

Lenten Midweek Service

Wednesday, April 6th, 2022, 6:00 PM



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AS WE GATHER The season of Lent invites Christians into the disciplines of faith, prayer, Bible reading, worship, fasting, and sacrificial giving. We gather together in the middle of our busy week, surrounded by a faithful community, to hear God's holy Word and to meditate on Christ's journey to the cross on our behalf. In doing so, we are strengthened in our faith, and we look forward to the Easter miracle of our Lord's resurrection, which works powerfully in our lives.

HYMN *Jesus, Refuge of the Weary* **LSB 423**

INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

G Amen.

OPENING VERSES

Psalm 31 (Selected)

- P** In you, O Lord, do I take refuge
C in your righteousness deliver me!
P Incline your ear to me;
C rescue me speedily!
P Into your hand I commit my spirit;
C you have redeemed me, O Lord, faithful God.
P I will rejoice and be glad in your steadfast love,
C because you have seen my affliction;
P Be gracious to me, O Lord, for I am in distress;
C my eye is wasted from grief; my soul and my body also.
P For my life is spent with sorrow,
C my strength fails and my bones waste away.
P Because of all my adversaries I have become a reproach,
C and an object of dread to my acquaintances;
P those who see me in the street flee from me.
C I hear the whispering of many – terror on every side!
P They scheme together against me, they plot to take my life.
C But I trust in you, O Lord.
P I say, “You are my God.” My times are in your hand;
C rescue me from the hand of my enemies and from my persecutors!
P O Lord, let me not be put to shame,
C for I call upon you;
P Blessed be the Lord,
C for he has wondrously shown his steadfast love to me.
P You heard the voice of my pleas for mercy
C when I cried to you for help.
P Love the Lord, all you his saints!
C The Lord preserves the faithful.
P Be strong, and let your heart take courage,
C all you who wait for the Lord!

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P** Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven; whose sin is covered. Blessed is the one against whom the LORD counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit, there is no deceit.
- C Gracious Lord Jesus, You have told us that if we desire to be your disciples, we must take up our cross and follow You. Yet, all too often we have been embarrassed by Your cross and have failed to walk in Your ways. By the sins we pursue**

and by our failure to do what is right, we are guilty of living as enemies of Your cross. We deserve Your temporal and eternal punishment. But You, O Lord, have carried our sins in Your body on the cross, so we turn to You in sorrow and repentance that we may be forgiven, die to sin, rejoice in our sufferings for Your sake, and live to the glory of Your Holy name. Amen.

P In Christ Jesus, all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through Christ, God reconciled all things, on earth and in heaven to Himself, making peace by the blood of Christ's cross. You, who once were alienated from God because of your sin, He forgives by His death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before Him. Upon this your confession, I by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of Christ, in His stead and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P O God, by the passion of your blessed Son you made an instrument of shameful death to be for us the means of life: Grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ, that we may gladly suffer shame and loss for the sake of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

C Amen.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

¹⁸ The word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹ For it is written, I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." ²⁰ Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹ For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach[b] to save those who believe. ²² For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, ²³ but we preach Christ

crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles,²⁴ but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.²⁵ For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

SECOND READING

Mark 15:16-32

²¹ A certain man from Cyrene, Simon, the father of Alexander and Rufus, was passing by on his way in from the country, and they forced him to carry the cross. ²² They brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means The Place of the Skull). ²³ Then they offered him wine mixed with myrrh, but he did not take it. ²⁴ And they crucified him. Dividing up his clothes, they cast lots to see what each would get.

²⁵ It was the third hour when they crucified him. ²⁶ The written notice of the charge against him read: THE KING OF THE JEWS. ²⁷ They crucified two robbers with him, one on his right and one on his left. ²⁹ Those who passed by hurled insults at him, shaking their heads and saying, "So! You who are going to destroy the temple and build it in three days, ³⁰ come down from the cross and save yourself!"

³¹ In the same way the chief priests and the teachers of the law mocked him among themselves. "He saved others," they said, "but he can't save himself! ³² Let this Christ, this King of Israel, come down now from the cross, that we may see and believe." Those crucified with him also heaped insults on him.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

THE APOSTLES' CREED *(Back Cover of the Hymnal)*

HYMN *Cross of Jesus, Cross of Sorrow* **LSB 428**

THE SERMON *Simon – "Jesus Carried MY Cross"*

OFFERING and OFFERTORY *LSB, pg. 192-193*

Create in me a clean heart, O God,

and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from Thy presence,

and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation,

and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

P: In Peace let us pray to the Lord

C Lord, have mercy.

(Spoken after Each Petition) ...

P For these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord;

C Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord have mercy. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(Back Cover of the Hymnal)*

CATECHISM REFLECTION

P In Lord's Prayer we pray: *Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.* What does this mean?

C The good and gracious will of God is done even without our prayers, but we pray in this petition that it may be done among us also.

P How is God's will done?

C God's will is done when He breaks and hinders every evil plan and purpose of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature, which do not want us to hallow God's name or let His kingdom come; and when He strengthens and keeps us firm in His Word and faith until we die. This is His good and gracious will.

BENEDICTION



HYMN *The Old Rugged Cross*

1. On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,
The emblem of suffering and shame;
And I love that old cross where the dearest and best
For a world of lost sinners was slain. **[Refrain]**

Refrain: *So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,
Till my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged cross,
And exchange it some day for a crown.*

2. O that old rugged cross, so despised by the world,
Has a wondrous attraction for me;
For the dear Lamb of God left his glory above
To bear it to dark Calvary. **[Refrain]**

3. In that old rugged cross, stained with blood so divine,
A wondrous beauty I see,
For 'twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and died,
To pardon and sanctify me. **[Refrain]**

4. To that old rugged cross I will ever be true,
Its shame and reproach gladly bear;
Then he'll call me some day to my home far away,
Where his glory forever I'll share. **[Refrain]**

At this time, we leave our service in silent prayer contemplating and meditating on our Lord Jesus' passion in suffering and dying on the cross for our sins.

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Pastor: Wayne Schwanke
Organist: Ila Robbert
Elder: Bryan Brazil



All are welcome to attend our soup supper after this evening's service in the school commons. We look forward to the fellowship!

**WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR LENT
CHRIST AND EMMAUS
LUTHERAN CHURCHES**

All evening services are at 6:00 PM

April 10- Emmaus Lutheran **Palm Sunday**

April 14 – Emmaus Lutheran **Maundy Thursday** *with Holy Communion*
“Jesus – This is My Body; This is My Blood”

April 15 – Christ Lutheran **Good Friday**
“Joseph of Arimathea – Jesus was Laid in MY Tomb”

April 17– Christ Lutheran - **Easter Sunrise 8:00 AM** *with Holy Communion* **“The Angel – He Has Risen!”**
Easter Morning Refreshments will be served after the 8am service in the school commons

April 17– Emmaus Lutheran – **Easter Day 10:00 AM** *with Holy Communion*

