

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

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

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1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross On which the
2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast Save in the
3 See, from His head, His hands, His feet Sor - row and
4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, That were a



Prince of Glo - ry died, My rich - est gain I
death of Christ, my God; All the vain things that
love flow min - gled down! Did e'er such love and
trib - ute far too small; Love so a - maz - ing,



count but loss And pour con - tempt on all my pride.
charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to His blood.
sor - row meet Or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
so di - vine, De - mands my soul, my life, my all!

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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.

Please be seated.

Responsive Reading

Leader: The Lord, Our God, the Lord is One. (Deut. 6:4)

People: **Hallelujah! For our Lord God Almighty reigns. Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory! (Rev. 19:6)**

Leader: Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. (Ephesians 1:3)

People: **For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. (Ephesians 1:4)**

Leader: Blessed is he whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. Blessed is the man whose sin the LORD does not count against him and in whose spirit is no deceit. (Psalms 32:1-2)

People: **God in His great mercy has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. (1 Peter 1:3-4)**

Please stand.

First Gospel Reading

John 4:7–15

⁷There came a woman of Samaria to draw water. Jesus said to her, “Give me a drink.”⁸(For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.)⁹The Samaritan woman said to him, “How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?” (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.)¹⁰Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, ‘Give me a drink,’ you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.”¹¹The woman said to him, “Sir, you have nothing to draw water with, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?”¹²Are you greater than our father Jacob? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock.”¹³Jesus said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again,¹⁴but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty forever. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.”¹⁵The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.



1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, Tow'r - ing
 2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, Hopes de -
 4 Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure By the



o'er the wrecks of time. All the light of sa - cred
 ceive, and fears an - noy, Nev - er shall the cross for -
 cross are sanc - ti - fied; Peace is there that knows no



sto - ry Gath - ers round its head sub - lime.
 sake me; Lo, it glows with peace and joy.
 mea - sure, Joys that through all time a - bide.

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Second Gospel Reading

John 4:16–22; 27–30

¹⁶Jesus said to her, “Go, call your husband, and come here.” ¹⁷The woman answered him, “I have no husband.” Jesus said to her, “You are right in saying, ‘I have no husband’; ¹⁸for you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband. What you have said is true.” ¹⁹The woman said to him, “Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. ²⁰Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship.” ²¹Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. ²²You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews.

²⁷Just then his disciples came back. They marveled that he was talking with a woman, but no one said, “What do you seek?” or, “Why are you talking with her?” ²⁸So the woman left her water jar and went away into town and said to the people, ²⁹“Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?” ³⁰They went out of the town and were coming to him.

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Message: Giving Up Superiority

Hymn

Cross of Jesus, Cross of Sorrow

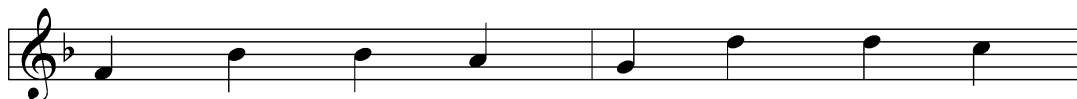
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1 Cross of Je - sus, cross of sor - row,
2 Here the King of all the a - ges,
4 Cross of Je - sus, cross of sor - row,



Where the blood of Christ was shed,
Throned in light ere worlds could be,
Where the blood of Christ was shed,



Per - fect man on thee did suf - fer,
Robed in mor - tal flesh is dy - ing,
Per - fect man on thee did suf - fer,



Per - fect God on thee has bled!
Cru - ci - fied by sin for me.
Per - fect God on thee has bled!

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Stand

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



1 The Lamb, the Lamb, O Fa - ther, where's the sac - ri - fice?
 2 The Lamb, the Lamb, One per - fect fi - nal of - fer - ing.
 3 The Lamb, the Lamb, As way - ward sheep their shep - herd kill
 4 He sighs, He dies, He takes my sin and wretch - ed - ness.
 5 He rose, He rose, My heart with thanks now o - ver - flows.



Faith sees, be - lieves God will pro - vide the Lamb of price!
 The Lamb, the Lamb, Let earth join heav'n His praise to sing.
 So still, His will On our be - half the Law to fill.
 He lives, for - gives, He gives me His own righ - teous - ness.
 His song pro - long Till ev - 'ry heart to Him be - long.

Refrain

Wor - thy is the Lamb whose death makes me His



own! The Lamb is reign - ing on His throne!

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Pastor: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

