



# Christ Lutheran Church

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## **INVOCATION**

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

*(Silence for reflection and self-examination.)*

## **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

*P: Let us in penitence confess our sin in the presence of God,  
one another.*

**C: Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins,  
lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

*P: Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You have  
made us Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church,  
in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us life  
through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and  
receive our prayer and praise through Your Son, Jesus Christ.*

*for me, for You are my refuge.*

**C: Into Your hand I commit my spirit; You have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.**

### **SALUTATION**

*P: The Lord be with you.*

**C: And also with you.**

### **PRAYER FROM SUNDAY**

*P: Let us pray. O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy,*

**C: be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word;**

*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.**

### **PRAYER FOR TODAY**

*P: O God, our Creator and Savior,*

**C: listen to the cries of all who call out to You in their penitence, and create in them hearts willing to serve You with all that they are and have;**

*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.**

**FIRST READING**

And Jesus went on with His disciples to the villages of Philippi. And on the way He asked His disciples, "Who do that I am?" <sup>28</sup> And they told Him, "John the Baptist; and of Elijah; and others, one of the prophets." <sup>29</sup> And He asked who do you say that I am?" Peter answered Him, "You are <sup>30</sup> And He strictly charged them to tell no one about Him. began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer man be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and after three days rise again. <sup>32</sup> And He said this Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him. <sup>33</sup> But turning seeing His disciples, He rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind Satan! For you are not setting your mind on the things of the things of man."

*P: This is the Word of the Lord.*

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**HYMN** "Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted" ..... **LSB**

### **SERMON**

### **OFFERING**

### **PRAYERS**

*P: Let us pray for ourselves, the whole Christian Church a world, and for all people in their various needs. For ours this Lenten season may be a time of true penitence as we celebrate our Lord's Easter victory, let us pray to the Lord*

*Isaiah 55:1-2*

*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.*

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

*P: These and any other things You would have us ask of You, heavenly Father, grant to us for the sake of the suffering, death, and resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.*

**C: Amen.**

### ✠ SACRAMENT ✠

If you are a confirmed member of a Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod congregation, we invite you to commune with us. If you are not a confirmed member of an LCMS congregation and would like to come forward with your family and friends during the distribution, please place your hands over your heart and you will receive a blessing.

2. The dying thief rejoiced to see  
That fountain in his day;  
And there have I, as vile as he,  
Washed all my sins away.

3. Dear dying Lamb, Thy precious blood  
Shall never lose its power  
Till all the ransomed Church of God  
Be saved to sin no more.

4. E'er since by faith I saw the stream  
Thy flowing wounds supply,  
Redeeming love has been my theme  
And shall be till I die.

5. When this poor lisping, stammering tongue  
Lies silent in the grave,  
Then in a nobler, sweeter song  
I'll sing Thy power to save.

### 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, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, God and Father, forever.*

*P: God go with you on your penitential journey, before you to prepare a path of service, above you so that you need not fear, and within you to move you to love and good works, and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit bless you now and forever.*

**C: Amen.**

***HYMN*** "Hail Thou Once Despised Jesus" ..... ***LSB*** 531

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

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