

# *Light of Christ Lutheran Church*

*Wednesday Lent Service*

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# Order of Service

*Please stand.*

## Invocation

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their baptism.*

**Reader:** In the name of the Father, and of the  $\dagger$  Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**People:** Amen

## Opening Hymn

## Glory Be to Jesus

LSB 433



1 Glo - ry be to Je - sus, Who in bit - ter pains  
2 Grace and life e - ter - nal In that blood I find;  
3 Blest through end - less a - ges Be the pre - cious stream  
4 A - bel's blood for ven - geance Plead - ed to the skies;



Poured for me the life - blood From His sa - cred veins!  
Blest be His com - pas - sion, In - fi - nite - ly kind!  
Which from end - less tor - ment Did the world re - deem!  
But the blood of Je - sus For our par - don cries.

5 Oft as earth exulting  
Wafts its praise on high,  
Angel hosts rejoicing  
Make their glad reply.

6 Lift we, then, our voices,  
Swell the mighty flood;  
Louder still and louder  
Praise the precious blood!

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## Confession/Absolution

**Leader:** We take time to remember our standing before God our Father.

**People:** Heavenly Father, our maker and redeemer. I confess all of my sins and failures to you. I have tried to handle life's problems on my own. I have gotten myself lost and I am in need of your help. I have neglected you in all areas of my life and I have been selfish and full of pride. I justly deserve your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of your son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on me.

Leader: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in you, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

## **Responsive Reading**

Leader: This is what the Lord says--"Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; when you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; For I am the Lord, your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. (Isaiah 43:1-3)

**People: Lord, you have searched me and you know me. You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways. Before a word is on my tongue you know it completely. (Psalm 139)**

Leader: "To whom will you compare me?" says the Holy One. Lift your eyes and look to the heavens: Who created all these? He will not grow tired or weary and those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles. (Isaiah 40:25-26)

**People: I delight greatly in the Lord; He has clothed me with garments of salvation. For as a garden causes seeds to grow, so the Lord will make righteousness and praise spring up before all nations. (Isaiah 61:10)**

Leader: I am the first and the last; apart from me there is no God. Who then is like me? Do not tremble, do not be afraid. I have swept away your offenses like a cloud, your sins like the morning mist. Return to me, for I have redeemed you. (Isaiah 44:6-8; 22)

**People: You are great and do marvelous deeds; you alone are God. Teach us your way, O Lord, and we will walk in your truth; give us an undivided heart, that we may honor your name. We will glorify your name forever. (Psalm 86:10-12)**



1 O dear - est Je - sus, what law hast Thou bro - ken  
 2 They crown Thy head with thorns, they smite, they scourge Thee;  
 3 Whence come these sor - rows, whence this mor - tal an - guish?  
 4 What pun - ish - ment so strange is suf - fered yon - der!



That such sharp sen - tence should on Thee be spo - ken?  
 With cru - el mock - ings to the cross they urge Thee;  
 It is my sins for which Thou, Lord, must lan - guish;  
 The Shep - herd dies for sheep that loved to wan - der;



Of what great crime hast Thou to make con -  
 They give Thee gall to drink, they still de -  
 Yea, all the wrath, the woe, Thou dost in -  
 The Mas - ter pays the debt His ser - vants



fes - sion, What dark trans - gres - sion?  
 cry Thee; They cru - ci - fy Thee.  
 her - it, This I do mer - it.  
 owe Him, Who would not know Him.

*Please be seated.*

## Scripture Reading

**Genesis 2:15–17; 3:1–7**

<sup>15</sup>The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it.

<sup>16</sup>And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, “You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, <sup>17</sup>but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.”

<sup>1</sup>Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made.

He said to the woman, “Did God actually say, ‘You shall not eat of any tree in the garden’?”

<sup>2</sup>And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, <sup>3</sup>but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.’” <sup>4</sup>But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die. <sup>5</sup>For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” <sup>6</sup>So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. <sup>7</sup>Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## Gospel Reading

**Matthew 4:1–11**

<sup>1</sup>Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. <sup>2</sup>And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. <sup>3</sup>And the tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.” <sup>4</sup>But he answered, “It is written,

“‘Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’”

<sup>5</sup>Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the temple <sup>6</sup>and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written,

“‘He will command his angels concerning you,’ And “‘On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.’”

<sup>7</sup>Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.’” <sup>8</sup>Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. <sup>9</sup>And he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” <sup>10</sup>Then Jesus said to him, “Be gone, Satan! For it is written,

“‘You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve.’”

<sup>11</sup>Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

*Please be seated.*

## Sermon: Giving Up Control

Hymn

O Dearest Jesus, What Law Hast Thou Broken

LSB 439

5 The sin - less Son of God must die in sad - ness;  
The sin - ful child of man may live in glad - ness;  
Man for - feit - ed his life and is ac -  
quit - ted; God is com - mit - ted.

6 There was no spot in me by sin untainted;  
Sick with sin's poison, all my heart had fainted;  
My heavy guilt to hell had well-nigh brought me,  
Such woe it wrought me.

11 But since my strength will nevermore suffice me  
To crucify desires that still entice me,  
To all good deeds O let Thy Spirit win me  
And reign within me!

15 And when, dear Lord, before Thy throne in heaven  
To me the crown of joy at last is given,  
Where sweetest hymns Thy saints forever raise Thee,  
I, too, shall praise Thee.

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## Prayers

### Lord's Prayer

**P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**C** **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

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

People: Amen

## Closing Hymn

## Lamb of God

LSB 550



1 Your on - ly Son, no sin to hide, But You have  
2 Your Gift of love they cru - ci - fied, They laughed and  
3 I was so lost, I should have died, But You have



sent Him from Your side To walk up - on this guilt - y  
scorned Him as He died: The hum - ble King they named a  
brought me to Your side To be led by Your staff and



sod, And to be - come the Lamb of God.  
fraud, And sac - ri - ficed the Lamb of God.  
rod, And to be called a lamb of God.



*Refrain*  
O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the ho - ly Lamb of God!



O wash me in His pre-cious blood, My Je-sus Christ, the Lamb of God.

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## Sending

Pastor: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

