

**February 28, 2024**



**St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church**

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# God on Trial: Restraint

## Opening Hymn 425

“Go to Dark Gethsemane”



1 Go to dark Geth - sem - a - ne, all who feel the  
2 Fol - low to the judg - ment hall, view the Lord of  
3 Cal - v'ry's mourn - ful moun - tain climb; there, a - dor - ing  
4 Ear - ly has - ten to the tomb where they laid his



tempt - er's pow'r; your Re - deem - er's con - flict see,  
life ar - raigned. Oh, the worm - wood and the gall,  
at his feet, mark that mir - a - cle of time,  
breath - less clay; all is sol - i - tude and gloom.



watch with him one bit - ter hour. Turn not from his  
oh, the pangs his soul sus - tained! Shun not suf - f'ring,  
God's own sac - ri - fice com - plete. “It is fin - ished!”  
Who has tak - en him a - way? Christ is ris'n! He



griefs a - way; learn from Je - sus Christ to pray.  
pain, or loss; learn from him to bear the cross.  
hear him cry; learn from Je - sus Christ to die.  
meets our eyes. Sav - ior, teach us so to rise.

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*Please stand*

## **Confession of Sins**

In the name of our God, to whom all hearts are open and from whom no secrets are hidden.

**Amen.**

**I confess that I am by nature sinful.**

**I am guilty of many sins.**

**I am distressed by the sins that trouble me.**

**For all this I am sorry. I pray for forgiveness.**

**Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love.**

Jesus says to his people, "If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven."  
His death paid for the guilt of your sins and the sins of the whole world. Do you believe this?

**Yes, I believe.**

By the authority of Christ, I forgive you your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (†) and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

*Please be seated*

# Psalm 71A

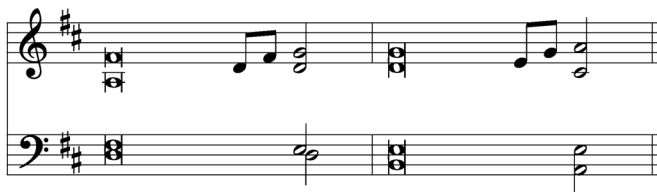
## “God Is My Strong Salvation”

### Refrain



God is my strong sal - va - tion; what foe have I to fear?

### Tone



In you, LORD, I have taken / refuge;

let me never be / put to shame.

In your righteousness, rescue me and de- / liver me;

turn your ear to me and / save me.

Be my rock of / refuge,

to which I can / always go. *Refrain*

Since my youth, God, you have / taught me,

and to this day I declare your / marv'rous deeds.

Even when I am / old and gray,

do not forsake / me, my God,

till I declare your power to the next gener- / ation,

your mighty acts to all who / are to come.

**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. *Refrain***

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## Psalm Prayer

Lord God, support us all the years of our lives that we may follow your gracious will both in good times and bad, that our lives may be an unending testimony to your love and faithfulness; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**Special Anthem**    **Grades 1-2 3:30 PM**  
**Adult Choir 6:30 PM**

## Passion Reading for Week Three

**Mark 14:27-42 (EHV)**

*Jesus Predicts Peter's Denial and Gethsemane*

**P:** Pastor

**M:** Men

**W:** Women

**P:** Jesus said to them, “You will all fall away because of me. For it is written: ‘I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.’ But after I am raised, I will go ahead of you into Galilee.”

**M:** **But Peter said to him, “Even if all fall away, I will not.”**

**P:** Jesus said to him, “Amen I tell you: Today—this very night—before the rooster crows twice, you will deny me three times.”

**M:** **But Peter kept saying emphatically, “Even if I have to die with you, I will never deny you.” And they all said the same thing.**

**W:** *They went to a place named Gethsemane. Jesus told his disciples,*

**P:** “Sit here while I pray.”

**W:** *Then he took Peter, James, and John along with him and began to be troubled and distressed. He said to them,*

**P:** “My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow, even to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch.”

**M:** **Going forward a little, he fell on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. He also said,**

P: “Abba, Father, everything is possible for you. Take this cup away from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will.”

**W:** *When he returned to the disciples, he found them sleeping. He said to Peter,*

P: “Simon, are you sleeping? Were you not strong enough to keep watch for one hour? Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.”

**M:** **Again he went away and prayed, saying the same thing. When he returned, he found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. They did not know what they should answer him. He returned the third time and said to them,**

P: “Are you going to continue sleeping and resting? It is enough. The hour has come. Look, the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Rise, let us go. Look, my betrayer is near.”

P: The Word of the Lord.

**All:** **Thanks be to God.**

# Hymn of the Day 419

## “Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle”



1 Sing, my tongue, the glo - rious bat - tle, waged in blood on  
 2 Tell how, when at length the full - ness of th'ap - point - ed  
 3 Thus, with thir - ty years ac - com - plished, he went forth from  
 4 Faith - ful cross, true sign of tri - umph, be for all the  
 5 Un - to God be praise and glo - ry; to the Fa - ther



Cal - va - ry; o'er the cross, tri - um - phant tro - phy,  
 time was come, he, the Word, was born of wom - an,  
 Naz - a - reth, des - tined, ded - i - cat - ed, will - ing,  
 no - blest tree; none in fo - liage, none in blos - som,  
 and the Son, to th'e - ter - nal Spir - it hon - or



tell who strug - gled val - iant - ly; tell how earth's Re -  
 left for us his Fa - ther's home, blazed the path of  
 did his work and met his death; like a lamb he  
 none in fruit your e - qual be, sym - bol of the  
 now and ev - er - more be done— praise and glo - ry



deem - er con - quered— vic - tim gain - ing vic - to - ry.  
 true o - be - dience, shone as light a - midst the gloom.  
 hum - bly yield - ed on the cross his dy - ing breath.  
 world's re - demp - tion, for your bur - den makes us free.  
 in the high - est while the time - less a - ges run.

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## Sermon

Luke 22:47-53 (NIV)

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<sup>47</sup> While he was still speaking a crowd came up, and the man who was called Judas, one of the Twelve, was leading them. He approached Jesus to kiss him, <sup>48</sup> but Jesus asked him, “Judas, are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss?”

<sup>49</sup> When Jesus’ followers saw what was going to happen, they said, “Lord, should we strike with our swords?” <sup>50</sup> And one of them struck the servant of the high priest, cutting off his right ear.

<sup>51</sup> But Jesus answered, “No more of this!” And he touched the man’s ear and healed him.

<sup>52</sup> Then Jesus said to the chief priests, the officers of the temple guard, and the elders, who had come for him, “Am I leading a rebellion, that you have come with swords and clubs? <sup>53</sup> Every day I was with you in the temple courts, and you did not lay a hand on me. But this is your hour—when darkness reigns.”

## Offering

*Please stand*

## Prayer

O God our Father, by your mercy and might the world turns safely into darkness and returns again to light.

**We place into your hands our unfinished tasks, our unsolved problems, and our unfulfilled hopes, knowing that only what you bless will prosper.**

To your great love and protection we commit each other and all those we love, knowing that you alone are our sure defender; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**



## Lord's Prayer

**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.**

## Blessing

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him.  
**Amen.**

*Please be seated*

## Closing Hymn

**“What Grace Is This”**

*Words from Hymn 395, Melody from Hymn 808*

- 1 What grace is this! My Lord and King  
has set his face to suffering.  
My God eternal dies to bring  
eternal life to me.**
  
- 2 What grace is this—that very God  
would stoop to lift a cross of wood  
and walk a road of rock and blood,  
a sinner's road, for me.**
  
- 3 What grace is this! Though Lord of all,  
he yields to Pontius Pilate's law  
and lets the Roman hammers draw  
a rush of blood for me.**

- 4 What grace is this! Rude agonies!  
With common thieves he hangs and bleeds.  
The sinless Son bears each misdeed;  
he pays for all, for me.**
- 5 What grace is this! Once wrapped in cloths  
and gently laid in manger-trough,  
he's taken, dead, from wretched cross  
and wrapped again for me.**
- 6 What grace is this? How can it be?  
He wears this raw humility  
to lift me to eternity.  
Such grace—sweet grace—for me.**

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*MENU*

*Pulled Pork on Slider Bun with Chips, Pickles, and  
Milk*

*along with various salads and desserts provided  
by the congregation*

*There is a free-will offering to help offset the cost of the meal and be  
put towards our Juneau Campus' celebration of 150 years of  
ministry at our church and school. Donations may be given with  
cash/check at the meal or on our website and app (enter "150<sup>th</sup>" into  
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