

**BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**Midweek Lent 5**  
**Series: “Words of Life from the Cross”**  
**Today’s Theme: “Thirst” (The Suffering Word)**  
**March 25, 2020**

**ABOUT OUR SERIES:** When someone speaks their last words, their family listens and takes them to heart. When our Lord speaks from the cross right before his death, all of heaven and earth are moved. Hear the words of life spoken to *you* tonight.

## Welcome

### Opening Versicles

L This is the day which the Lord has made;

C **let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

L From the rising of the sun to its setting,

C **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

L Return to the Lord, your God, for He is gracious and merciful,

C **slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love,  
and relents from sending disaster.**

L Jesus said: If any man would come after Me,

C **let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me.**

L Christ was wounded for our transgressions.

C **He was bruised for our iniquities.**

L From the rising of the sun to its setting,

C **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

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.**

### Readings From Holy Scripture

#### Psalm 69:16-21

Answer me, O Lord, for your steadfast love is good;  
according to your abundant mercy, turn to me.

Hide not your face from your servant;  
for I am in distress;  
make haste to answer me.

Draw near to my soul, redeem me;  
ransom me because of my enemies!

You know my reproach,

and my shame and my dishonor;  
my foes are all known to you.  
Reproaches have broken my heart,  
so that I am in despair.  
I looked for pity, but there was none,  
and for comforters, but I found none.  
They gave me poison for food,  
and for my thirst they gave me sour wine to drink.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

### 1 Corinthians 10:1-6

I want you to know, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ. Nevertheless, with most of them God was not pleased, for they were overthrown in the wilderness.

Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

### John 19:28-29

After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), "I thirst." A jar full of sour wine stood there, so they put a sponge full of the sour wine on a hyssop branch and held it to his mouth.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

### Responsory

L We have an advocate with the Father: Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.

C **He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.**

L Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

C **He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.**

L We have an advocate with the Father; Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.

C **He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.**

L As part of our Lenten meditation, we now review, confess, and pray the Ten Commandments, Apostles' Creed, and the Lord's Prayer.

## Ten Commandments

- C** You shall have no other gods.  
You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.  
Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.  
Honor your father and your mother.  
You shall not murder.  
You shall not commit adultery.  
You shall not steal.  
You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.  
You shall not covet your neighbor's house.  
You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

## Apostles' Creed

- C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.

And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence 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.

## 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.**

**Sermon Hymn**

**“Jesus, in Your Dying Woes”**

**LSB 447, sts. 13-15**

- 13 Jesus, in Your thirst and pain,  
While Your wounds Your lifeblood drain,  
Thirsting more our love to gain:  
Hear us, holy Jesus.
- 14 Thirst for us in mercy still;  
All Your holy work fulfill;  
Satisfy Your loving will:  
Hear us, holy Jesus.
- 15 May we thirst Your love to know.  
Lead us in our sin and woe  
Where the healing waters flow:  
Hear us, holy Jesus.

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**Sermon - “Thirst”**

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**Prayer**

- L In peace let us pray to the Lord:  
C **Lord, have mercy.**
- L For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind,  
let us pray to the Lord:  
C **Lord, have mercy.**
- L For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the  
proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:  
C **Lord, have mercy.**
- L For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us  
all, let us pray to the Lord:  
C **Lord, have mercy.**
- L For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:  
C **Lord, have mercy.**

- L For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:
- C **Lord, have mercy.**
- L For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:
- C **Lord, have mercy.**
- L For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord:
- C **Lord, have mercy.**
- L Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:
- C **Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

### Prayer at Home *(Pause video to pray at home)*

#### Collect of the Day

- L Almighty God, by Your Word You created and sustain all things, and by Your Spirit You renew Your creation. Grant now the water of life to all who thirst for You that they may bring forth abundant fruit in Your glorious kingdom; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C **Amen.**

#### Evening Prayer

- 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.**

#### *(Morning Prayer)*

- C *I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. 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.*

#### Blessing

- L Let us bless the Lord.
- C **Thanks be to God.**
- L The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the T Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us.
- C **Amen.**

## Song Suggestions

### Praise Songs:

["This is Amazing Grace"](#)

["King of Love"](#)

["Amazing Grace \(My Chains Are Gone\)"](#)

["Your Grace Is Enough"](#)

### Hymns:

["Upon the Cross Extended"](#)

["I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"](#)

["Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain"](#)

- 1 Come to Calv'ry's holy mountain,  
Sinners, ruined by the fall;  
Here a pure and healing fountain  
Flows for you, for me, for all,  
In a full, perpetual tide,  
Opened when our Savior died.
- 2 Come in poverty and meanness,  
Come defiled, without, within;  
From infection and uncleanness,  
From the leprosy of sin,  
Wash your robes and make them white;  
Ye shall walk with God in light.
- 3 Come in sorrow and contrition,  
Wounded, impotent, and blind;  
Here the guilty, free remission,  
Here the troubled, peace may find.  
Health this fountain will restore;  
They that drink shall thirst no more.
- 4 They that drink shall live forever;  
'Tis a soul-renewing flood.  
God is faithful; God will never  
Break His covenant of blood,  
Signed when our Redeemer died,  
Sealed when He was glorified.

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## **Offerings and Generosity**

You are encouraged to support BSLC's food pantry as we anticipate we will be helping people in need! A donation box is located outside our FLC/office entrance, and will be checked daily.

Donations may be mailed to the church, or you may give an online donation [HERE](#).

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## **Cross Challenge**

Consider putting a cross on display in your yard, or on your home, or even inside a window of your home so it could be visible. We want to point people to Jesus during this difficult time! Share a picture via social media using the tag #CrossOutCovid19

## **Share songs, videos, pictures**

Members are encouraged to share pictures and videos of their families singing and worshipping together. Tag BSLC in a social media post or share a picture in the comment section!

## **Benediction**

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