



The Lutheran Church of Vestavia Hills
Prayer Service
March 24, 2021

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF VESTAVIA HILLS



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TO OUR GUESTS: We offer you a warm welcome in the name of Jesus. If you do not have a church home, we would be delighted to have you become a part of our church family. Please feel free to speak with the Pastor about membership in our congregation. If you do have a church home, we pray that God will bless you as you continue your growth in faith and love.



COMMUNION We invite all baptized Christians who acknowledge their sinfulness, trust in Christ as their Savior, and who recognize the real presence of Christ’s Body and Blood in the bread and wine to join us in Communion.

Worship Schedule for Lent:

Wednesday, noon & 6:45 p.m.	MidWeek Lent Worship
Saturday, 4:00 p.m.	Sanctuary Worship with seated communion (no singing)
Sunday, 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.	Sanctuary Worship with individual family table communion
Sunday, 9:15 a.m.	Pastor’s Adult Bible Class in the Sanctuary Children & Youth Sunday School

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INVOCATION AND PRAYER

PRAYER IN SONG

"Beautiful Savior"

LSB #537 (v. 1,3-4)



1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion, Son of
3 Fair is the sun - shine, Fair is the moon - light, Bright the
4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions, Son of



God and Son of Man! Tru - ly I'd love Thee, Tru - ly I'd
spar - kling stars on high; Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines
God and Son of Man! Glo - ry and hon - or, Praise, ad - o -



serve Thee, Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
pur - er Than all the an - gels in the sky.
ra - tion Now and for - ev - er - more be Thine!

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

LSB #770 (v. 1-2)



1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, All our sins and griefs to bear!
2 Have we tri - als and temp-ta-tions? Is there trou-ble an - y-where?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry Ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!
We should nev - er be dis - cour-aged— Take it to the Lord in prayer.



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; Oh, what need-less pain we bear—
Can we find a friend so faith - ful Who will all our sor-rows share?



All be - cause we do not car - ry Ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!
Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak-ness—Take it to the Lord in prayer.

"Children of the Heavenly Father"

LSB #725 (v. 1-4)



1 Chil - dren of the heav'n - ly Fa - ther Safe - ly
2 God His own doth tend and nour - ish; In His
3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er From the
4 Though He giv - eth or He tak - eth, God His



in His bos - om gath - er; Nest - ling bird nor star in
ho - ly courts they flour - ish. From all e - vil things He
Lord His chil - dren sev - er; Un - to them His grace He
chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth; His the lov - ing pur - pose



heav - en Such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.
spares them; In His might - y arms He bears them.
show - eth, And their sor - rows all He know - eth.
sole - ly To pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalms 27:1,4-5,7-8,13-14

¹The LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?

⁴One thing have I asked of the LORD,
that will I seek after:
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD
all the days of my life,
to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD
and to inquire in his temple.

⁵For he will hide me in his shelter
in the day of trouble;
he will conceal me under the cover of his tent;
he will lift me high upon a rock.

⁷Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud;
be gracious to me and answer me!

⁸You have said, "Seek my face."
My heart says to you,
"Your face, LORD, do I seek."

¹³I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the LORD
in the land of the living!

¹⁴Wait for the LORD;
be strong, and let your heart take courage;
wait for the LORD!

²⁶Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. ²⁷And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

²⁸We know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.

³⁵Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? ³⁶As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered."

³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

³⁸For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Mark 4:35-41

³⁵On that day, when evening had come, [Jesus] said to them, "Let us go across to the other side."

³⁶And leaving the crowd, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. And other boats were with him. ³⁷And a great windstorm arose, and the waves were breaking into the boat, so that the boat was already filling. ³⁸But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion. And they woke him and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" ³⁹And he awoke and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm.

⁴⁰He said to them, "Why are you so afraid? Have you still no faith?" ⁴¹And they were filled with great fear and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even wind and sea obey him?"

HYMN

“When Peace, like a River”

LSB #763 (v. 1-3)



1 When peace, like a riv - er, at - tend - eth my way; When
2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, Let
3 He lives— oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; My



sor - rows, like sea bil - lows, roll; What - ev - er my lot, Thou hast
this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, That Christ hath re - gard - ed my
sin, not in part, but the whole, Is nailed to His cross, and I



taught me to say, It is well, it is well with my soul.
help - less es - tate And hath shed His own blood for my soul.
bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

Refrain



It is well with my soul, It is well, it is well with my soul.

MEDITATION

“Be Still, and Know That I Am God”

Psalm 46:10

Rev. Clifford Hellmers, Pastor Emeritus

HYMN

"Be Still, My Soul"

LSB #752 (v. 1)



1 Be still, my soul; the Lord is on your side; Bear pa - tient-



ly the cross of grief or pain; Leave to your God to or - der



and pro - vide; In ev - 'ry change He faith - ful will re -



main. Be still, my soul; your best, your heav'n - ly Friend



Through thorn - y ways leads to a joy - ful end.

PRAYER

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.**

BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up his favor upon you and ✠ give you peace.
Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

"Abide with Me"

LSB #878 (v. 1,6)



I A - bide with me, fast falls the e - ven - tide.



The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide.



When oth - er help - ers fail and com - forts flee,



Help of the help - less, O a - bide with me.

- 6 Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes;
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.
Heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.