

Seven Signs of Jesus in John's Gospel



Wednesday Lenten Service

March 13, 2024 7:00 PM

MESSIAH
LUTHERAN CHURCH



(Hymns are from the *Lutheran Service Book*)

PRELUDE

WELCOME /ANNOUNCEMENTS/GREETING

OPENING HYMN

(Please Stand)

"Cross of Jesus, Cross of Sorrow"

#428



1 Cross of Je - sus, cross of sor - row,
2 Here the King of all the a - ges,
3 O mys - te - rious con - de - scend - ing!

Where the blood of Christ was shed,
Throned in light ere worlds could be,
O a - ban - don - ment sub - lime!

Per - fect man on thee did suf - fer,
Robed in mor - tal flesh is dy - ing,
Ver - y God Him - self is bear - ing

Per - fect God on thee has bled!
Cru - ci - fied by sin for me.
All the suf - fer - ings of time!

THE INVOCATION

P: *O Lord, open my lips.*

C: ***And my mouth will declare your praise.***

P: *Make haste, O God, to deliver me;*

C: ***Make haste to help me, O Lord.***

A: ***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.

READINGS

THE PSALM READING

Psalms 27:1-14

R: The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? When evildoers assail me to eat up my flesh, my adversaries and foes, it is they who stumble and fall. Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war arise against me, yet I will be confident. One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after: 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. For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high upon a rock. And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the LORD. Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud; be gracious to me and answer me! You have said, "Seek my face." My heart says to you, "Your face, LORD, do I seek." Hide not your face from me. Turn not your servant away in anger, O you who have been my help. Cast me not off; forsake me not, O God of my salvation! For my father and my mother have forsaken me, but the LORD will take me in. Teach me your way, O LORD, and lead me on a level path because of my enemies. Give me not up to the will of my adversaries; for false witnesses have risen against me, and they breathe out violence. I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living! Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD!

R: O Lord, have mercy on us.

C: Thanks be to God.

THE FIRST READING

Exodus 31:12-17

R: The First Reading is from the 31st chapter of Exodus. Then the LORD said to Moses, "Say to the Israelites, 'You must observe my Sabbaths. This will be a sign between me and you for

the generations to come, so you may know that I am the LORD, who makes you holy. Observe the Sabbath, because it is holy to you. Anyone who desecrates it is to be put to death; those who do any work on that day must be cut off from their people. For six days work is to be done, but the seventh day is a day of sabbath rest, holy to the LORD. Whoever does any work on the Sabbath day is to be put to death. The Israelites are to observe the Sabbath, celebrating it for the generations to come as a lasting covenant. It will be a sign between me and the Israelites forever, for in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, and on the seventh day he rested and was refreshed.”

R: O Lord, have mercy on us.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL LESSON

John 5:1-11

P: The Gospel Lesson is from St. John, the fifth chapter.

After this there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, in Aramaic called Bethesda, which has five roofed colonnades. In these lay a multitude of invalids - blind, lame, and paralyzed. One man was there who had been an invalid for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had already been there a long time, he said to him, "Do you want to be healed?" The sick man answered him, "Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up, and while I am going another steps down before me." Jesus said to him, "Get up, take up your bed, and walk." And at once the man was healed, and he took up his bed and walked. Now that day was the Sabbath. So, the Jews said to the man who had been healed, "It is the Sabbath, and it is not lawful for you to take up your bed." But he answered them, "The man who healed me, that man said to me, 'Take up your bed, and walk.'"

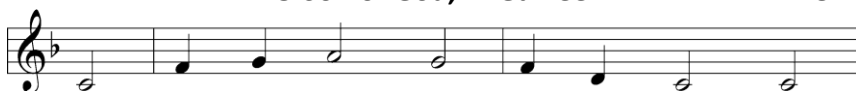
P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

HYMN

"O Son of God, In Galilee"

#841



1 O Son of God, in Gal - i - lee You
 2 O lis - ten to the si - lent prayer Of
 3 The speech - less tongue, the life - less ear You



made the deaf to hear, The mute to speak, the
 Your af - flict - ed ones. O bid them cast on
 can re - store, O Lord; Your "Eph - pha - tha," O



blind to see; O bless - ed Lord, be near.
 You their care; Your grace to them make known.
 Sav - ior dear, Can in - stant help af - ford.

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MESSAGE

*"Healing the Man at the Pool"**John 5:1-11*

VOLUNTARY

As we listen to the Voluntary, we ask that each worship household fill out the attendance "Green Card," located in your ministry folder. Please place them in the offering plate when you leave. Thank you.

THE PRAYERS

P: Let my prayers rise before you as incense,

C: **And the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.**

A: **Lord, now let your servant depart in peace according to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of your people Israel.**

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.

P: O Lord, hear my prayer.

C: **And let my cry come to you.**

Special petitions may be spoken by the Pastor

THE LORD'S PRAYER

A: **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.

P: I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me.

C: **Amen.**

THE BLESSING

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

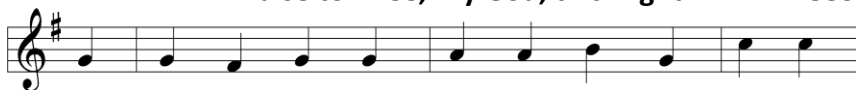
P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with us all.

C: **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

"All Praise to Thee, My God, this Night"

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1 All praise to Thee, my God, this night For all the
5 When in the night I sleep - less lie, My soul with
△ 6 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Him, all



bless - ings of the light. Keep me, O keep me,
heav'n - ly thoughts sup - ply; Let no ill dreams dis -
crea - tures here be - low; Praise Him a - bove, ye



King of kings, Be - neath Thine own al - might - y wings.
turb my rest, No pow'rs of dark - ness me mo - lest.
heav'n-ly host: Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

POSTLUDE