

The Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 10, 2024 • Divine Service II

8:30 a.m.

(Following Reading for Lent 4 Series B)

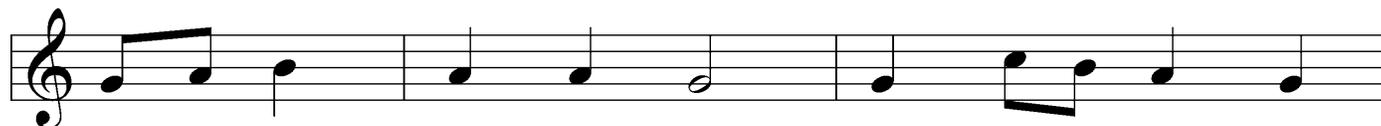
WELCOME

HYMN "To Your Temple, Lord I Come"

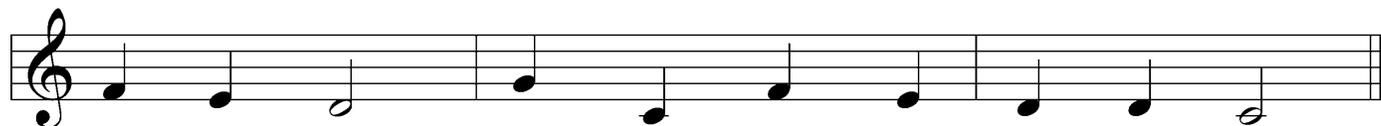
LSB #981, vv. 1-4



1 To Your tem - ple, Lord, I come, For it
2 I through Him am rec - on - ciled, I through
3 While Your glo - rious praise is sung, Touch my
4 While the prayers of saints as - cend, God of



is my wor - ship home. This earth has no
Him be - come Your child. Ab - ba, Fa - ther,
lips, un - loose my tongue That my joy - ful
love, to mine at - tend. Hear me, for Your



bet - ter place, Here I see my Sav - ior's face.
give me grace In Your courts Your love to trace.
soul may bless Christ the Lord, my righ - teous - ness.
Spir - it pleads; Hear, for Je - sus in - ter - cedes.

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INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

People: **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.** *(1 John 1:8-9)*

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

People: **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

Pastor: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us 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 us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: **Amen**

HYMN "To Your Temple, Lord I Come"

LSB #981, v. 5

**5. While I listen to Your Law, Fill my soul with humble awe
Till Your Gospel bring to me Life and immortality.**

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PSALM OF THE DAY Psalm 27:1 (antiphon), 3-5

Pastor: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

People: **The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?**
(Psalm 27:1)

Pastor: Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear;

People: **though war arise against me, yet I will be confident.**

Pastor: One thing have I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after:

People: **that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to inquire in his temple.**

Pastor: For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble;

People: **he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high upon a rock.**
(Psalm 27:3-5)

ALL: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Pastor: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

People: **The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?**
(Psalm 27:1)

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Numbers 21:4-9

⁴From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom. And the people became impatient on the way. ⁵And the people spoke against God and against Moses, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we loathe this worthless food.” ⁶Then the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. ⁷And the people came to Moses and said, “We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD and against you. Pray to the LORD, that he take away the serpents from us.” So Moses prayed for the people. ⁸And the LORD said to Moses, “Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live.” ⁹So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.

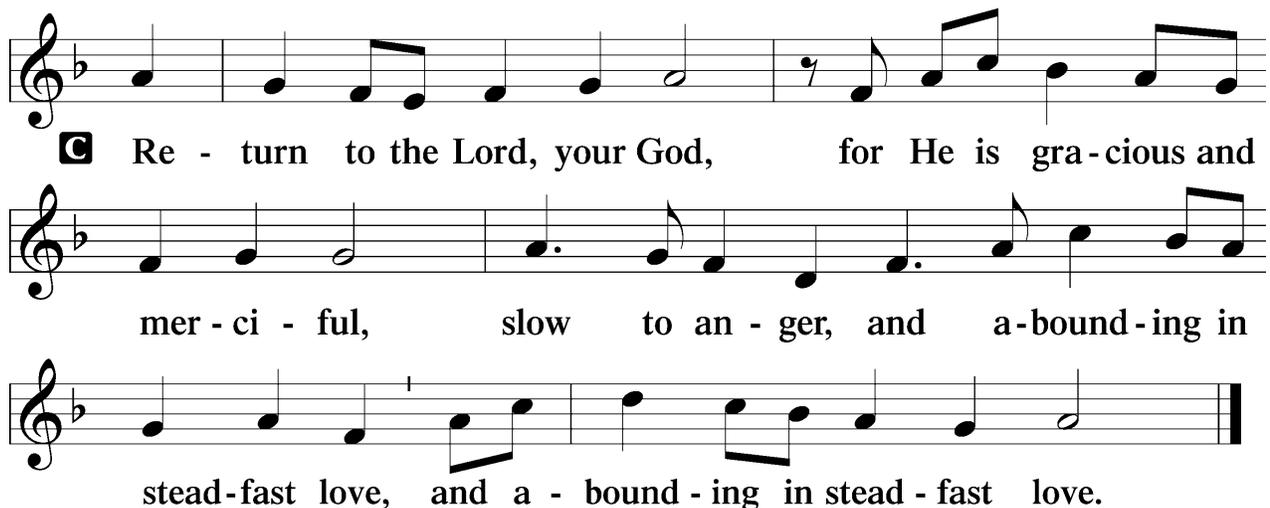
SECOND READING Ephesians 2:1-10

¹And you were dead in the trespasses and sins ²in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— ³among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. ⁴But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, ⁵even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— ⁶and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, ⁹not a result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL VERSE



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for He is gra - cious and
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in
stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

GOSPEL READING John 3:14-21

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 3rd chapter.

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹⁴[Jesus said:] “As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

¹⁸Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.

¹⁹And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their deeds were evil. ²⁰For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. ²¹But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his deeds have been carried out in God.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

CHILDRENS' MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY “Today Your Mercy Calls Us”

LSB #915



1 To - day Your mer - cy calls us To wash a - way our sin.
2 To - day Your gate is o - pen, And all who en - ter in
3 To - day our Fa - ther calls us; His Ho - ly Spir - it waits;
4 O all - em - brac - ing Mer - cy, O ev - er - o - pen Door,



How - ev - er great our tres - pass, What - ev - er we have been,
Shall find a Fa - ther's wel - come And par - don for their sin.
His bless - ed an - gels gath - er A - round the heav'n - ly gates.
What should we do with - out You When heart and eye run o'er?



How - ev - er long from mer - cy Our hearts have turned a - way,
The past shall be for - got - ten, A pres - ent joy be giv'n,
No ques - tion will be asked us How of - ten we have come;
When all things seem a - gainst us, To drive us to de - spair,



Your pre-cious blood can wash us And make us clean to - day.
A fu - ture grace be prom - ised, A glo - rious crown in heav'n.
Al - though we oft have wan - dered, It is our Fa - ther's home.
We know one gate is o - pen, One ear will hear our prayer.

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SERMON "The Son of Man: Not Nehushtan"

Text: John 3:14-21

OFFERING

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**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with
the Father, by whom all things were made;
who for us people and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again
according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.**

**And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.**

**And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ✝ of the world to
come. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

SANCTUS ~ *Holy, Holy, Holy*

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of
pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is He who comes in the name
of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

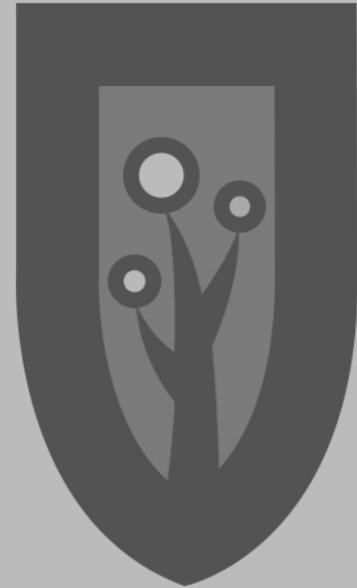
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BELIEVING



BEARING 



Weekly Announcements for March 10 at ...



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Worship each week is at 8:30 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.: Each week we offer two services—an early more traditional service at 8:30 a.m. and a later more contemporary service at 10:45 a.m. The blessing of this schedule is that it allows for at least 45 minutes of fellowship over coffee and goodies in our Fellowship Hall with all worshipers from both services together. Please plan to join us for fellowship and worship! Fellowship is at 9:45-10:30 a.m.

Offerings: We thank each of you for your continued financial support of Holy Cross. Donations may be made through our website, through your bank, through automatic transfers, by mailing a check into the office, or at one of the in-person services. Donations received from February 26-March 3, 2024 were \$3,359.00. Questions? Need help? Contact the office at 509-483-4218 or secretary@holycrosslcms.net.

Sunday School starts at 10 a.m.: Sunday School teachers will round up kids from the Fellowship Hall at a few minutes before 10 a.m. and take them to their rooms. Sunday School will run until 10:35 a.m. and kids can be picked up from their classrooms. Kids will be divided into preschool-1st grade and 2nd-5th grade. Parents of little kids are invited to come help their little ones

Middle & High School Bible Class is in the Youth Room from 10-10:35 a. m. led by Pastor Mike & Ben Anderson.

SOLA Spokane Church Plant: The core team for SOLA Spokane is meeting today at 4pm in the sanctuary. Please keep this church plant in your prayers and if you are interested, you are welcome to come.

Stephens Ministry: Next week your Stephen Ministers will be completing Part 2 of learning about being assertive. By assertive we mean relating gently and firmly. We know God's promise from Eph 4:15, "Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up in him who is the Head, that is, Christ." Please continue to pray for your Stephen Ministers that even as we consider how to relate well to care receivers, we would have confidence in God to be gently firm with the truth, trusting that God will work to provide growth and healing.

Member Portraits: Picture Day will be Saturday March 16 from 10am-2pm with 12-12:30 blocked for lunch. It's free, so come update your picture on the picture wall and get a free portrait.

Crossroads 25: Our next meeting is coming up on Wednesday, March 13. We will meet initially at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall for Soup Supper then we will go down the hall for the rest of our time in the youth room.

Easter is just a hop away! We are collecting small Easter egg candy, stickers and small items that will fit into Easter eggs. We will have a bin out in the narthex on March 3rd through March 24th. Thank you for your donations.

Feed My Starving Children envelopes are out on the round oak table in the narthex. Grab 1 or a few, donate the amount shown inside the envelope and drop it in the offering box on Sunday morning. Thank you for your donations! Volunteer registration is now open at FMSC 2024-053 ME. Packing sessions are at Redeemer Lutheran Church on April 12-13, 2024.

Lenten Soup Suppers are at 5:30pm (this week hosted by Crossroads25) and service is at 7 p.m. Come join us for dinner and worship this Wednesday. Soup Supper sign ups are on the round table in the narthex if you would like to help a group out. March 20 is hosted by the congregation in general. Consider signing up to help at these two Wednesdays please.

NCFCA Christian Speech & Debate tournament is coming back to Post Falls on March 18-21. Once again, several Holy Cross youth will be participating and they need your help! Would you please consider signing up to judge? Mark the dates on your calendar and go to <https://ncfca.org/judge-a-tournament>. If you have questions, please contact Rochell Salina at 509-919-9535. Thank you for supporting our children!

Attention all Crafters! We would like to invite you to join us on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month from 10:00am-12:00pm in room 30 at Holy Cross. Bring your crafts (needlepoint, embroidery, paper crafts, etc.) and join us to socialize and hopefully share our talents with each other. Our first meeting will be on March 7th and again on March 21st. Please join us!

Cross My Art is joining the above Crafters. If you have taken a glass fusing class in the past or if you like to paint pottery, you may also join us on the above Thursdays in the art room. Other art forms may be added at a later date.

LWML is collecting items for Lutheran World Relief Personal Care Kits, for shipment in May. The detailed list of items is available on our bulletin board. Please take one and give as you are able. The bin for donations will be underneath our Mite Box table in the narthex. May God's LOVE move us to share our blessings with others! Thank you.

Handbells are starting up again at Holy Cross! Regular weekly rehearsals began on Thursday, March 7th from 5:45-6:45 pm in the sanctuary. Interested in joining? Contact Cathy Fink at 509-279-4839.

Easter Brunch: Mark your calendar for Easter Sunday, March 31st, and come hungry because we've got a scrumptious breakfast spread waiting for you from 9:30 -11:00 a.m. We'd be absolutely thrilled to have you and your family join us for this special morning. **Like to help?** There are sign-up sheets on the round table in the narthex with items needed and time slots to volunteer.

God for Us Class for those New to Holy Cross: Today 1-3pm and continuing March 24, April 7 and April 21 at the same time. This sessions conversational study will be held in the Fellowship Hall and facilitated by Pastor Mike and Pastor Shaun. It will be an introduction to the Christian faith, to the distinctives about what we believe as Lutheran Christians and a intro to Holy Cross. All are welcome. Join anytime, even if you miss a week.

Middle & High School Youth St Patrick's day Event: Sunday, March 17, 1-5pm at Holy Cross. This event will be for all Middle & High School Students. It will be filled with games, God's word, lunch and more. Sign up on the Holly Cross website <https://holycrosslcms.net/youth-ministry>



Adult Bible Study Opportunities

New Sunday Morning “To Be” Groups: Sign up sheets are in the Narthex this morning, for you to sign up for a class. All are welcome!

9 a.m. Loving Jesus, a study on various aspects of the life of faith as found in the Gospels. Written by a Lutheran New Testament scholar, this is a great study for living a meaningful Christ-centered life. The study will be facilitated by Lisa Key. This study is continuing from Fall 2023, but you can jump in anytime. Meets in room 036.

10 a.m. 2nd Peter and Jude, a Bible study of the New Testament books of 2nd Peter and Jude. This is a shortened 35 minute study to accommodate parents with kids in Sunday School or Youth Bible Class. These two short letters at the end of the New Testament seek to root every believer’s faith deeply in God’s word as we wait the soon coming return of Jesus. This study is a God’s Word for Today publication of Concordia Publishing House and will be facilitated by Margie Indahl. This study is continuing from Fall 2023, but you can jump in anytime. Meets in room 029.

10:30 a.m. Church Year Bible Studies, a Bible study of the readings used in worship for that particular Sunday of the Church year. This will take you deeper into the scriptures for the week giving you more out of every Sunday service. This study is published by Concordia Publishing House and facilitated by David Gannaway. This study is continuing from Fall 2023, but you can jump in anytime. Meets in room 003.

10:30 a.m. The Spirituality of the Cross, a study of the fundamental themes in Lutheran theology and how these impact the way we live our everyday lives as believers in Jesus. This book is published by Concordia Publishing House and the study will be facilitated by Mike Shannon. This study is starting over fresh for those who did not get to take it in the fall. It starts Feb. 4 and meets in room 030.

GLOW meets on Fridays via Zoom: This is our Friday morning Women’s “To Be” group, currently meeting via Zoom. If you would like more information please contact Mardi Ellwanger 509-868-7354

Men’s Bible Study: This is a small group study on Thursday mornings at 6 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall, currently studying 2 Peter. Participants may join any Thursday by entering through the back doors by the kitchen.



LORD'S PRAYER

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

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

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John 20:19

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI ~ Lamb of God

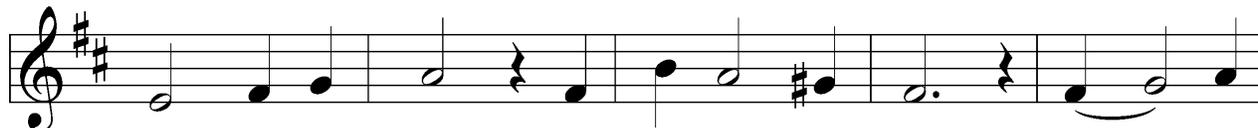
John 1:29



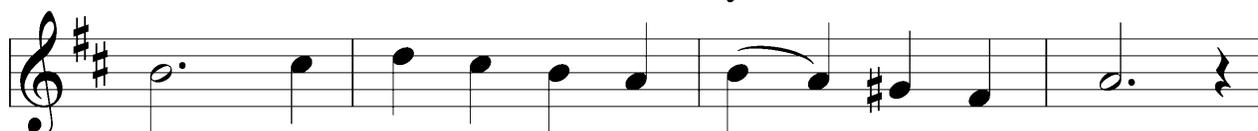
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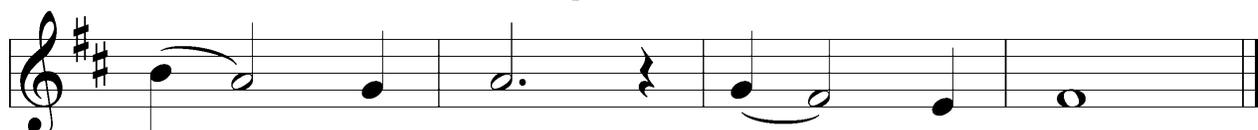
have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the



sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of



God, You take a - way the sin of the world;



grant us peace, grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION SONGS

“Drawn to the Cross Which Thou hast Blessed”

LSB #560



1 Drawn to the cross, which Thou hast blessed With heal - ing
 2 Thou know - est all my griefs and fears, Thy grace a -
 3 Wash me and take a - way each stain; Let noth - ing
 4 And then for work to do for Thee, Which shall so



gifts for souls dis - tressed, To find in Thee my
 bused, my mis - spent years; Yet now to Thee with
 of my sin re - main. For cleans - ing, though it
 sweet a ser - vice be That an - gels well might



life, my rest, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.
 con - trite tears, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.
 be through pain, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.
 en - vy me, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.

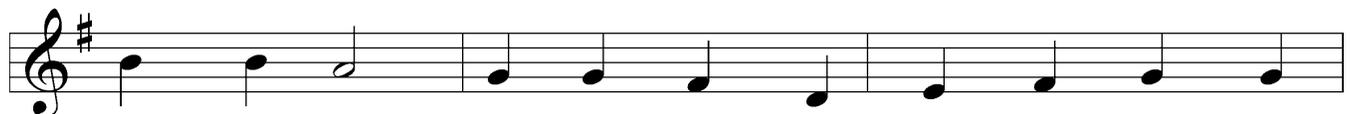
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“Christ the Life of All the Living”

LSB #420



1 Christ, the life of all the liv - ing, Christ, the death of
 2 Thou, ah! Thou, hast tak - en on Thee Bonds and stripes, a
 3 Thou hast borne the smit - ing on - ly That my wounds might
 4 Heart - less scof - fers did sur - round Thee, Treat - ing Thee with



death, our foe, Who, Thy - self for me once giv - ing
 cru - el rod; Pain and scorn were heaped up - on Thee,
 all be whole; Thou hast suf - fered, sad and lone - ly,
 shame - ful scorn And with pierc - ing thorns they crowned Thee.



To the dark - est depths of woe: Through Thy suf - f'rings,
 O Thou sin - less Son of God! Thus didst Thou my
 Rest to give my wea - ry soul; Yea, the curse of
 All dis - grace Thou, Lord, hast borne, That as Thine Thou



death, and mer - it I e - ter - nal life in - her - it.
 soul de - liv - er From the bonds of sin for - ev - er.
 God en - dur - ing, Bless - ing un - to me se - cur - ing.
 might - est own me And with heav'n - ly glo - ry crown me.



Thou - sand, thou - sand thanks shall be, Dear - est Je - sus, un - to Thee.
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5. **Thou hast suffered men to bruise Thee,
 That from pain I might be free;
 Falsely did Thy foes accuse Thee:
 Thence I gain security;
 Comfortless Thy soul did languish
 Me to comfort in my anguish.
 Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
 Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.**

6. **Thou hast suffered great affliction
 And hast borne it patiently,
 Even death by crucifixion,
 Fully to atone for me;
 Thou didst choose to be tormented
 That my doom should be prevented.
 Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
 Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.**

7. **Then, for all that wrought my pardon,
 For Thy sorrows deep and sore,
 For Thine anguish in the Garden,
 I will thank Thee evermore,
 Thank Thee for Thy groaning, sighing,
 For Thy bleeding and Thy dying,
 For that last triumphant cry,
 And shall praise Thee, Lord, on high.**

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BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and ✠ give you peace. (Numbers 6:24-26)

People: Amen

SENDING HYMN "Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer" LSB #918, vv. 1-2

1 Guide me, O Thou great Re-deem-er, Pil-grim through this
2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain Whence the heal - ing
bar - ren land. I am weak, but Thou art might - y;
stream doth flow; Let the fi - ery, cloud - y pil - lar
Hold me with Thy pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en,
Lead me all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'rer,
bread of heav - en, Feed me till I want no
strong de - liv - 'rer, Be Thou still my strength and
more;
shield; Feed me till I want no more.
Be Thou still my strength and shield.

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Worship Sundays at 8:30 & 10:45 a.m.

Fellowship for all from 9:45 to 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Sunday School for Kids and Youth at 10 a.m.

“To Be” Study Groups at 9, 10, & 10:30 a.m.