



# Christ Lutheran Church

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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 penitence confess our sin in the presence  
of one another.*

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

## **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

*P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart  
our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name  
of the Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.*

*P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,*

**C: who made heaven and earth.**

*P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,*

**C: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I **willing obedience;**  
forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and *P: through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives an  
of the Holy Spirit. You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

**C: Amen.**

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**HYMN** "The Lamb" ..... LSB 547 vs. 1,2,4 **PRAYER FOR TODAY**

*P: O Lord God, You call Your people to an eternal hope a  
Isaiah 53:6-11 confidence that never fails.*

**RESPONSIVE READING**

*P: All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his  
own way; and the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.*

**C: He was oppressed, and He was afflicted, yet He opened not His  
mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep  
that before its shearers is silent, so He opened not His mouth.**

*P: By oppression and judgment He was taken away; and as for His  
generation, who considered that He was cut off out of the land of the  
living, stricken for the transgression of my people?*

**C: And they made His grave with the wicked and with a rich man  
in His death, although He had done no violence, and there was  
no deceit in His mouth.**

*P: Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush Him; He has put Him to  
grief; when His soul makes an offering for sin, He shall see His  
offspring; He shall prolong his days; the will of the LORD shall  
prosper in His hand.*

**C: Out of the anguish of His soul He shall see and be satisfied; by  
His knowledge shall the righteous one, My Servant, make many  
to be accounted righteous, and He shall bear their iniquities.**

**C: Grant that we may pass this season of prayer and p  
assured of the presence of the Holy Spirit to sustain  
support us, so that we may with pure hearts and puri  
reach the joys awaiting us in the fullness of Your kin  
*P: through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives an  
You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.***

**C: Amen.**

**FIRST READING**

*M*  
<sup>14</sup> Shepherd your people with your staff, the flock of your i  
who dwell alone in a forest in the midst of a garden land; I  
graze in Bashan and Gilead as in the days of old. <sup>15</sup> As in  
when you came out of the land of Egypt, I will show them  
things. <sup>16</sup> The nations shall see and be ashamed of all the  
they shall lay their hands on their mouths; their ears shall  
they shall lick the dust like a serpent, like the crawling thin  
earth; they shall come trembling out of their strongholds; t  
in dread to the LORD our God, and they shall be in fear of  
is a God like you pardoning iniquity and passing over tran

took away His body. <sup>39</sup> Nicodemus also, who earlier had come to Jesus by night, came bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-five pounds in weight. <sup>40</sup> So they took the body of Jesus and bound it in linen cloths with the spices, as is the burial custom of the Jews. <sup>41</sup> Now in the place where He was crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb in which no one had yet been laid. <sup>42</sup> So because of the Jewish day of Preparation, since the tomb was close at hand, they laid Jesus there.

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

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**HYMN** "Upon the Cross Extended" .....LSB 453 vs.1,5,7

**SERMON**

**OFFERING**

**PRAYERS**

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

**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.*

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

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

*P: In thanksgiving for those who have gone before us in their journey, anticipating our joyful reunion with them because of the gift of life 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 our heavenly Father, grant to us for the sake of the suffering, and resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.*

**C: Amen.**

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**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**DISTRIBUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

**DISTRIBUTION HYMN** "We Sing the Praise of Him Who Died"...

**C: I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.**

***BENEDICTION***

*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 be with you now and forever.*

**C: Amen.**

***HYMN*** "Lamb of God" .....LSB 550

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Thank you to Ethan Wetmore, Dave Juliot, and Kiana Pfungsten for their participation in this evening's Lenten drama.

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