

# Holy Cross Lutheran Church

(Lutheran Church Missouri Synod)

Vespers

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Sunday Worship Services.....8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Bible Classes and Sunday School.....9:25 a.m.

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***Reaching lost souls with the Gospel:  
Nourishing and equipping the saints for life and ministry!***

### Prayer for the Sixth Wednesday in Lent

Lord Jesus Christ, bring us closer to Your cross as we approach the end of this Lenten season so that we might know how much You loved us and gave Yourself for us. Enlighten us so that we may see by faith that You, the Holy One, were judged a criminal by unholy men for us: You suffered the whiplashes of angry men as our sinless Savior, You stumbled under the cross as our Suffering Servant, and You died as the Lamb of God in our stead and for our sake. Help us to hear in Your prayer on the cross the single purpose for which You endured pain, suffering, and death; "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." Amen.



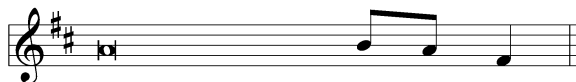
## 456 Were You There

*Stand*

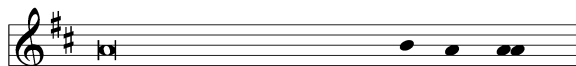
### Lent Versicles



**L** O Lord, o - pen my lips,



**C** and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.



**L** Make haste, O God, to de - liv - er me;



**C** make haste to help me, O Lord.



**C** Glo-ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.



Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our sal - va - tion.

*Sit*



## Scripture Readings

### Old Testament Reading: Psalm 85

LORD, you were favorable to your land;  
you restored the fortunes of Jacob.  
You forgave the iniquity of your people;  
you covered all their sin.  
You withdrew all your wrath;  
you turned from your hot anger.

Restore us again, O God of our salvation,  
and put away your indignation toward us!  
Will you be angry with us forever?  
Will you prolong your anger to all generations?  
Will you not revive us again,  
that your people may rejoice in you?  
Show us your steadfast love, O LORD,  
and grant us your salvation.

Let me hear what God the LORD will speak,  
for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints;  
but let them not turn back to folly.  
Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him,  
that glory may dwell in our land.

Steadfast love and faithfulness meet;  
righteousness and peace kiss each other.  
Faithfulness springs up from the ground,  
and righteousness looks down from the sky.  
Yes, the LORD will give what is good,  
and our land will yield its increase.  
Righteousness will go before him  
and make his footsteps a way.

**L** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## **Epistle Reading: Ephesians 2:13-17**

But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility by abolishing the law of commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility. And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near.

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## **Gospel Reading: Matthew 27:11-24**

Now Jesus stood before the governor, and the governor asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus said, "You have said so." But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he gave no answer. Then Pilate said to him, "Do you not hear how many things they testify against you?" But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed.

Now at the feast the governor was accustomed to release for the crowd any one prisoner whom they wanted. And they had then a notorious prisoner called Barabbas. So when they had gathered, Pilate said to them, "Whom do you want me to release for you: Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?" For he knew that it was out of envy that they had delivered him up. Besides, while he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, "Have nothing to do with that righteous man, for I have suffered much because of him today in a dream." Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowd to ask for Barabbas and destroy Jesus. The governor again said to them, "Which of the two do you want me to release for you?" And they said, "Barabbas." Pilate said to them, "Then what shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?" They all said, "Let him be crucified!" And he said, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Let him be crucified!"

So when Pilate saw that he was gaining nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, "I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves."


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

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

## Responsory

*Psalm 51:14; Psalm 59:1; Psalm 141:8*

*Verse* *To Refrain*



**L** 1 Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are  
the God of my sal - va - tion.  
2 In You, O Lord, do I put my trust, leave me not, O Lord, my God.  
3 Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are  
the God of my sal - va - tion.

*Refrain*



**G** Rescue me from my en - e - mies, protect me  
from those who rise a - gainst me.

*Sit*

## 430 My Song is Love Unknown

### Sermon

**"Peace from the Passion of Christ"**

Text: Matthew 27:11-24

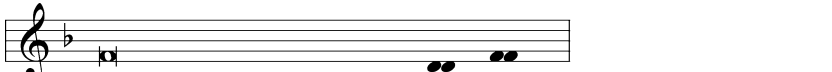
*Stand*



## Canticle

### Antiphon

*Psalm 141:2*



**L** Let my prayer rise before You as in - cense,  
**G** and the lifting up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.



## Magnificat

Luke 1:46-55



**C** My soul mag-ni-fies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God, my Sav-ior;



**I** for He has re-gard - ed the lowliness of His hand-maid - en.



**II** For be-hold, from this day all generations will call me bless - ed.



**I** For the Mighty One has done great things to me, and holy is His name;



**II** and His mercy is on those who fear Him from generation to gen - er - a - tion.



**I** He has shown strength with His arm; He has scattered the proud in the



imagination of their hearts. **II** He has cast down the



might-y from their thrones and has ex - alt - ed the low - ly.



**I** He has filled the hun - gry with good things,

and the rich He has sent emp - ty a - way.

**II** He has helped His servant Israel in remembrance of His mer - cy

as He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his seed for-ev-er.

**C** Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Spir-it;

as it was in the be-gin-nig, is now, and will be for-ev - er. A-men.

*Sit*

## Offering

*Stand*

## Prayer

### Kyrie

*Mark 10:47*

**C** Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.



### Lord's Prayer

*Matthew 6:9-13*

- 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.

## Introduction to Collects

*Psalm 102:1*



**L** O Lord, hear my prayer.



**C** And let my cry come to You.

## Collect of the Day

**P** Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Additional Collects

### Collect for Peace

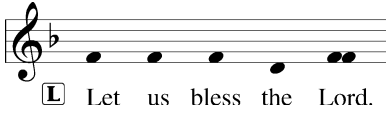
**P** O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

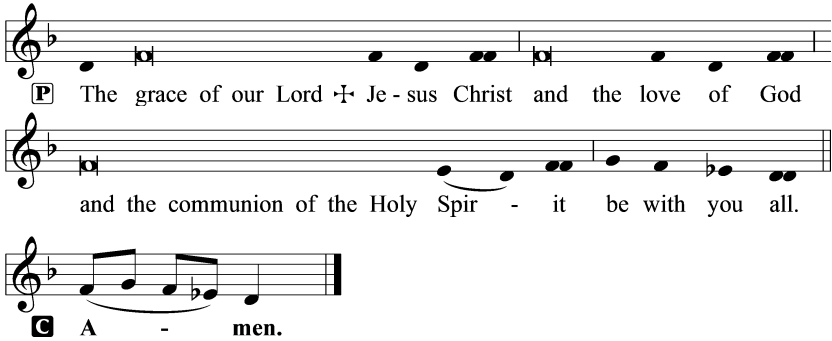
# Benedicamus

*Psalm 103:1*



# Benediction

*2 Corinthians 13:14*



**878 Abide with Me vs. 1, 5, 6**

***Soli Deo Gloria!***  
***(To God alone be the glory.)***

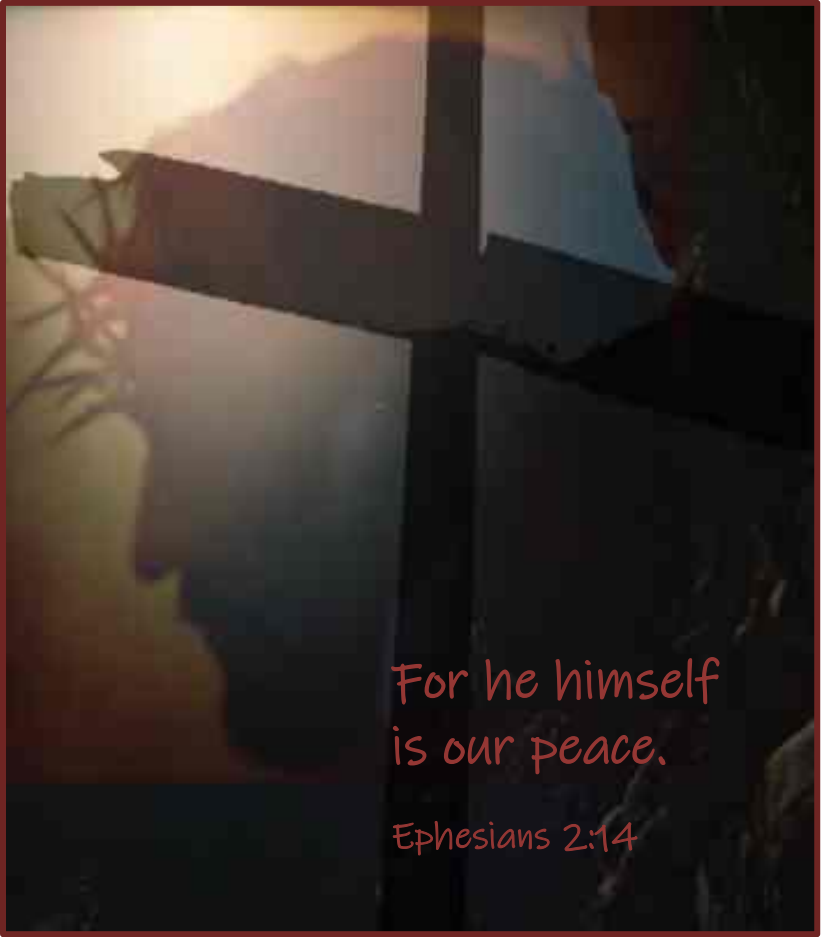
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*Heavenly Father, throughout these forty days of Lent, draw us ever closer to You. Help us lay aside the sins that cling so closely and run with endurance the race that is before us, looking to Jesus Christ, the author and perfecter of our faith. As we have been made one with Him through Baptism, empower us to share the good news of Your grace with others. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.*





For he himself  
is our peace.

Ephesians 2:14