

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

Saturday, February 24, 2024 - 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, February 25, 2024 - 8:00 a.m.

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As We Gather

Today we hear the apostle Paul proclaim something rather odd: that we can rejoice in our sufferings. Paul says this because—as he tells us—suffering produces endurance, endurance produces character, character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame because our hope is in Jesus who died and is risen for us and our reconciliation and peace. That is something to rejoice in!

Red Connection Pads

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A Note on Holy Communion Guests are encouraged to see details about Communion on p. 8.



A Note on Offerings As an act of worship and thanksgiving, we offer to God what He has first given to us: the first and best of our time, talents, and financial gifts. Donation boxes are located by each entry door or if you would like to contribute online, with either a onetime or ongoing gift, please use clcs.org/give or the QR code to the left.

Welcome

Opening Hymn

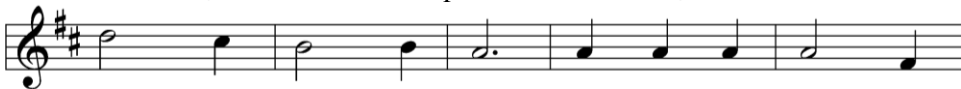
“Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness”

LSB 563

(Please stand as the processional cross enters)



1 Je - sus, Thy blood and righ - teous - ness My beau - ty
2 Bold shall I stand in that great day, Cleansed and re -
4 Lord, I be - lieve, were sin - ners more Than sands up -
6 Je - sus, be end - less praise to Thee, Whose bound - less



are, my glo - rious dress; Midst flam - ing worlds, in
deemed, no debt to pay; Ful - ly ab - solved through
on the o - cean shore, Thou hast for all a
mer - cy hath for me, For me, and all Thy



these ar - rayed, With joy shall I lift up my head.
these I am From sin and fear, from guilt and shame.
ran - som paid, For all a full a - tone - ment made.
hands have made, An ev - er - last - ing ran - som paid.

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P = Pastor; L = Worship Leader; C = Congregation

Call to Worship *The Invocation - Matthew 28:19; Opening Sentences from Romans 5:3-5*

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

C: **Amen.**

P: Our Lenten journey toward the cross is one marked with suffering,

C: **but suffering produces endurance.**

P: And endurance produces character.

C: **And character produces hope,**

P: and hope in Christ does not disappoint,

C: **because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit.**

Confession of Sin & Announcement of Forgiveness *The Absolution - John 20:21-23*

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: **who made heaven and earth.**

P: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C: **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

P: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word and call upon Him in prayer and praise, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C: **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love
toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west,
so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

Psalm 103:11-12

✠ The Word of the Lord ✠

First Reading

“Not to us be the glory.”

Psalm 115:1, 11-13, 18

¹ Not to us, O Lord, not to us, but to your name give glory,
for the sake of your steadfast love and your faithfulness! ...

¹¹ You who fear the Lord, trust in the Lord!

He is their help and their shield.

¹² The Lord has remembered us; he will bless us;
he will bless the house of Israel; he will bless the house of Aaron;

¹³ he will bless those who fear the Lord,
both the small and the great ...

¹⁸ But we will bless the Lord from this time forth and forevermore. Praise the Lord!

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading “God shows his love for us that Christ died for sinners.” *Romans 5:1-11*

¹ Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ² Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. ³ Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴ and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵ and hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. ⁶ For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷ For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— ⁸ but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹ Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰ For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. ¹¹ More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Hymn Verse (Please stand)

“In the Cross of Christ I Glory”

LSB 427

1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, Tow'r - ing
o'er the wrecks of time. All the light of sa - cred
sto - ry Gath - ers round its head sub - lime.

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Holy Gospel

“Take up your cross and follow Me.”

Mark 8:27-38

²⁷ And Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi. And on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” ²⁸ And they told him, “John the Baptist; and others say, Elijah; and others, one of the prophets.” ²⁹ And he asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Christ.” ³⁰ And he strictly charged them to tell no one about him. ³¹ And he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³² And he said this plainly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³ But turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.”

³⁴ And calling the crowd to him with his disciples, he said to them, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. ³⁵ For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel’s will save it. ³⁶ For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? ³⁷ For what can a man give in return for his soul? ³⁸ For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

Hymn of the Day *(Please be seated)*

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

LSB 425



1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross On which the
2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast Save in the
3 See, from His head, His hands, His feet Sor - row and
4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, That were a



Prince of Glo - ry died, My rich - est gain I
death of Christ, my God; All the vain things that
love flow min - gled down! Did e'er such love and
trib - ute far too small; Love so a - maz - ing,



count but loss And pour con - tempt on all my pride.
charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to His blood.
sor - row meet Or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
so di - vine, De - mands my soul, my life, my all!

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Sermon

“The Cruciform Life”
Sermon Series “Journeying with Jesus” (Week 2)

Mark 8:27-38

Listen to past sermons or share them with a friend at clcs.org/sermons.

Shared Confession of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

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.

Offering Prayer

For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul?

~ Mark 8:36a

Prayers *(Please stand)*

P: Friends in Christ, let us lift our prayers to God for He has promised to hear and answer us.

L: Lord Jesus Christ, be present among all who suffer, leading them to the hope that is only in You. Lord in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

L: Lord Jesus Christ, soften our hearts to those we consider our enemies. Bring us to true acknowledgement of our own faults and failings. Open our eyes to the opportunities provided for reconciliation and forgiveness. Lord in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Lord Jesus Christ, on the cross You took on our pain and death. Bring Your comfort to all those who are suffering in grief, [*especially . . . special petitions*]. Comfort them with the profound reality that You not only died but rose from death and will raise us from the dead on the Last Day to eternal life. Lord in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

L: Lord Jesus Christ, bring strength and hope to all those who struggle with mental illness. Help them find the support they need. Remove the stigma around mental illness from our churches and communities. To all those in deepest need, bring Your peace and joy. Lord in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

L: Lord Jesus Christ, grant that the nations and peoples of the world might live in peace. In a world too often filled with anger and violence guide Your people in paths that bring restoration and peace. Lord in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Lord, look with favor upon all who are sick, injured, and recovering. Have mercy upon them and lead them out of their suffering to hope. [*We especially pray for . . . special petitions*]. Lord in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

L: Lord Jesus, we commend all of these people and situations into Your hands, for You have promised to hear our prayers and intercede for us, for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Lord's Prayer

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.

✝ Holy Communion ✝

Jesus Christ, the Bread of Life, welcomes us today to the table to receive of the blessings won for us upon the cross. As we draw near confessing our wayward ways and desiring to live a new life in Christ, we examine ourselves as the Bible encourages us to do in 1 Corinthians 11:28. We therefore pause to consider why Jesus gave us this sacred meal and what He now gives us in it, for this is a meal of...

1. **Forgiveness** - Am I sorry for my sin and desire God's forgiveness? (Matthew 26:28)
2. **Faith** - Do I believe that Jesus is my Savior and that he is truly present in this meal for my benefit? (1 Corinthians 11:26-28)
3. **Fellowship** - Do I come to this table desiring reconciliation with others (Matthew 5:23-24), and am I in agreement with the beliefs of this faith community in which I now seek to receive communion? (1 Corinthians 10:16-21)

New to Calvary or have questions? Feel free to speak to a pastor before or after service.

Those not receiving communion may remain seated or come forward for a blessing from the pastor. Please cross your arms over your chest to indicate you are not receiving communion.

When invited forward, please line up in front of the communion rail.

Gluten-free wafers are available on stands at the end of the first row for those with a gluten allergy to pick up on their way to the communion rail.

Non-alcoholic (white) wine is available at the center of the communion tray.

After being dismissed with a blessing, please return to your seat using the center aisle.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary ... evermore praising You and singing:

Is not the cup of thanksgiving for which we give thanks a participation in the blood of Christ? And is not the bread that we break a participation in the body of Christ? Because there is one loaf, we, who are many, are one body, for we all share the one loaf.

1 Corinthians 10:16-17

Song of the Angels

The Sanctus - Isaiah 6:3

LSB 208

C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;
 Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.
 Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;
 Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Words of Our Lord

The Words of Institution - Mt. 26:26-28; Mk 14:22-24; Lk 22:19-20, 1 Cor 11:23-25

P: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. *1 Corinthians 11:26*

C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. *Revelation 22:20*

Lamb of God

The Agnus Dei - John 1:29

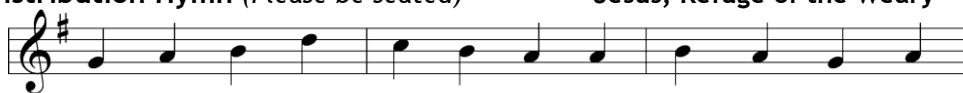
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C 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
 2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
 You take the sin of the world a - way;
 You take the sin of the world a - way;
 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
 Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
 And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Distribution Hymn (Please be seated)

“Jesus, Refuge of the Weary”

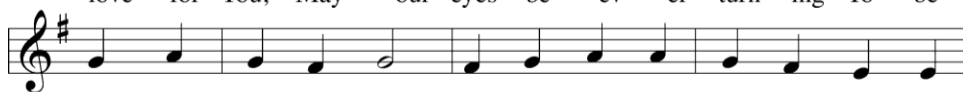
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1 Je - sus, ref - uge of the wea - ry, Blest Re - deem - er,
 2 Do we pass that cross un - heed - ing, Breath - ing no re -
 3 Je - sus, may our hearts be burn - ing With more fer - vent



whom we love, Foun - tain in life's des - ert drea - ry, Sav - ior
 pen - tant vow, Though we see You wound - ed, bleed - ing, See Your
 love for You; May our eyes be ev - er turn - ing To be -



from the world a - bove: Of - ten have Your eyes, of - fend - ed,
 thorn - en - cir - cled brow? Yet Your sin - less death has brought us
 hold Your cross a - new Till in glo - ry, part - ed nev - er



Gazed up - on the sin - ner's fall; Yet up - on the
 Life e - ter - nal, peace, and rest; On - ly what Your
 From the bless - ed Sav - ior's side, Grav - en in our



cross ex - tend - ed, You have borne the pain of all.
 grace has taught us Calms the sin - ner's deep dis - tress.
 hearts for - ev - er, Dwell the cross, the Cru - ci - fied.

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For Prayer & Personal Reflection:

“And he called to him the crowd with his disciples and said to them, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.” Mark 8:34
How have you recently tried to blaze your own trail rather than let Jesus lead you on the path He paved for you?

“For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel’s will save it.” Mark 8:35
Do you see a reentry point to the path that Jesus paved for you? What does it look like?

“For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his life?” Mark 8:36
*What temptation do you foresee leading you off the path that Jesus desires for you?
 Offer a prayer for strength to resist temptation.*



1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One;
A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

Post-Communion Blessing

Post-Communion Prayer

L: Let us pray.

...who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Blessing

The Benediction of Aaron - Numbers 6:24-26

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

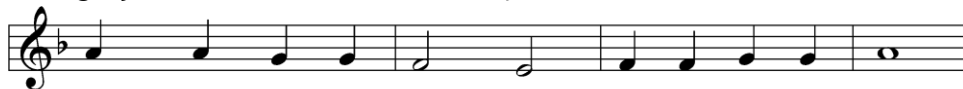
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C: **Amen.**

Sending Hymn

“Glory Be to Jesus”

LSB 433



1 Glo - ry be to Je - sus, Who in bit - ter pains
2 Grace and life e - ter - nal In that blood I find;
6 Lift we, then, our voic - es, Swell the might - y flood;



Poured for me the life - blood From His sa - cred veins!
Blest be His com - pas - sion, In - fi - nite - ly kind!
Loud - er still and loud - er Praise the pre - cious blood!

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Announcements

Join us this Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. for our midweek Lenten worship.

This year's Lenten theme will be "Let My People Go! (The Book of Exodus)."

This week's topic "Stop Trying and Start Trusting" (Exodus 14:1-29).

✝ LEADING OUR WORSHIP ✝

Preacher: Pastor Kurt Ebert

Worship Leader: (5:30p) Doug Wright (8:00a) Pastor Sam Troemel

Organist: (5:30p) Ellwyn Parks (8:00a) Rhonda Hansen

Musicians: (8:00a) Jennifer Daake - Piano

Acolyte: (5:30p) Ethan Folkening