

# **Trinity Lutheran Church Cortez, Colorado**

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5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent – Online Worship**

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# TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Welcome to Trinity Lutheran Church, and to the blessings, comfort and peace of Christ.

As we gather, we prepare our hearts for the worship and praise of our Lord and Savior by remembering what the Scriptures say: "I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord!' " Psalm 122:1 and "One thing have I asked of the Lord...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." Psalm 27:4

## Eyes on Jesus: Worldly Eyes

### As We Gather

This Lent, we will use the metaphor of eyesight to examine how the various people in Mark's Gospel viewed Jesus during His Passion. In most cases, they misunderstood who He was and what He was doing; then again, sometimes by faith people did recognize Him correctly.

We have these forty days of Lent in which we may look within ourselves as people of faith in our day. How are we like or unlike the people who saw Jesus in the flesh? Most important, as we gather for worship, we will see what Jesus has done to save us from our sins by His holy, precious blood and innocent sufferings and death.

Today, we learn of Pilate's worldly view and how, to keep his position and placate the Jewish leaders and crowd, he handed Jesus over for crucifixion. The soldiers saw the opposite of a worldly king, but their ironic hailing of Him as "King of the Jews" proclaims who He really is. The world looks for power and glory; God's way is suffering and the cross. Which way do we look in the daily decisions we make?

### Hymn: Our Eyes Behold the Savior's Face



1 Our eyes be - hold the Sav - ior's face And  
2 Our fo - cus flits and fails to see The  
3 Our sights train on the dread - ful cross. Be -  
4 Our vi - sion blurs with anx - ious tears As  
5 Our view scans for the com - ing Day That



yet can - not per - ceive That His per - spec - tive  
One whose stead - fast gaze Pro - pelled Him to the  
neath His know - ing eyes, Our sins are bare and  
Je - sus' eye - lids fall To con - quer sin and  
ev - er - more grows near, When Je - sus wipes our



held our grace Be - fore we could be - lieve.  
dark - ened tree En - vel - oped in death's haze.  
set for loss; He sees us as His prize.  
all our fears And tear in two our pall.  
tears a - way And all is crys - tal clear.

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## Invocation & Opening Sentences

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

**C** Amen.

**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.

**P** I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come?

**C** My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

*Psalm 121:1–2*

**P** The eyes of all look to You, and You give them their food in due season.

**C** You open Your hand; You satisfy the desire of every living thing.

*Psalm 145:15–16*

**P** For I know that my Redeemer lives,

**C** and at the last He will stand upon the earth.

**P** And after my skin has been thus destroyed,

**C** yet in my flesh I shall see God.

*Job 19:25–26*

## Confession

**P** As we perceive how the people around Jesus were unable to truly see Him, let us confess our own failures to respond to His grace and mercy.

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

**P** The disciples misjudged the good deed of the woman who anointed Jesus,

**C** and we have failed to see that He is pleased with the service of His followers.

**P** Judas betrayed Jesus out of fear and for financial gain,

**C** and we have betrayed our weak faith in Him when making difficult decisions.

**P** Jesus' closest disciples gave in to sleep rather than watching and praying,

**C** and we have preferred physical comfort over spiritual turmoil.

**P** Peter failed to keep his bold promise of faithfulness to save his skin,

**C** and we have let Sunday's strength fade when Monday morning dawned.

- P** Jesus fulfilled the promise of salvation, even as His opponents tried to be rid of Him,  
**C** **and He went to the cross because of our sins as well.**
- P** Pilate wanted to keep his position, and the soldiers only saw a weak man on a cross,  
**C** **and we have let ourselves be deceived by the world's definition of success.**
- P** Jesus' body and blood are not visible in the bread and wine of the Lord's Supper,  
**C** **and we have not always looked beyond what our eyes can see in the Sacrament.**
- P** His Father forsook Jesus on the cross as He took all the punishment we deserve,  
**C** **and we have, at times, focused on our works instead of fixing our eyes on Jesus.**
- P** The angel proclaimed Jesus' resurrection to the women,  
**C** **and we pray that You, heavenly Father, will forgive us all our sins for Jesus' sake. Help us fix our eyes on Jesus each day until we follow Him to our eternal home, where we shall see You face to face.**
- P** From of old no one has heard or perceived by the ear, nor has any eye ever seen a God besides the Lord, who acts for those who wait for Him. Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** **Amen.**

## Psalmody

*Psalm 2*

- P** He who sits in the heavens laughs; the LORD holds them in derision.  
 Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain?  
**C** **The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together,**
- P** against the LORD and against His Anointed, saying,  
**C** **"Let us burst their bonds apart and cast away their cords from us."**
- P** He who sits in the heavens laughs; the LORD holds them in derision.  
**C** **Then He will speak to them in His wrath, and terrify them in His fury, saying,**
- P** "As for Me, I have set My King on Zion, My holy hill."  
**C** **I will tell of the decree: The Lord said to Me, "You are My Son; today I have begotten You.**
- P** Ask of Me, and I will make the nations Your heritage,  
**C** **and the ends of the earth Your possession.**
- P** You shall break them with a rod of iron  
**C** **and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel."**
- P** Now therefore, O kings, be wise;  
**C** **be warned, O rulers of the earth.**
- P** Serve the LORD with fear,  
**C** **and rejoice with trembling**

**P** Kiss the Son, lest He be angry, and you perish in the way, for His wrath is quickly kindled.

**C** Blessed are all who take refuge in Him.

### Gloria Patri

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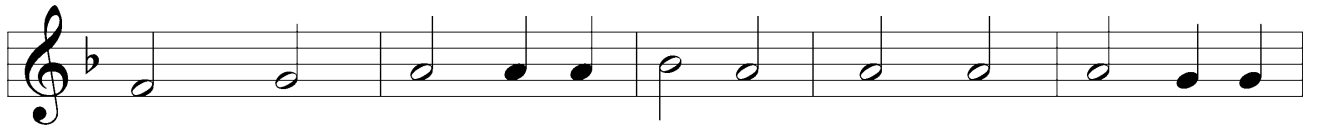
**C** Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

### Kyrie

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**C** Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

### Salutation

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**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.

**P** Let us pray. Almighty God, by Your great goodness

**C** mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul;

**P** through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** Amen.

### First Reading

Isaiah 13:9–11

<sup>9</sup>Behold, the day of the LORD comes,  
cruel, with wrath and fierce anger,  
to make the land a desolation  
and to destroy its sinners from it.

<sup>10</sup>For the stars of the heavens and their constellations  
will not give their light;  
the sun will be dark at its rising,  
and the moon will not shed its light.  
<sup>11</sup>I will punish the world for its evil,  
and the wicked for their iniquity;  
I will put an end to the pomp of the arrogant,  
and lay low the pompous pride of the ruthless.

- L** O Lord, have mercy on us.  
**C** Thanks be to God.

## Second Reading

*1 John 2:15–17*

<sup>15</sup>Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. <sup>16</sup>For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride in possessions—is not from the Father but is from the world. <sup>17</sup>And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever.

- L** O Lord, have mercy on us.  
**C** Thanks be to God.

## Responsory

*1 Tim. 6:14b, 15b, 12a; 1 Peter 1:8, adapted*

- P** Jesus Christ . . . is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords.  
**C** **Though we have not seen Him, we love Him.**  
**Though we do not now see Him, we believe in Him and rejoice with joy.**
- P** Fight the good fight of the faith.  
**C** **Though we have not seen Him, we love Him.**  
**Though we do not now see Him, we believe in Him and rejoice with joy.**
- P** Jesus Christ . . . is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords.  
**C** **Though we have not seen Him, we love Him.**  
**Though we do not now see Him, we believe in Him and rejoice with joy.**

## Passion

*John 18:33–38 & 19:1–11*

- P** This Lent, we are looking at the events of our Lord's Passion through the eyes of some of the people who witnessed it. Today, you will read the words of Pilate, the chief priests, and the soldiers, the groups who executed Jesus and ironically called Him "King."

The Passion of Our Lord according to St. John, chapter 18 verses 33-38 & chapter 19 verses 1-11.

<sup>33</sup>So Pilate entered his headquarters again and called Jesus and said to him,

- C** **"Are you the King of the Jews?"**

- P** <sup>34</sup>Jesus answered, "Do you say this of your own accord, or did others say it to you about me?" <sup>35</sup>Pilate answered,

- C** **"Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests have delivered you over to me. What have you done?"**

- P** <sup>36</sup>Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would have been fighting, that I might not be delivered over to the Jews. But my kingdom is not from the world." <sup>37</sup>Then Pilate said to him,

**C** “So you are a king?”

**P** Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. For this purpose I was born and for this purpose I have come into the world—to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice.”  
<sup>38</sup>Pilate said to him,

**C** “What is truth?”

**P** After he had said this, he went back outside to the Jews and told them,

**C** “I find no guilt in him. ...

**P** <sup>19:1</sup>Then Pilate took Jesus and flogged him. <sup>2</sup>And the soldiers twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on his head and arrayed him in a purple robe. <sup>3</sup>They came up to him, saying,

**C** “Hail, King of the Jews!”

**P** and struck him with their hands. <sup>4</sup>Pilate went out again and said to them, “See, I am bringing him out to you that you may know that I find no guilt in him.” <sup>5</sup>So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, “Behold the man!” <sup>6</sup>When the chief priests and the officers saw him, they cried out,

**C** “Crucify him, crucify him!”

**P** Pilate said to them, “Take him yourselves and crucify him, for I find no guilt in him.” <sup>7</sup>The Jews answered him,

**C** “We have a law, and according to that law he ought to die because he has made himself the Son of God.”

**P** <sup>8</sup>When Pilate heard this statement, he was even more afraid. <sup>9</sup>He entered his headquarters again and said to Jesus, “Where are you from?” But Jesus gave him no answer. <sup>10</sup>So Pilate said to him, “You will not speak to me? Do you not know that I have authority to release you and authority to crucify you?” <sup>11</sup>Jesus answered him, “You would have no authority over me at all unless it had been given you from above. Therefore he who delivered me over to you has the greater sin.”

O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

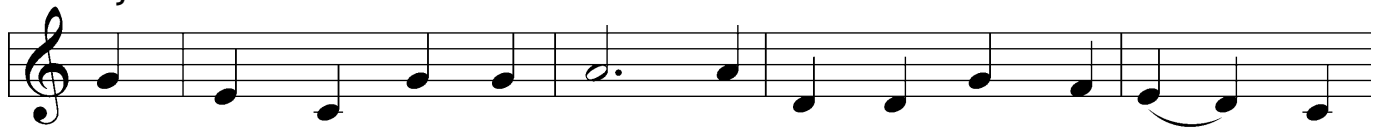
## Apostles' Creed

**C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.

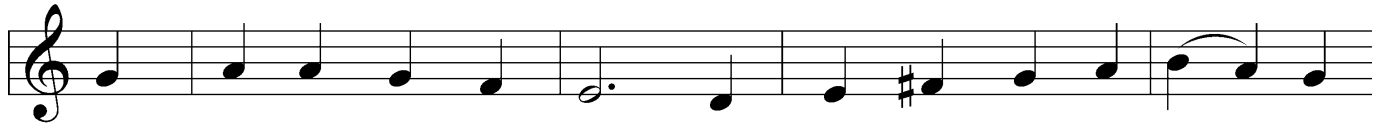
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life ☩ everlasting. Amen.

## Sermon Hymn: 730 What Is the World to Me



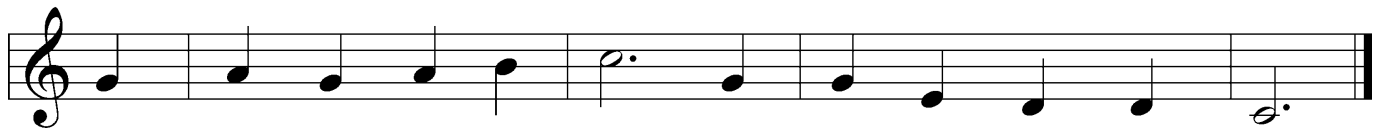
1 What is the world to me With all its vaunt - ed plea - sure  
2 The world seeks to be praised And hon - ored by the might - y  
3 The world seeks af - ter wealth And all that mam - mon of - fers  
4 What is the world to me! My Je - sus is my trea - sure,



When You, and You a - lone, Lord Je - sus, are my trea - sure!  
Yet nev - er once re - flects That they are frail and flight - y.  
Yet nev - er is con - tent Though gold should fill its cof - fers.  
My life, my health, my wealth, My friend, my love, my plea - sure,



You on - ly, dear - est Lord, My soul's de - light shall be;  
But what I tru - ly prize A - bove all things is He,  
I have a high - er good, Con - tent with it I'll be:  
My joy, my crown, my all, My bliss e - ter - nal - ly.



You are my peace, my rest. What is the world to me!  
My Je - sus, He a - lone. What is the world to me!  
My Je - sus is my wealth. What is the world to me!  
Once more, then, I de - clare: What is the world to me!

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## Sermon

*Worldly Eyes*

### Offering & Offertory:

*With our online worship, please either mail your tithe & offering to the church or contact Carol Sperling to arrange for electronic giving.*

- P** We are using hymn 420 as the Offertory for each of our Sunday Lenten services. Today's middle stanza sings a thousand thanks to our Lord for deciding to go to the cross to atone for our sins.

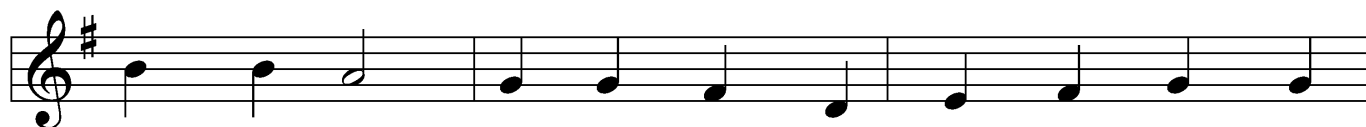


# Hymn: 420 Christ, the Life of All the Living

sts. 1, 6-7



1 Christ, the life of all the liv - ing, Christ, the death of  
6 Thou hast suf - fered great af - flic - tion And hast borne it  
7 Then, for all that wrought my par - don, For Thy sor - rows



death, our foe, Who, Thy - self for me once giv - ing  
pa - tient - ly, E - ven death by cru - ci - fix - ion,  
deep and sore, For Thine an - guish in the Gar - den,



To the dark - est depths of woe: Through Thy suf - f'rings,  
Ful - ly to a - tone for me; Thou didst choose to  
I will thank Thee ev - er - more, Thank Thee for Thy



death, and mer - it I e - ter - nal life in - her - it.  
be tor - ment - ed That my doom should be pre - vent - ed.  
groan - ing, sigh - ing, For Thy bleed - ing and Thy dy - ing,



Thou-sand, thou - sand thanks shall be, Dear - est Je - sus, un - to Thee.  
Thou-sand, thou - sand thanks shall be, Dear - est Je - sus, un - to Thee.  
For that last tri - um - phant cry, And shall praise Thee, Lord, on high.

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## Salutation

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And also with you.

## Prayer of the Church

- P** Let us pray for the Church around the world, ourselves, and all people in their various needs.
- P** Heavenly Father, we come to you in a time of great challenge. Please ease the fears of the world and reassure us of your promises. Be with those who have contracted the Coronavirus and grant healing in harmony with your will. We pray for wisdom for church and school staff and leaders as decisions are made. Lord, grant that this might be an opportunity for us to be your witnesses in word and deed, and that many might come to faith in Your Son, let us pray to the Lord.
- C** Look on them all in Your mercy, heavenly Father.

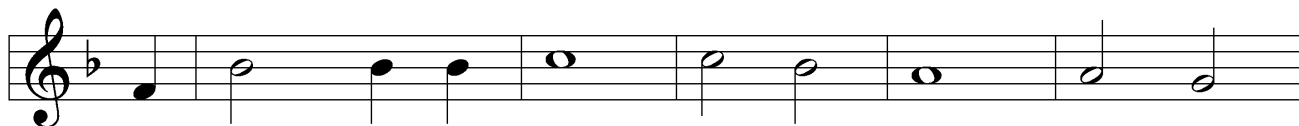
- P** For farmers and ranchers and those who bring food to market, that God would provide favorable weather, bountiful harvests, and relief from both drought and flood, let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Regard their struggles and give them gracious relief, heavenly Father.**
- P** For all who struggle with unemployment or underemployment, with poor living conditions or displacement from home, with personal demons, ill health, sickness, or death, [*Especially we pray for...*] let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Behold their turmoil, Lord Jesus, and grant them relief and hope.**
- P** For all people in authority over communities and countries, all whose decisions affect the climate of the planet and the health of its inhabitants, and all who are charged to maintain justice within their borders and peace among nations, let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Gaze upon Your servants, O Lord; protect and guide them that they may serve with wisdom, compassion, and courage.**
- P** For all who serve the Lord as they care for others—medical personnel and first responders, counselors and advisers, friends and neighbors, professionals and volunteers—let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Guide and direct their the use of gifts You have given them, O Holy Spirit, and open doors of opportunity for them so that many may rejoice together.**
- P** For the Church around the world, as clergy and lay leaders seek to proclaim the Gospel and faithfully endeavor to share their faith, especially in the face of persecution, let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **See their struggle, O Holy Spirit, and give them strength to persevere and grow.**
- P** For the Church, wherever it gathers around Word and Sacrament, relying on God’s steadfast love and faithfulness, and looking forward to the fulfillment of all His gracious promises, let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Watch over Your Church, Lord Jesus; protect and defend us until that day we see You face to face.**
- P** Into Your hands, heavenly Father, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C** **Amen.**

## Family Prayer Time

*Take a moment to pause the video and pray for each of the members of your family and any friends or neighbors not mentioned in the Prayer of the Church. Feel free to add these prayers to the online chat as well. Once you are done, then play the video again and boldly and confidently pray together the Lord’s Prayer with the video.*

## Lord’s Prayer

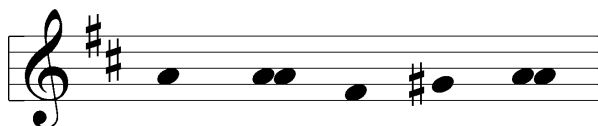
- C** **Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be Thy name,  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;  
give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**



**C** For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the



glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.



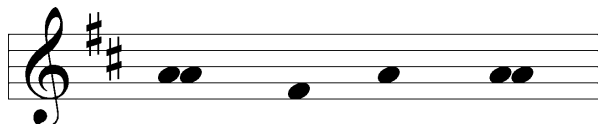
**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.

### Benedicamus

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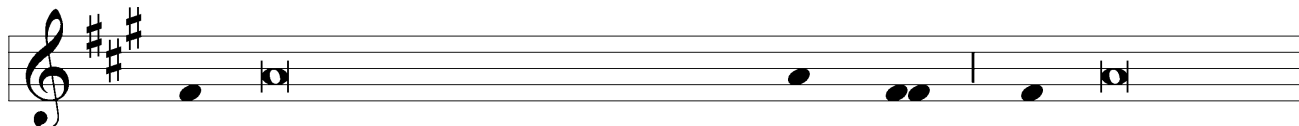
**A** Bless we the Lord.



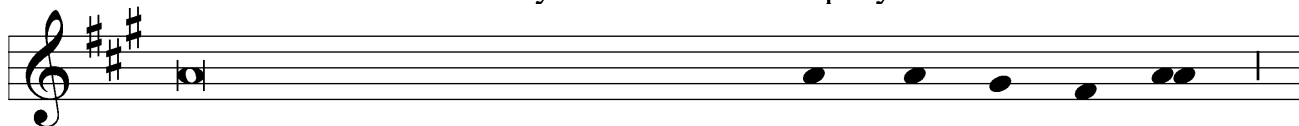
**C** Thanks be to God.

### Benediction

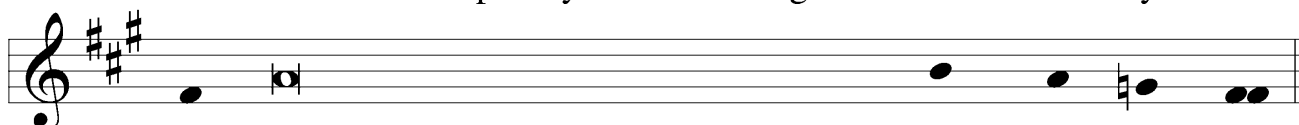
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**P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.



The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.

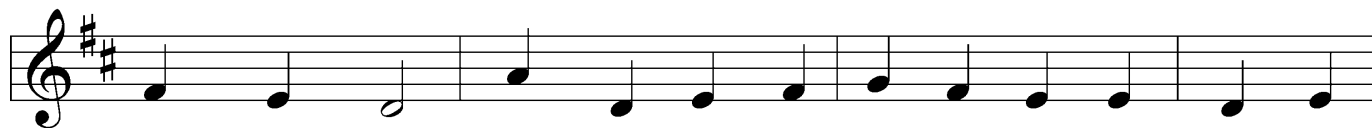


**C** A-men, a-men, a - men.

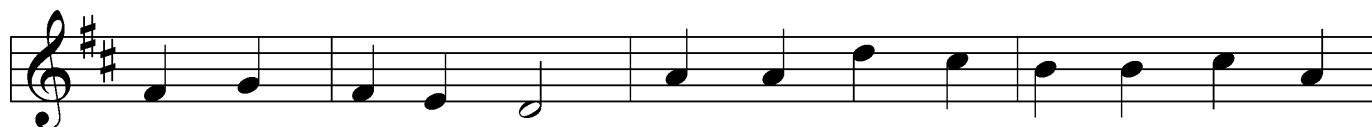
# Closing Hymn: 685 Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus



1 Let us ev - er walk with Je - sus, Fol - low His ex -  
 2 Let us suf - fer here with Je - sus And with pa - tience  
 3 Let us glad - ly die with Je - sus. Since by death He  
 4 Let us al - so live with Je - sus. He has ris - en



am - ple pure, Through a world that would de - ceive us And to  
 bear our cross. Joy will fol - low all our sad - ness; Where He  
 con - quered death, He will free us from de - struc - tion, Give to  
 from the dead That to life we may a - wak - en. Je - sus,



sin our spir - its lure. On - ward in His foot - steps tread - ing,  
 is, there is no loss. Though to - day we sow no laugh - ter,  
 us im - mor - tal breath. Let us mor - ti - fy all pas - sion  
 You are now our head. We are Your own liv - ing mem - bers;



Pil - grims here, our home a - bove, Full of faith and  
 We shall reap ce - les - tial joy; All dis - com - forts  
 That would lead us in - to sin; And the grave that  
 Where You live, there we shall be In Your pres - ence



hope and love, Let us do the Fa - ther's bid - ding. Faith - ful  
 that an - noy Shall give way to mirth here - af - ter. Je - sus,  
 shuts us in Shall but prove the gate to heav - en. Je - sus,  
 con - stant - ly, Liv - ing there with You for - ev - er. Je - sus,



Lord, with me a - bide; I shall fol - low where You guide.  
 here I share Your woe; Help me there Your joy to know.  
 here with You I die, There to live with You on high.  
 let me faith - ful be, Life e - ter - nal grant to me.

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Please check your email and the [church website](#) regularly to find out about the most recent arrangements as a result of the COVID-19 precautions.

### **Senior shopping in Cortez (60 and older allowed to shop during these times)**

City Market: 7-8am Monday, Wednesday, & Friday

Safeway: 7-8am Tuesday and Thursday

Walmart: 6-7am Tuesdays

**Bible Study** will be posted on the church website under Online Bible Study:

<http://www.trinitylutheranchurchcortez.com/online-bible-study>

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