

## ***Sixth Wednesday in Lent***

April 9, 2025

3:30 and 7:00 p.m.

*Welcome to Christ The King Lutheran Church, and God's blessing upon our Lenten Season. The Romans intended crucifixion to intimidate. That's why it was done in public, in the daytime, and in a brutal fashion. The men assigned to this cruel task had to be hardened—emotionally calloused. Yet the words of the “the centurion” have echoed throughout history, “Surely He was the Son of God!”*  
...Pastor Jason Cashmer

THE BELLS

THE WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OPENING PRAYER

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

***Jesus, I Will Ponder Now*** (P. Manz)

Organ

THE OPENING HYMN

***When I Survey the Wondrous Cross***

LSB #425

1. When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died,  
My richest gain I count but loss and pour contempt on all my pride.
2. Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the death of Christ, my God;  
All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to His blood.
3. See, from His head, His hands, His feet sorrow and love flow mingled down!  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet or thorns compose so rich a crown?
4. Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a tribute far too small;  
Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all!

THE INVOCATION

P: *In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.*

C: Amen.

THE CONFESSION OF SINS

P: *Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord,*

C: who made heaven and earth.

P: *I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,*

C: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

P: *Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.*

C: 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.

## THE ABSOLUTION

### THE RESPONSIVE READING Isaiah 50:4-9 (The Third Servant Song in Isaiah)

*P: The Sovereign Lord has given me a well-instructed tongue,*  
*C: to know the word that sustains the weary.*  
*P: He wakens me morning by morning,*  
*C: wakens my ear to listen like one being instructed.*  
*P: The Sovereign Lord has opened my ears;*  
*C: I have not been rebellious, I have not turned away.*  
*P: I offered my back to those who beat me,*  
*C: my cheeks to those who pulled out my beard;*  
*P: I did not hide my face from mocking and spitting.*  
*C: Because the Sovereign Lord helps me, I will not be disgraced.*  
*P: Therefore have I set my face like flint, and I know I will not be put to shame.*  
*C: He who vindicates me is near. Who then will bring charges against me?*  
*P: Let us face each other! Who is my accuser? Let him confront me!*  
*C: It is the Sovereign Lord who helps me. Who will condemn me?*

## THE SONG RESPONSE

### ***Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted***

LSB #451

1. Stricken, smitten, and afflicted, see Him dying on the tree!  
'Tis the Christ, by man rejected; yes, my soul, 'tis He, 'tis He!  
'Tis the long-expected Prophet, David's Son, yet David's Lord;  
Proofs I see sufficient of it: 'tis the true and faithful Word.
2. Tell me, ye who hear Him groaning, was there ever grief like this?  
Friends through fear His cause disowning, foes insulting His distress;  
Many hands were raised to wound Him, none would intervene to save;  
But the deepest stroke that pierced Him was the stroke that justice gave.

## THE OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 43:1-2

<sup>1</sup> But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine." <sup>2</sup> When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you.

## THE EPISTLE

Colossians 1:15-20

<sup>15</sup> He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. <sup>16</sup> For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. <sup>17</sup> And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup> And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. <sup>19</sup> For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, <sup>20</sup> and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

## THE GOSPEL

Matthew 27:45-56

<sup>45</sup> Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour.

<sup>46</sup> And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, “Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?” that is, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” <sup>47</sup> And some of the bystanders, hearing it, said, “This man is calling Elijah.” <sup>48</sup> And one of them at once ran and took a sponge, filled it with sour wine, and put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink. <sup>49</sup> But the others said, “Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.” <sup>50</sup> And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice and yielded up his spirit.

<sup>51</sup> And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And the earth shook, and the rocks were split. <sup>52</sup> The tombs also were opened. And many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised, <sup>53</sup> and coming out of the tombs after his resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many. <sup>54</sup> When the centurion and those who were with him, keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were filled with awe and said, “Truly this was the Son of God!”

<sup>55</sup> There were also many women there, looking on from a distance, who had followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering to him, <sup>56</sup> among whom were Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Joseph and the mother of the sons of Zebedee.

## THE SONG RESPONSE

### *Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted*

SB #451

3. Ye who think of sin but lightly nor suppose the evil great  
Here may view its nature rightly, here its guilt may estimate.  
Mark the sacrifice appointed; see who bears the awful load;  
'Tis the Word, the Lord's Anointed, Son of Man and Son of God.
4. Here we have a firm foundation; here the refuge of the lost;  
Christ, the Rock of our salvation, is the name of which we boast.  
Lamb of God, for sinners wounded, sacrifice to cancel guilt!  
None shall ever be confounded who on Him their hope have built.

THE PASSION NARRATIVE

THE MUSICAL OFFERING

*Ave Verum* (W. A. Mozart)

Organ

THE LENTEN PRAYERS AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

THE SERMON HYMN

*O Dearest Jesus, What Law Hast Thou Broken*

LSB #439

1. O dearest Jesus, what law hast Thou broken  
That such sharp sentence should on Thee be spoken?  
Of what great crime hast Thou to make confession,  
What dark transgression?
2. They crown Thy head with thorns, they smite, they scourge Thee;  
With cruel mockings to the cross they urge Thee;  
They give Thee gall to drink, they still decry Thee;  
They crucify Thee.
3. Whence come these sorrows, whence this mortal anguish?  
It is my sins for which Thou, Lord, must languish;  
Yea, all the wrath, the woe, Thou dost inherit,  
This I do merit.

THE SERMON

Pastor Jason Cashmer

THE BENEDICTION

THE CLOSING HYMN

*Stay with Us*

LSB #879

1. Stay with us, till night has come: our praise to You this day be sung.  
Bless our bread, open our eyes: Jesus, be our great surprise.
3. Walk with us, the road will bend: make all our weeping, wailing end.  
Wipe our tears, forgive our fears: Jesus, lift the heavy cross.
4. Talk with us, till we behold a joyful life You will unfold:  
Heal our eyes to see the prize: Jesus, take us to the light.
5. Stay with us, till day is done: no tears nor dark shall dim the sun.  
Cheer the heart, Your grace impart: Jesus, bring eternal life.

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