on me, and hear my prayer. <sup>2</sup> How long, O you sons of men, *Will you turn* my glory to shame? *How long* will you love worthlessness *And* seek falsehood? Selah <sup>3</sup> But know that the LORD has set apart<sup>t</sup> for Himself him who is godly; The LORD will hear when I call to Him. <sup>4</sup> Be angry, and do not sin. Meditate within your heart on your bed, and be still. Selah <sup>5</sup> Offer the sacrifices of righteousness, And put your trust in the LORD. <sup>6</sup> *There are* many who say, "Who will show us *any* good?" LORD, lift up the light of Your countenance upon us. <sup>7</sup> You have put gladness in my heart, More than in the season that their grain and wine increased. <sup>8</sup> I will both lie down in peace, and sleep; For You alone, O LORD, make me dwell in safety.

# SERVICE OF THE WORD

## #175 When I Survey The Wonderous Cross

### 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 . . . You have called us to be a royal priesthood, set apart to proclaim Your truth and walk in Your ways. Yet we confess that we have failed in our calling—we have neglected Your Word,

compromised with the world, and failed to turn others from iniquity. We deserve only Your judgment, yet in Your boundless mercy, You have given us a covenant of life and peace through Jesus Christ, our great High Priest. Strengthen us for the work You have set before us, that we may glorify You in all we do, until the day we stand before You in perfect peace. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

## THE THIRD PASSION READING

### Jesus before Caiaphas

Now the officers of the Jews with their troops brought Jesus into the high priest's house. They led Him to Annas first; for he was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, who was high priest that year. Now it was Caiaphas who gave counsel to the Jews that it was expedient that one man should die for the people.

The high priest then asked Jesus about His disciples and

His doctrine. Jesus answered him, "I spoke openly to the world; I always taught in synagogues, and in the temple, where the Jews always meet, and in secret I have said nothing. Why do you ask Me? Ask those who have heard Me what I said to them; indeed, they know what I said."

And when He had said these things, one of the officers who stood by struck Jesus with the palm of his hand, saying, "Do You answer the high priest like that?"

Jesus answered him, "If I have spoken evil, bear witness of the evil; but if well, why do you strike Me?"

Then Annas sent Jesus bound to Caiaphas the high priest; and with him were assembled all the chief priests, the elders, and the scribes. And the chief priests, the elders, and all the council sought false testimony against Jesus to put Him to death; and found none, even though many false witnesses came forward. For many bore false witness against Him, but their testimonies did not agree.

At last two false witnesses came forward and bore false witness against Him, saying, "We heard Him say, 'I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and within three days I will build another made without hands.'" But not even then did their testimony agree.

And the high priest stood up in the midst and asked Jesus, saying, "Do You answer nothing? What is it that these men testify against You?"

But Jesus held His peace and answered nothing.

And the high priest asked Him, "I adjure You by the living God that You tell us if You are the Christ, the Son of God, the Son of the Blessed?"

And Jesus said, "I am. And you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of power and coming on the clouds of heaven."

Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, "He has spoken blasphemy! What further need do we have of witnesses? Behold, now you have heard His blasphemy. What do you think?"

And they all condemned Him answering, "He is worthy of death!"

Then some began to spit in His face. And the men who held Jesus mocked Him. They blindfolded Him and struck Him in the face and asked Him, "Prophecy to us, Christ; who is the one that struck You?" And many other things they blasphemously spoke against 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 seated 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.

### #371 Jesus Thy Blood and Righteousness

# SERMON

**Micah 2:1-9** Woe to those who devise iniquity, And work out evil on their beds! At morning light they practice it, Because it is in the power of their hand. <sup>2</sup> They covet fields and take *them* by violence, Also houses, and seize *them*. So they oppress a man and his house, A man and his inheritance. <sup>3</sup> Therefore thus says the LORD: "Behold, against this family I am devising disaster, From which you cannot remove your necks; Nor shall you walk haughtily, For this is an evil time. <sup>4</sup> In that day *one* shall take up a proverb against you, And lament with a bitter lamentation, saying: 'We are utterly destroyed! He has changed the heritage of my people; How He has removed *it* from me! To a turncoat He has divided our fields.'" <sup>5</sup> Therefore you will have no one to determine boundaries<sup>1</sup> by lot In the assembly of the LORD. <sup>6</sup> "Do not prattle," *you say to those* who prophesy. So they shall not prophesy to you<sup>1</sup>; They shall not return insult for insult<sup>2</sup>. <sup>7</sup> *You who are* named the house of Jacob: "Is the Spirit of the LORD restricted? Are these His doings? Do not My words do good To him who

walks uprightly? <sup>8</sup> "Lately My people have risen up as an enemy-- You pull off the robe with the garment From those who trust *you*, as they pass by, Like men returned from war. <sup>9</sup> The women of My people you cast out From their pleasant houses; From their children You have taken away My glory forever.

## **ARE THE PRIESTS READY?**

Sermon by: Aaron Ude

# 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

**#552 Abide With Me**