

# *Light of Christ Lutheran Church*

*Wednesday Lent Service*

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# Order of Service

*Please stand.*

## Invocation

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

People: Amen

## Opening Hymn      Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain      LSB 435



1 Come to Cal - v'ry's ho - ly moun - tain, Sin - ners, ru - ined  
3 Come in sor - row and con - tri - tion, Wound - ed, im - po -  
4 They that drink shall live for - ev - er; 'Tis a soul - re -



by the fall; Here a pure and heal - ing foun - tain  
tent, and blind; Here the guilt - y, free re - mis - sion,  
new - ing flood. God is faith - ful; God will nev - er



Flows for you, for me, for all, In a full, per -  
Here the trou - bled, peace may find. Health this foun - tain  
Break His cov - e - nant of blood, Signed when our Re -



pet - ual tide, O - pened when our Sav - ior died.  
will re - store; They that drink shall thirst no more.  
deem - er died, Sealed when He was glo - ri - fied.

## 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: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore declare unto you the forgiveness of all of your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

*Please be seated.*

## Responsive Reading

Leader: Our Lord has done wonderful things, His right hand and His holy arm have gained the victory. The Lord has made known His salvation; He has revealed His righteousness in the sight of the nations. (Psalm 98:1-2)

**People: He has remembered His loving-kindness and His faithfulness; all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. (Psalm 98:3)**

Leader: In you, O Lord, we have taken refuge; let us never be put to shame. Rescue us and deliver us in your righteousness; turn your ear to us and save us. Be our rock of refuge, to which we can always go; (Psalm 71:1-3)

**People: For 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)**

## Scripture Reading

## Romans 12:14–21

<sup>14</sup>Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. <sup>15</sup>Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. <sup>16</sup>Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be conceited. <sup>17</sup>Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. <sup>18</sup>If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. <sup>19</sup>Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, “Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.” <sup>20</sup>To the contrary, “if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head.” <sup>21</sup>Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Hymn

## When I Behold Jesus Christ

LSB 542



1 When I be - hold Je - sus Christ, True God who died for me,  
3 You had no sin, ho - ly Lord, But You were tor-tured, tried;  
4 What love is this? Great - er love No one has ev - er known.



I won - der much at His love As He hung on the tree.  
On Gol - go - tha there for all My sins You bled and died.  
My life with God— this I owe To You, and You a - lone.



What kind of love is this? What kind of love is this?



You showed Your love, Je - sus, there To me on Cal - va - ry.



What kind of love is this? What kind of love is this?



You showed Your love, Je - sus, there To me on Cal - va - ry.

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*Please stand.*

## Gospel Reading

**Luke 19:37–44**

<sup>37</sup>As he was drawing near—already on the way down the Mount of Olives—the whole multitude of his disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, <sup>38</sup>saying, “Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!” <sup>39</sup>And some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples.” <sup>40</sup>He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out.”

<sup>41</sup> When [Jesus] drew near and saw the city, he wept over it, <sup>42</sup>saying, “Would that you, even you, had known on this day the things that make for peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes. <sup>43</sup>For the days will come upon you, when your enemies will set up a barricade around you and surround you and hem you in on every side <sup>44</sup>and tear you down to the ground, you and your children within you. And they will not leave one stone upon another in you, because you did not know the time of your visitation.”

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

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

*Please be seated.*

## Message – Giving Up Enemies



1 A - las! And did my Sav - ior bleed, And  
 2 Was it for crimes that I had done He  
 5 But drops of grief can ne'er re - pay The



did my sov - reign die? Would He de - vote that  
 groaned up - on the tree? A - maz - ing pit - y,  
 debt of love I owe; Here, Lord, I give my -



sa - cred head For such a worm as I?  
 grace un - known, And love be - yond de - gree!  
 self a - way: 'Tis all that I can do.

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## 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.

