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*P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,
Amen.*

OPENING SENTENCES Based on *Ephesians 2:5, 8; Mark 2:17.*

P: Even when we were dead in our trespasses,

C: God made us alive together with Christ.

P: By grace you have been saved through faith.

C: It is the gift of God.

P: Jesus said, "I came not to save the righteous,

C: but sinners."

P: Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven,

C: whose sin is covered.

*P: Let us then in all penitence confess our sin in the presence
and of one another.*

(Silence for reflection and self-examination.)

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

*P: I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of angels
and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in
word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own
grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have me
forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.*

**C: The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness,
and remission of all your sins. Amen.**

INTROIT

Psalm 113:3-9 **FIRST READING**

Mat

P: From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the LORD is to be praised!

C: The LORD is high above all nations, and His glory above the heavens!

P: Who is like the LORD our God, who is seated on high, who looks far down on the heavens and the earth?

C: He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the needy from the ash heap, to make them sit with princes, with the princes of his people.

P: He gives the barren woman a home, making her the joyous mother of children.

C: Praise the LORD!

SALUTATION

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER FROM SUNDAY

P: Let us pray. O Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land.

C: Guide the people of Your Church that following our Savior we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come;

P: through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

At that time Jesus declared, "I thank You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; ²⁶ yes, such was Your gracious will. ²⁷ All things have been handed over to Me by My Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal Him. ²⁸ Come to Me, all who labor and are laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take My yoke upon you, and from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light."

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Mat

²⁴ Then Jesus told His disciples, "If anyone would come after Me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me. ²⁵ Whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for Me and for the Gospel of the Son of Man will find it. ²⁶ For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his life? Or what shall a man give in return for his life? For the Son of Man is going to come with His angels in the clouds of heaven, and then He will repay each person according to what he has done. ²⁸ Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in the clouds of heaven with His angels and His power, coming to judge the living and the dead."

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the Church around the world, that clergy and laity be blessed in their penitence, be confirmed in their commitment to Christ, and be protected from error without and within, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the nations, that God would raise up leaders with compassion and courage who will ask His mercy and guidance that they may provide order in their societies, look after the poor and downtrodden, and seek peace across their borders, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For those who protect at home and abroad, for those who teach and those who learn, for those who tend the sick and injured, and for those talented in the arts, that God would guide and strengthen them in their various callings so that they may humbly serve Him and the people around them, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For all who call out to God in their various physical needs, that He give them peace, health, protection, and dignity, and for all who call out to God in their spiritual distress, that the Holy Spirit would give them the assurance of sins forgiven, peace at the end of the day, and comfort during mourning, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: In thanksgiving for those who have gone before us in the faith and anticipating our joyful reunion with them because of the grace of God in Christ, our Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

THE 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 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. Amen.

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DISTRIBUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

DISTRIBUTION HYMN "Christ, the Life of All the Living"

COLLECT FOR PEACE

P: O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, God and Father, forever.

C: Amen.

LUTHER'S EVENING PRAYER

P: Let us pray.

C: I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day:

C: Amen.

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Join us next Thursday evening at 6:30 as *Whose Cross Is It Anyway?* continues.

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