



We are a Christian community called to **worship** and sent to **serve**,
welcoming all to **walk** with Christ and **grow** in faith.

AS WE GATHER

Week 2: "Cross Road" – In this service we remember that heaven crossed the path of earth on Mount Calvary, becoming a crossroad for us that changed the direction of our lives forever.

"As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up." John 3:14

INVOCATION

Matthew 28:19b; 18:20

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalms 51

- P** Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!
C **For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.**
P Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
C **Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.**

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

- P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, imploring 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.**

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

- P** O almighty God, merciful Father,
C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**
P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

HYMN: "GOD LOVED THE WORLD SO THAT HE GAVE"

LSB 571 sts. 1–3

BAPTISM *See insert*



✠ Owen Patrick Hughes ✠

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray together:

C Merciful Father, Your Son, Jesus Christ, was lifted high upon the cross that He might bear the sins of the world and draw all people to Himself. Grant that our eyes may ever behold our Savior and His cross, that we may not fear the power of any adversaries but rather rejoice in His victory for us; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

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

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

²¹But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— ²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: ²³for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL

¹⁴And 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

P This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Numbers 21:4–9

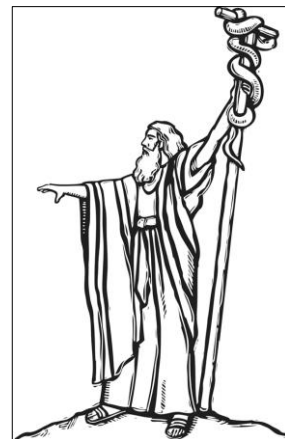
said, “We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD and against you. Pray to the LORD, that he take away the serpents from us.” So Moses prayed for the people. ⁸And the LORD said to Moses, “Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live.” ⁹So 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.

Romans 3:21–25

God, ²⁴and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God’s righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins.

John 3:14–17

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.



HYMN: "HOW SWEET THE NAME OF JESUS SOUNDS"

LSB 524 sts. 7, 12–13

7 The Father's purpose on the cross
Our Savior has fulfilled;
The love revealed, the promise kept
In everything God willed.

12 For life and healing from their pain,
God's people turn their eyes
To see an offering lifted up
Between the earth and skies.

13 The serpent Moses lifted up
To heal the peoples' pain
Foretells a greater Sacrifice:
The Lamb for sinners slain.

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SERMON

Main Points:

One thing NEW I learned:

What can I apply to my life?

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Psalm 51:10–12 LSB 192



C Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres-ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- P** Son of God and Savior of the world, you were lifted up on the cross to suffer and die for us. As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness,
- C** Jesus, Son of God and Son of Man, you were lifted up for us.
- P** Son of God and Savior of the world, teach us to turn to you in repentance and in you find healing from the poison of sin. As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness,
- C** Jesus, Son of God and Son of Man, you were lifted up for us.
- P** Son of God and Savior of the world, help us to lift up your cross before others so that they will come to believe and receive in you the gift of eternal life. As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness,
- C** Jesus, Son of God and Son of Man, you were lifted up for us.
- P** We lift to You Lord all those in need of prayer . . . Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** hear our prayer.
- P** Into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C** Amen.

LUTHER'S MORNING PRAYER

- C** I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. 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. Amen.

BENEDICTION

- P** For this purpose Christ came and for this purpose he died: to bring salvation to all. May the Lord who brought salvation to all through the cross bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious unto you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you his peace.
- C** Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN: "GLORY BE TO JESUS"

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