

LENTEN MIDWEEK 3

Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, Tempe, AZ

March 3, 2021

7:00 p.m.



I AM the Gate

AS WE GATHER

As we journey through this Lenten season, tonight we hear that Jesus is the gate. That unlike those who have come before, Jesus comes to give us life. Since the beginning Jesus has been God's plan to answer our call for salvation. He is the gate of righteousness and the gate of The LORD. Through him we are saved, we find pasture. In him is our safety and security.

PRELUDE

"Beneath the Cross of Jesus" -Arr. Don Hustad

OPENING HYMN

"Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us" LSB #711

- 1 Savior, like a shepherd lead us; Much we need Your tender care. In Your pleasant pastures feed us, For our use Your fold prepare. Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, You have bought us; we are Yours. Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, You have bought us; we are Yours.**
- 2 We are Yours; in love befriend us, Be the guardian of our way; Keep Your flock, from sin defend us, Seek us when we go astray. Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, Hear us children when we pray. Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, Hear us children when we pray.**
- 3 You have promised to receive us, Poor and sinful though we be; You have mercy to relieve us, Grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free. Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, Early let us turn to You. Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, Early let us turn to You.**
- 4 Early let us seek Your favor, Early let us do Your will; Blessèd Lord and only Savior, With Your love our spirits fill. Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, You have loved us, love us still. Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, You have loved us, love us still.**

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES *(Speak)*

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Pastor: O Lord, open my lips,

People: and my mouth will declare Your praise.

Pastor: Make haste, O God, to deliver me;

People: 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.

† **PSALMODY** †

PSALM *Psalm 118*

¹Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
for his steadfast love endures forever!

²Let Israel say,
“His steadfast love endures forever.”

³Let the house of Aaron say,
“His steadfast love endures forever.”

⁴Let those who fear the LORD say,
“His steadfast love endures forever.”

⁵Out of my distress I called on the LORD;
the LORD answered me and set me free.

⁶The LORD is on my side; I will not fear.
What can man do to me?

⁷The LORD is on my side as my helper;
I shall look in triumph on those who hate me.

⁸It is better to take refuge in the LORD
than to trust in man.

⁹It is better to take refuge in the LORD
than to trust in princes.

¹⁰All nations surrounded me;
in the name of the LORD I cut them off!

¹¹They surrounded me, surrounded me on every side;
in the name of the LORD I cut them off!

¹²They surrounded me like bees;
they went out like a fire among thorns; in the name of the LORD I cut them off!

¹³I was pushed hard, so that I was falling,

but the LORD helped me.

¹⁴The LORD is my strength and my song;
he has become my salvation.

¹⁵Glad songs of salvation
are in the tents of the righteous:

“The right hand of the LORD does valiantly,
¹⁶**the right hand of the LORD exalts, the right hand of the LORD
does valiantly!”**

¹⁷I shall not die, but I shall live,
and recount the deeds of the LORD.

¹⁸The LORD has disciplined me severely,
but he has not given me over to death.

¹⁹Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.

²⁰This is the gate of the LORD;
the righteous shall enter through it.

²¹I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.

²²The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone.

²³This is the LORD’s doing;
it is marvelous in our eyes

²⁴This is the day that the LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

²⁵Save us, we pray, O LORD!
O LORD, we pray, give us success!

²⁶Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD!
We bless you from the house of the LORD.

²⁷The LORD is God,
and he has made his light to shine upon us.

Bind the festal sacrifice with cords,
up to the horns of the altar!

²⁸You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;

you are my God; I will extol you.

²⁹Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
for his steadfast love endures forever!

† **READINGS** †

READING *Deuteronomy 6:4–9* (The Lord is one, and we are to love Him with all our heart.)

⁴“Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. ⁵You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. ⁶And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. ⁷You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. ⁸You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. ⁹You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

Lector: O Lord, have mercy on us.

People: Thanks be to God.

READING *Galatians 5:13–23* (We are called to love our neighbors as ourselves as we bear the fruit of the Holy Spirit.)

¹³For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. ¹⁴For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁵But if you bite and devour one another, watch out that you are not consumed by one another.

¹⁶But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed

to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. ¹⁸But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. ¹⁹Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, ²⁰idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, ²¹envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. ²²But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

Lector: O Lord, have mercy on us.

People: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING *John 10:7-9* (Jesus is the gate through who we find pasture)

⁷So Jesus again said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. ⁸All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture.

Lector: O Lord, have mercy on us.

People: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORY (*Speak*)

LSB #231

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

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

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SERMON HYMN: "Today Your Mercy Calls Us" LSB #915

- 1 Today Your mercy calls us To wash away our sin.
However great our trespass, Whatever we have been,
However long from mercy Our hearts have turned away,
Your precious blood can wash us And make us clean today.**
- 2 Today Your gate is open, And all who enter in
Shall find a Father's welcome And pardon for their sin.
The past shall be forgotten, A present joy be giv'n,
A future grace be promised, A glorious crown in heav'n.**
- 3 Today our Father calls us; His Holy Spirit waits;
His blessed angels gather Around the heav'nly gates.
No question will be asked us How often we have come;
Although we oft have wandered, It is our Father's home.**
- 4 O all-embracing Mercy, O ever-open Door,
What should we do without You When heart and eye run o'er?
When all things seem against us, To drive us to despair,
We know one gate is open, One ear will hear our prayer.**

SERMON: I AM The Gate *John 10:7-9*

† CANTICLE †

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Pastor: Let my prayer rise before You as incense,
People: and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

Old Testament Canticle (Ellen: Cantor; Congregation sings on Refrains.)

Refrain: The Lord God is my strength and my song, and He has become my salvation.

(Cantor); With joy will you draw water from the wells of salvation. And you will say in that day: "Give thanks to the Lord, call upon his name, make known His deeds among the peoples, proclaim that His name is exalted. ***Refrain.***

(Cantor): Sing praises to the Lord, for He has done gloriously; let this be made known in all the earth. Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitants of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel. ***Refrain.***

(Cantor) 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. A-men.

Refrain.

OFFERTORY

“Create in Me” Page 102

C Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

† PRAYER †

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People: Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9–13

People: 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

Pastor: O Lord, hear my prayer.

People: And let my cry come to You.

Pastor: Almighty and everlasting God, grant us by Your grace so to pass through this holy time of our Lord's passion that we may obtain the forgiveness of our sins; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

Pastor: O God, You have commanded us to love You with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength; and to love our neighbors as ourselves. Strengthen us by Your own redeeming love that we might reflect Your steadfast love to the world; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen.

BENEDICAMUS

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The grace of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” LSB #426

- 1 When I survey the wondrous cross On which the Prince of
Glory died, My richest gain I count but loss And pour
contempt on all my pride.**
- 2 Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast Save in the death of Christ,
my God; All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice
them to His blood.**
- 3 See, from His head, His hands, His feet Sorrow and love flow
mingled down! Did e'er such love and sorrow meet Or thorns
compose so rich a crown?**
- 4 Were the whole realm of nature mine, That were a tribute far
too small; Love so amazing, so divine, Demands my soul, my
life, my all!**

POSTLUDE

“Lead Me, Guide Me” -Doris Akers

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LENTEN WORSHIP SERVICES

7 P.M. WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3RD LENTEN MIDWEEK 3

10 A.M. SUNDAY, MARCH 7TH THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT
W/HOLY COMMUNION

7 P.M. WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10TH LENTEN MIDWEEK 4

10 A.M. SUNDAY, MARCH 14TH FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

7 P.M. WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17TH LENTEN MIDWEEK 5

10 A.M. SUNDAY, MARCH 21ST FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT
W/HOLY COMMUNION

7 P.M. WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24TH LENTEN MIDWEEK 6