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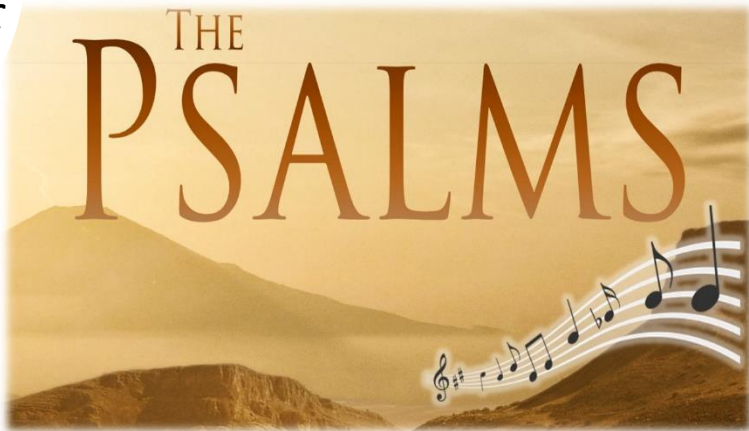
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# MID-WEEK LENT SERVICE



## Psalm 102

*Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church is a traditional Lutheran Church, faithful to God's Word and His Sacraments. We equip God's people to serve, love, and encourage one another as we grow in our personal relationship with Christ. We reach out to the community as beacons of light, sharing the love of God in Christ Jesus, our Savior.*

# VESPERS

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## PSALMODY - Psalm 102:1-28



<sup>1</sup>Hear my prayer, | O LORD;\*  
let my cry | come to you!

<sup>2</sup>Do not hide your face from me  
in the day of | my distress!\*

Incline your ear to me;  
answer me speedily in the day | when I call!

<sup>3</sup>For my days pass a- | way like smoke,\*  
and my bones burn like a | furnace.

<sup>4</sup>My heart is struck down like grass and has | withered;\*  
I forget to | eat my bread.

<sup>5</sup>Because of my loud | groaning\*  
my bones cling | to my flesh.

<sup>6</sup>I am like a desert owl of the | wilderness,\*  
like an owl of the waste | places;

<sup>7</sup>I | lie awake;\*  
I am like a lonely sparrow on the | housetop.

<sup>8</sup>All the day my enemies | taunt me;\*  
those who deride me use my name | for a curse.

<sup>9</sup>For I eat ashes | like bread\*  
and mingle tears | with my drink,

<sup>10</sup>because of your indignation and | anger;\*  
for you have taken me up and | thrown me down.

<sup>11</sup>My days are like an evening | shadow;\*  
I wither a- | way like grass.

<sup>12</sup>But you, O LORD, are enthroned for- | ever;\*  
you are remembered throughout all gener- | ations.

<sup>13</sup>You will arise and have pity on | Zion;\*

it is the time to favor her;  
the appointed | time has come.

**14For your servants hold her | stones dear\*  
and have pity | on her dust.**

**15Nations will fear the name | of the LORD,\*  
and all the kings of the earth will fear your | glory.**

**16For the LORD builds up | Zion;\*  
he appears in his | glory;**

**17he regards the prayer of the | destitute\*  
and does not de- | spise their prayer.**

**18Let this be recorded for a genera- | tion to come,\*  
so that a people yet to be created may | praise the LORD:**

**19that he looked down from his | holy height;\*  
from heaven the LORD looked | at the earth,**

**20to hear the groans of the | prisoners,\*  
to set free those who were | doomed to die,**

**21that they may declare in Zion the name | of the LORD,\*  
and in Jerusa- | lem his praise,**

**22when peoples gather to- | gether,\*  
and kingdoms, to wor- | ship the LORD.**

**23He has broken my strength in | midcourse;\*  
he has shortened | my days.**

**24“O my God,” I say, “take me not away  
in the midst | of my days—\***

**you whose years endure  
throughout all gener- | ations!”**

**25Of old you laid the foundation | of the earth,\*  
and the heavens are the work | of your hands.**

**26They will perish, but you | will remain;\*  
they will all wear out like a | garment.**

**You will change them like a robe, and they will | pass away,\***

**27but you are the same, and your years | have no end.**

**28The children of your servants shall | dwell secure;\*  
their offspring shall be established be- | fore you.**

*(Please be seated)*

**OFFICE HYMN . . . . .“In Silent Pain the Eternal Son” LSB #432**

## READING - Mark 15:1-47

<sup>1</sup>And as soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole Council. And they bound Jesus and led him away and delivered him over to Pilate. <sup>2</sup>And Pilate asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" And he answered him, "You have said so." <sup>3</sup>And the chief priests accused him of many things. <sup>4</sup>And Pilate again asked him, "Have you no answer to make? See how many charges they bring against you." <sup>5</sup>But Jesus made no further answer, so that Pilate was amazed.

<sup>6</sup>Now at the feast he used to release for them one prisoner for whom they asked. <sup>7</sup>And among the rebels in prison, who had committed murder in the insurrection, there was a man called Barabbas. <sup>8</sup>And the crowd came up and began to ask Pilate to do as he usually did for them. <sup>9</sup>And he answered them, saying, "Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?" <sup>10</sup>For he perceived that it was out of envy that the chief priests had delivered him up. <sup>11</sup>But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release for them Barabbas instead. <sup>12</sup>And Pilate again said to them, "Then what shall I do with the man you call the King of the Jews?" <sup>13</sup>And they cried out again, "Crucify him." <sup>14</sup>And Pilate said to them, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Crucify him." <sup>15</sup>So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released for them Barabbas, and having scourged Jesus, he delivered him to be crucified.

<sup>16</sup>And the soldiers led him away inside the palace (that is, the governor's headquarters), and they called together the whole battalion. <sup>17</sup>And they clothed him in a purple cloak, and twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on him. <sup>18</sup>And they began to salute him, "Hail, King of the Jews!" <sup>19</sup>And they were striking his head with a reed and spitting on him and kneeling down in homage to him. <sup>20</sup>And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. And they led him out to crucify him.

<sup>21</sup>And they compelled a passerby, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, the father of Alexander and Rufus, to carry his cross. <sup>22</sup>And they brought him to the place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull). <sup>23</sup>And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh, but he did not take it. <sup>24</sup>And they crucified him and divided his garments among them, casting lots for them, to decide what each should take. <sup>25</sup>And it was the third hour when they crucified him. <sup>26</sup>And the inscription of the charge against him read, "The King of the

Jews.” <sup>27</sup>And with him they crucified two robbers, one on his right and one on his left. <sup>29</sup>And those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads and saying, “Aha! You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, <sup>30</sup>save yourself, and come down from the cross!” <sup>31</sup>So also the chief priests with the scribes mocked him to one another, saying, “He saved others; he cannot save himself. <sup>32</sup>Let the Christ, the King of Israel, come down now from the cross that we may see and believe.” Those who were crucified with him also reviled him.

<sup>33</sup>And when the sixth hour had come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. <sup>34</sup>And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, “Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?” which means, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” <sup>35</sup>And some of the bystanders hearing it said, “Behold, he is calling Elijah.” <sup>36</sup>And someone ran and filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink, saying, “Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down.” <sup>37</sup>And Jesus uttered a loud cry and breathed his last. <sup>38</sup>And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. <sup>39</sup>And when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, “Truly this man was the Son of God!”

<sup>40</sup>There were also women looking on from a distance, among whom were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome. <sup>41</sup>When he was in Galilee, they followed him and ministered to him, and there were also many other women who came up with him to Jerusalem.

<sup>42</sup>And when evening had come, since it was the day of Preparation, that is, the day before the Sabbath, <sup>43</sup>Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the Council, who was also himself looking for the kingdom of God, took courage and went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. <sup>44</sup>Pilate was surprised to hear that he should have already died. And summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he was already dead. <sup>45</sup>And when he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the corpse to Joseph. <sup>46</sup>And Joseph bought a linen shroud, and taking him down, wrapped him in the linen shroud and laid him in a tomb that had been cut out of the rock. And he rolled a stone against the entrance of the tomb. <sup>47</sup>Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses saw where he was laid.

A: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSORY . . . . . page 231 (Lent)**

**APOSTLES' CREED**

**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.**

**SERMON HYMN . . . . . “Hear Us, Father, When We Pray” LSB #773**

**SERMON . . . . . “Cry & Compassion” (Psalm 102)**

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**PRAYER**

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**COLLECT OF THE DAY**

**P:** Let us pray . . . Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen**

**ADDITIONAL COLLECTS OF INTERCESSION AND THANKSGIVING**

**COLLECT FOR PEACE**

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**CLOSING HYMN . . . . . “Glory Be to Jesus” LSB #433**

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