

THE SEVEN LAST WORDS FROM THE CROSS

*Midweek Lenten Service II
February 21, 2024*

Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church – Huron, SD

“WITH ME . . . IN PARADISE”

Pre-Service Hymn Sing

Welcome

Opening Hymn # 420 – Christ the Life of All the Living

- 1 Christ, the life of all the living,
Christ, the death of death, our foe,
Who, Thyself for me once giving
To the darkest depths of woe:
Through Thy suff’rings, death, and merit
I eternal life inherit.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

2 Thou, ah! Thou, hast taken on Thee
 Bonds and stripes, a cruel rod;
Pain and scorn were heaped upon Thee,
 O Thou sinless Son of God!
Thus didst Thou my soul deliver
From the bonds of sin forever.
 Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
 Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

3 Thou hast borne the smiting only
 That my wounds might all be whole;
Thou hast suffered, sad and lonely,
 Rest to give my weary soul;
Yea, the curse of God enduring,
Blessing unto me securing.
 Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
 Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

4 Heartless scoffers did surround Thee,
Treating Thee with shameful scorn
And with piercing thorns they crowned Thee.
All disgrace Thou, Lord, hast borne,
That as Thine Thou mightest own me
And with heav'nly glory crown me.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

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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Invocation and Kyrie

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

C: Amen.

P: Behold, the Lamb of God!

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: O God, Father in heaven,

C: Have mercy on us.

P: O Son of God, Redeemer of the world,

C: Have mercy on us.

P: O God, the Holy Spirit,

C: Have mercy on us.

Reading of the Passion Narrative

And there was also a strife among them, which of them should be accounted the greatest. He said to them, "the kings of the Gentiles exercise lordship over them; and they that exercise authority over them are called benefactors. It shall not be so among you: He that is greatest among you, let him be as the younger; and he that is chief, as he that serves. For who is greater, he that sits at the table, or he that serves? Is it not he that sits at the table? But I am among you as a servant. You are they who have continued with me in my temptations. I appoint you to a kingdom, as my Father has appointed me; You shall eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and sit on thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

Jesus knew that his hour was come to depart from the world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who are in the world, he loved them to the finish. Already Satan had put into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him. Jesus knew that the Father had given all things into his hands and that he had come from God and was going to God. He rose from supper, laid aside his garments, and girded himself with a towel. He poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel with which he was girded.

When he came to Simon Peter, Peter said to him, “Lord, do you wash my feet?” Jesus answered and said to him, “What I am doing you do not know now, but after these things you will understand.” Peter said to him, “You shall never wash my feet.” Jesus answered him, “If I do not wash you, you have no part with me.” Simon Peter said to him, “Lord, not my feet only, but also my hands and my head.” Jesus said to him, “He who has been bathed does not need to wash more than his feet, for he is clean altogether. You are clean, but not all of you.” He knew who was to betray him; that was why he said not every one was clean.

So after he had washed their feet and taken his garments and sat down again, he said to them, “Do you know what I have done to you? You call me the Master and the Lord, and it is good that you say this, for so I am. If I, then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. I have done this to show you the way to do as I have done to you. Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his lord; neither is he that is sent greater than he that sent him. If you know these things, happy are you if you do them. “I do not speak of you all; I know whom I have chosen. The Scripture must be fulfilled, ‘He that eats bread with me has lifted up his heel against me.’ Already now I tell you of this, before it happens, so that when it does happen you may believe that I am he. “Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever receives anyone whom I shall send, receives me; and whoever receives me, receives him who sent me.”

When Jesus had said these things, his spirit was in turmoil. He bore witness and said, “Truly, truly, I say to you that one of you will betray me.” The disciples looked at one another dumbfounded about whom he spoke. One of his disciples, whom Jesus loved, was leaning on Jesus’ bosom. Simon Peter said to him, “Ask who it is of whom he is speaking.” That disciple who was reclining on Jesus’ chest said to him, “Lord, who is it?”

Jesus then answered, “It is the one to whom I shall give the piece of bread after I have dipped it.” He dipped the piece of bread he had in his hand and gave it to Judas, son of Simon Iscariot. After the piece of bread had been dipped, Satan entered into that one. Jesus said to him, “What you are doing, do quickly.”

No one at the table knew what the purpose was of what Jesus had said to him. Because Judas kept the money bag, some thought Jesus had told him to buy what was needed for the feast or to give something to the poor. When that man had received the piece of bread, he went out immediately, and it was night.

When he had gone out, Jesus said, “Now is the Son of Man glorified, and in him God is glorified. If God is glorified in him, God will glorify him in himself, and straightway he will glorify him.

“Little children, yet a little while I am with you. You will seek me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, ‘Where I am going you cannot come.’ A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another as I have loved you. For this I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

Simon Peter said to him, “Lord, where are you going?” Jesus answered him, “Where I am going you cannot follow me now, but afterwards you will follow me.”

Children’s Sermon

Hymn # 447 (“Second Word”) – Jesus, In Your Dying Woes - Luke 23:43

- 4 Jesus, pitying the sighs
Of the thief, who near You dies,
Promising him paradise:
Hear us, holy Jesus.
- 5 May we in our guilt and shame
Still Your love and mercy claim,
Calling humbly on Your name:
Hear us, holy Jesus.
- 6 May our hearts to You incline
And their thoughts Your cross entwine.
Cheer our souls with hope divine:
Hear us, holy Jesus.

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The Message“With Me . . . in Paradise” – Based on Luke 23:39-43

The Offering and Exchange of Peace

The Prayers

P: Heavenly Father, like the condemned thief on the cross, there are so many areas in each of our lives where we have broken Your Commandments, sinning both against You and against one another.

C: By the Word of Your Son Jesus Christ from the Cross, touch our hearts that we may realize our sin and come to You in true repentance.

P: Heavenly Father, for the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ and by the power of His sacrifice on the Cross, You forgave the sin of the repentant thief.

C: For Jesus' sake and by the power of His sacrifice, continually forgive us, O Lord, and lead us as Your people of faith through this life.

P: Heavenly Father, by the Word of Your Son Jesus Christ, the forgiven thief on the cross had the confidence of eternal life in Your Kingdom of Heaven.

C: Grant also unto us the assurance that when our earthly life is over, we too shall forever be with You in Paradise.

P: In Your mercy, O Lord, hear our prayer.

C: Amen

The Lord's Prayer

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.

The Benediction

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

C: Amen

Closing Hymn # 610 – Lord Jesus, Think on Me

1 Lord Jesus, think on me

And purge away my sin;

From worldly passions set me free

And make me pure within.

2 Lord Jesus, think on me,
By anxious thoughts oppressed;
Let me Your loving servant be
And taste Your promised rest.

3 Lord Jesus, think on me
Amid the battle's strife;
In all my pain and misery,
O be my health and life!

4 Lord Jesus, think on me
Nor let me go astray;
Through darkness and perplexity
Point out Your chosen way.

5 Lord Jesus, think on me
That, when this life is past,
I may the eternal brightness see
And share Your joy at last.

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