

LOVE SO AMAZING, SO DIVINE
"Love For a Loathsome Traitor"

Good Shepherd Evangelical Lutheran Church (WELS)
Lenten Worship – March 3, 2021

WELCOME

"Meekness & Majesty" by Graham Kendrick
10:00 am – Anthem by Grades 3 & 4

M: O Lord, open my lips,

C: (♩) **And my mouth shall declare your praise.**

M: Hasten to save me, O God.

C: (♩) **O Lord, come quickly to help me.**

M: Behold the Lamb of God; let us worship him.

10:00 am Morning Hymn

- 1) **Father, we praise you, now the night is over,
Active and watchful, standing now before you.
Singing, we offer prayer and meditation; Thus we adore you.**
- 2) **Monarch of all things, fit us for your mansions;
Banish our weakness, health and wholeness sending.
Bring us to heaven, where your saints united Joy without ending.**
- 3) **All holy Father, Son, and equal Spirit,
Trinity blessed, send us your salvation.
Yours is the glory, gleaming and resounding Through all creation.**

6:30 pm Evening Hymn

- 1) **O gracious light, Lord Jesus Christ, In you the Father's glory shone.
Immortal, holy, blest is he, And blest are you, his only Son.**

2) Now sunset comes, but light shines forth; The lamps are lit to pierce the night. Praise Father, Son, and Spirit: God Who dwells in the eternal light.

3) Worthy are you of endless praise, O Son of God, life giving Lord;
Wherefore you are through all the earth And in the highest heav'n adored.

Prayer

M: Lord, God, you have brought us safely to this hour of prayer. We thank you for providing all that we need for body and life. Bless us who have gathered in your name. Forgive our sins. Speak to our hearts. Dispel our sorrows with the comfort of your Word, and receive our hymns of thanks and praise, through Christ, our living Savior, who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

RESPONSIVE READING

Isaiah 53:3-7, 9-11

M: He was despised and rejected by mankind,

C: A man of suffering, and familiar with pain.

M: Like one from whom people hide their faces.

C: He was despised, and we held him in low esteem.

M: Surely he took up our pain and bore our suffering,

C: Yet we considered him punished by God, stricken by him, and afflicted.

M: But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities;

C: The punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed.

M: We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way;

C: And the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

M: He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth;

C: He was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth.

M: He was assigned a grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death,

C: Though he had done no violence, nor was any deceit in his mouth.

M: Yet it was the LORD's will to crush him and cause him to suffer,

C: And though the LORD makes his life an offering for sin,

M: He will see his offspring and prolong his days,

C: And the will of the LORD will prosper in his hand.

M: After he has suffered, he will see the light of life and be satisfied;

C: By his knowledge my righteous servant will justify many, and he will bear their iniquities.

HYMN: CW 106

"Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain"

Come to Calv'ry's holy mountain, Sinners, ruined by the fall;

Here a pure and healing fountain Flows to you, to me, to all,

In a full, perpetual tide, Opened when our Savior died.

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; You shall walk with God in light.

Come in sorrow and contrition, Wounded, paralyzed, and blind;

Here the guilty, free remission, Here the troubled, peace may find.

Health this fountain will restore; He that drinks shall thirst no more.

He that drinks 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.

**OUR SAVIOR'S LAST DAYS
PART THREE - JEWISH TRIALS
JESUS' ARREST**

When Jesus' followers saw what was going to happen, they said, "Lord, should we strike with our swords?" (Luke 22:49) Then Simon Peter, who had a sword, drew it and struck the high priest's servant, cutting off his right ear. (The servant's name was Malchus.) (John 18:10). But Jesus answered, "No more of this!" And he touched the

man's ear and healed him. (Luke 22:51) "Put your sword back in its place," Jesus said to him, "for all who draw the sword will die by the sword. Do you think I cannot call on my Father, and he will at once put at my disposal more than twelve legions of angels? But how then would the Scriptures be fulfilled that say it must happen this way?" (Matthew 26:52-54). Jesus, knowing all that was going to happen to him, went out and asked them, "Who is it you want?" "Jesus of Nazareth," they replied. "I am he," Jesus said. (And Judas the traitor was standing there with them.) When Jesus said, "I am he," they drew back and fell to the ground. Again he asked them, "Who is it you want?" "Jesus of Nazareth," they said. Jesus answered, "I told you that I am he. If you are looking for me, then let these men go." This happened so that the words he had spoken would be fulfilled: "I have not lost one of those you gave me." (John 18:4-9) Then the men stepped forward, seized Jesus and arrested him. (Matthew 26:50) In that hour Jesus said to the crowd, "Am I leading a rebellion that you have come out with swords and clubs to capture me? Every day I sat in the temple courts teaching, and you did not arrest me. But this has all taken place that the writings of the prophets might be fulfilled." Then all the disciples deserted him and fled. (Matthew 26:55, 56)

HYMN: CW 136 v. 1

“’Twas on that Dark, that Doleful Night”

**'Twas on that dark, that doleful night When pow'rs of earth and hell arose
Against the Son, our God's delight, And friends betrayed him to his foes.**

ON TRIAL BEFORE ANNAS

Then the detachment of soldiers with its commander and the Jewish officials arrested Jesus. They bound him and brought him first to Annas, who was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, the high priest that year. Caiaphas was the one who had advised the Jewish leaders that it would be good if one man died for the people. Simon Peter and another disciple were following Jesus. Because this disciple was known to the high priest, he went with Jesus into the high priest's courtyard, but Peter had to wait outside at the door. The other disciple, who was known to the high priest, came back, spoke to the servant girl on duty there and brought Peter in. (John 18: 12-16) Meanwhile, the high priest questioned Jesus about his disciples and his teaching. "I have spoken openly to the world," Jesus replied. "I always taught in synagogues or at the temple, where all the Jews come together. I said nothing in secret. Why question me? Ask those who heard me. Surely they know what I said." When Jesus said this, one of the officials nearby slapped him in the face. "Is this the way you answer the high priest?" He demanded. "If

I said something wrong," Jesus replied, "testify as to what is wrong. But if I spoke the truth, why did you strike me?" (John 18: 19-23)

HYMN: CW 105 v.2

"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"

**Men mock and taunt and jeer you, They smite your countenance,
Though mighty worlds shall fear you And flee before your glance.
How pale you are with anguish, With sore abuse and scorn!
Your eyes with pain now languish That once were bright as morn!**

ON TRIAL BEFORE CAIAPHAS

Then Annas sent Jesus bound to Caiaphas the high priest, (John 18:24) where the teachers of the law and the elders had assembled. The chief priests and the whole Sanhedrin were looking for false evidence against Jesus so that they could put him to death. But they did not find any, though many false witnesses came forward. (Matthew 26: 57, 59-60). Many testified falsely against him, but their statements did not agree. Then some stood up and gave this false testimony against him: "We heard him say, 'I will destroy this temple made with human hands and in three days will build another, not made with hands.'" Yet even then their testimony did not agree. Then the high priest stood up before them and asked Jesus, "Are you not going to answer? What is this testimony that these men are bringing against you? (Mark 14: 56-60). But Jesus remained silent. The high priest said to him, "I charge you under oath by the living God: Tell us if you are the Christ the Son of God." "Yes, it is as you say," Jesus replied. "But I say to all of you: In the future you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Mighty One and coming on the clouds of heaven." Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, "He has spoken blasphemy! Why do we need any more witnesses? Look, now you have heard the blasphemy. What do you think?" "He is worthy of death," they answered. Then they spit in his face and struck him with their fists. Others slapped him and said, "Prophecy to us, Messiah. Who hit you? (Matthew 26: 63-68)

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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.

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.

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.

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 TEXT

Matthew 26:48-50 NIV (®)

Now the betrayer had arranged a signal with them: "The one I kiss is the man; arrest him." ⁴⁹ Going at once to Jesus, Judas said, "Greetings, Rabbi!" and kissed him. ⁵⁰ Jesus replied, "Do what you came for, friend." Then the men stepped forward, seized Jesus and arrested him.

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WELCOME WORSHIPPER CARDS

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OFFERING - Please leave your offering in the designated box in the narthex.

PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

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BENEDICTION

M: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: (♩) Amen.

HYMN: CW 103

"Glory Be To Jesus"

**Glory be to Jesus, Who in bitter pains
Poured for me the life blood From his sacred veins!**

**Grace and life eternal In that blood I find,
Blest be his compassion Infinitely kind!
Blest through endless ages Be the precious stream
Which from endless torment Did the world redeem!**

**Abel's blood for vengeance Pleaded to the skies;
But the blood of Jesus For our pardon cries.**

**Oft as earth exulting Lifts its praise on high,
Angel hosts, rejoicing, Make their glad reply.**

**Lift we then our voices; Swell the mighty flood;
Louder still and louder Praise the precious blood!**

