

*March 25, 2025*  
*Vespers in the Fourth Week of Lent*  
*St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church*

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PSALM

*Psalm 95*

Oh come, let us sing to the LORD;  
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!  
**Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;**  
**let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!**

For the LORD is a great God,  
and a great King above all gods.

**In his hand are the depths of the earth;**  
**the heights of the mountains are his also.**

The sea is his, for he made it,  
and his hands formed the dry land.

**Oh come, let us worship and bow down;**  
**let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!**

For he is our God,  
and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

**Today, if you hear his voice,**  
**do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah, as on the day at Massah in the wilderness,**  
when your fathers put me to the test

and put me to the proof, though they had seen my work.

**For forty years I loathed that generation and said, “They are a people who go astray in their heart,**  
**and they have not known my ways.”**

Therefore I swore in my wrath,  
“They shall not enter my rest.”

*Sit*

Christ, the Word of God Incarnate

*LSB 540*

FIRST READING

*Exodus 3:1–20*

Now Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law, Jethro, the priest of Midian, and he led his flock to the west side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. And the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush. He looked, and behold, the bush was burning, yet it was not consumed. And Moses said, “I will turn aside to see this great sight, why the bush is not burned.” When the LORD saw that he turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, “Moses, Moses!” And he said, “Here I am.” Then he said, “Do not come near; take your sandals off your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.” And he said, “I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.” And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the LORD said, “I have surely seen the affliction of my people who are in Egypt and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters. I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. And now, behold, the cry of the people of Israel has come to me, and I have also seen the oppression with which the Egyptians oppress them. Come, I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring my people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt.” But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?” He said, “But I will be with you, and this shall be the sign for you, that I have sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain.”

Then Moses said to God, “If I come to the people of Israel and say to them, ‘The God of your fathers has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ what shall I say to them?” God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM.” And he said, “Say this to the people of Israel: ‘I AM has sent me to you.’” God also said to Moses, “Say this to the people of Israel: ‘The LORD, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you.’ This is my name forever, and thus I am to be remembered throughout all generations. Go and gather the elders of Israel together and say to them, ‘The LORD, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Jacob, has appeared to me, saying, “I have observed you and what has been done to you in Egypt, and I promise that I will bring you up out of the affliction of Egypt to the land of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites, a land flowing with milk and honey.”’ And they will listen to your voice, and you and the elders of Israel shall go to the king of Egypt and say to him, ‘The LORD, the God of the Hebrews, has met with us; and now, please let us go a three days’ journey into the wilderness, that we may sacrifice to the LORD our God.’ But I know that the king of Egypt will not let you go unless compelled by a mighty hand. So I will stretch out my hand and strike Egypt with all the wonders that I will do in it; after that he will let you go.

**L** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## SECOND READING

*John 10:22–30*

At that time the Feast of Dedication took place at Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the colonnade of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, “How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly.” Jesus answered them, “I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father’s name bear witness about me, but you do not believe because you are not among my sheep. My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father’s hand. I and the Father are one.”

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Postlude

**Lent and Holy Week Worship Schedule**

April 1—April 8	Soup Supper	6:30PM (SB)
April 1—April 8	Tuesday Lenten Vespers	7:30PM (WC)
April 13	Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast	8-11AM (BC)
April 17	Maundy Thursday Divine Service	7PM (BC)
April 18	Good Friday Tenebrae Vespers	7:30PM (BC)
April 19	Easter Vigil	7PM (BC)
April 20	Easter Sunrise Matins	6AM (outside BC)
April 20	Easter Sunday Divine Services	9AM & 11AM (BC)