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7pm

*The Mission of Trinity Lutheran Church is the preaching, teaching, baptizing and sharing the love of Christ in our church, our community and our world.*

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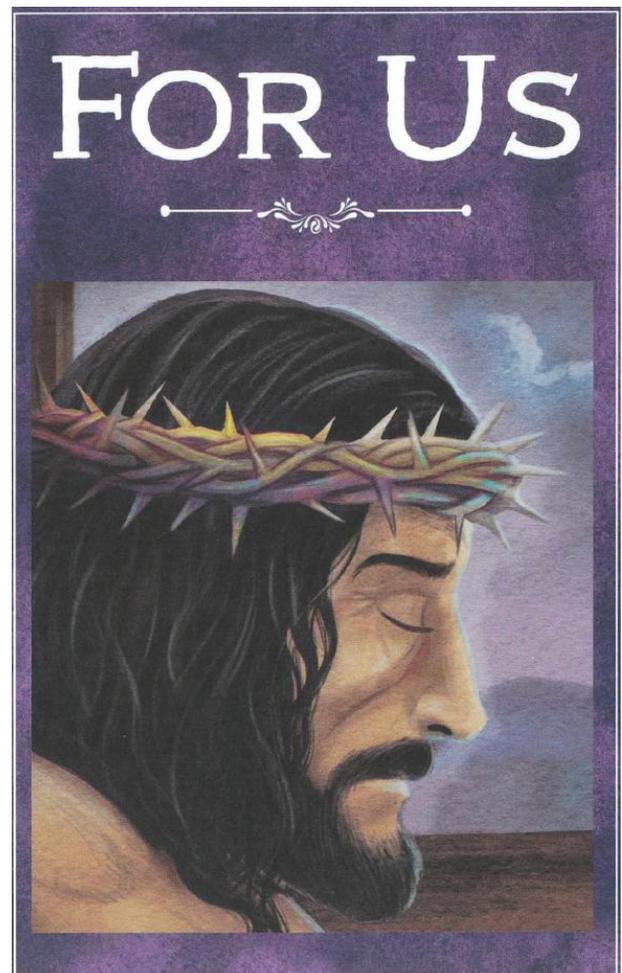
**For Us He Seeks**

**AS WE GATHER**

Jesus talks all about seeking us in our texts this week. He does not wait passively until we get up the gumption to ask Him for help.

Nor does He act out of selfish gain, like our health-care system seems to do so often today.

Praying, teaching, working. In all these things, Jesus seeks us out and looks for ways to help us. This work is often overlooked because it is so ordinary. Water, bread and wine, the folly of preaching. In all these ordinary works, Jesus continues His ministry among us. This ministry of forgiveness means that Jesus continues to strengthen and help us.



## HYMN

“Jesus, Refuge of the Weary”

(LSB 423)

- 1 Jesus, refuge of the weary,  
Blest Redeemer, whom we love,  
Fountain in life’s desert dreary,  
Savior from the world above:  
Often have Your eyes, offended,  
Gazed upon the sinner’s fall;  
Yet upon the cross extended,  
You have borne the pain of all.
- 2 Do we pass that cross unheeding,  
Breathing no repentant vow,  
Though we see You wounded, bleeding,  
See Your thorn-encircled brow?  
Yet Your sinless death has brought us  
Life eternal, peace, and rest;  
Only what Your grace has taught us  
Calms the sinner’s deep distress.
- 3 Jesus, may our hearts be burning  
With more fervent love for You;  
May our eyes be ever turning  
To behold Your cross anew  
Till in glory, parted never  
From the blessed Savior’s side,  
Graven in our hearts forever,  
Dwell the cross, the Crucified.

Text: Girolamo Savonarola, 1452–98; tr. Jane F. Wilde, 1826–96, alt. Text: Public domain

## INVOCATION

L: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**OPENING SENTENCES** *Joel 2:13; Matthew 16:24; Isaiah 53:5, alt.*

L: Return to the Lord, your God, for He is gracious and merciful,

**C: slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love; and He relents over disaster.**

L: Jesus said, “If anyone would come after Me,

**C: let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me.”**

L: Christ was wounded for our transgressions;

**C: He was crushed for our iniquities.**

**HYMN**

“On My Heart Imprint Your Image”

(LSB 422)

I On my heart imprint Your image,  
 Blessed Jesus, King of grace,  
 That life's riches, cares, and pleasures  
 Never may Your work erase;  
 Let the clear inscription be:  
 Jesus, crucified for me,  
 Is my life, my hope's foundation,  
 And my glory and salvation!

Text: Thomas Hansen Kingo, 1634–1703; tr. Peer O. Strömme, 1856–1921, alt. Text: Public

**PSALM** *Psalm 80:1–7*

L: Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, You who lead Joseph like a flock!

**C: You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth.**

L: Before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh, stir up Your might and come to save us!

**C: Restore us, O God; let Your face shine, that we may be saved!**

L: O Lord God of hosts,

**C: how long will You be angry with Your people's prayers?**

L: You have fed them with the bread of tears and given them tears to drink in full measure.

**C: You make us an object of contention for our neighbors, and our enemies laugh among themselves.**

L: Restore us, O God of hosts;

**C: let Your face shine, that we may be saved!****ALL: 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.****READING**

L: A reading from the tenth chapter of Roman....But what does it say?

**C: “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart”**

L: (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. For the Scripture says,

**C: “Everyone who believes in Him will not be put to shame.”**

L: For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing His riches on all who call on Him.

**C: For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”**

L: But how are they to call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in Him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written,

**C: “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!”**

L: But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, “Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?” So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

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

**READING**

L: A reading from the first chapter of Mark.

<sup>35</sup>And rising very early in the morning, while it was still dark, he departed and went out to a desolate place, and there he prayed. <sup>36</sup>And Simon and those who were with him searched for him, <sup>37</sup>and they found him and said to him, “Everyone is looking for you.” <sup>38</sup>And he said to them, “Let us go on to the next towns, that I may preach there also, for that is why I came out.” <sup>39</sup>And he went throughout all Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out demons.

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

**READING**

L: The Passion of Our Lord according to St. Mark, the fourteenth and fifteenth chapters.

And they led Jesus to the high priest. And all the chief priests and the elders and the scribes came together. And Peter had followed Him at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest. And he was sitting with the guards and warming himself at the fire. Now the chief priests and the whole Council were seeking testimony against Jesus to put Him to death, but they found none. For many bore false witness against Him, but their testimony did not agree. And some stood up and bore false witness against Him, saying,

**C: “We heard Him say, ‘I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and in three days I will build another, not made with hands.’”**

L: Yet even about this their testimony did not agree. And the high priest stood up in the midst and asked Jesus, “Have You no answer to make? What is it that these men testify against You?” But He remained silent and made no answer. Again the high priest asked Him, “Are You the Christ, the Son of the Blessed?” And Jesus said, “I am, and you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power, and coming with the clouds of heaven.” And the high priest tore his garments and said, “What further witnesses do we need? You have heard His blasphemy. What is your decision?”

**C: And they all condemned Him as deserving death.**

L: And some began to spit on Him and to cover His face and to strike Him, saying to Him, “Prophecy!” And the guards received Him with blows. And as Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the servant girls of the high priest came, and seeing Peter warming himself, she looked at him and said, “You also were with the Nazarene, Jesus.” But he denied it, saying,

**C: “I neither know nor understand what you mean.”**

L: And he went out into the gateway and the rooster crowed. And the servant girl saw him and began again to say to the bystanders, “This man is one of them.” But again he denied it. And after a little while the bystanders again said to Peter, “Certainly you are one of them, for you are a Galilean.” But he began to invoke a curse on himself and to swear,

**C: “I do not know this man of whom you speak.”**

L: And immediately the rooster crowed a second time. And Peter remembered how Jesus had said to him, “Before the rooster crows twice, you will deny Me three times.” And he broke down and wept. And as soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a

consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole Council. And they bound Jesus and led Him away and delivered Him over to Pilate. And Pilate asked Him, "Are You the King of the Jews?" And He answered him, "You have said so." And the chief priests accused Him of many things. And Pilate again asked Him, "Have You no answer to make? See how many charges they bring against You." But Jesus made no further answer, so that Pilate was amazed.

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

## **RESPONSORY**

L: We have an advocate with the Father; Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.

**C: He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.**

L: Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

**C: He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.**

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**C: He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.**

## **SERIES HYMN**

*"O Love, How Deep"*

(LSB 544:1–4)

1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high,  
Beyond all thought and fantasy,  
That God, the Son of God, should take  
Our mortal form for mortals' sake!

2 He sent no angel to our race,  
Of higher or of lower place,  
But wore the robe of human frame,  
And to this world Himself He came.

3 For us baptized, for us He bore  
His holy fast and hungered sore;  
For us temptation sharp He knew;  
For us the tempter overthrew.

4 For us He prayed; for us He taught;  
For us His daily works He wrought,  
By words and signs and actions thus  
Still seeking not Himself but us.

Text: attr. Thomas à Kempis, 1380–1471; tr. Benjamin Webb, 1819–85, alt. Text: Public domain

## **SERMON**

## **OFFERING**

## **LITANY**

L: Let us pray to our Father in heaven in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. From all sin, from all error, from all evil; From the crafts and assaults of the devil; from sudden and evil death; From pestilence and famine; from war and bloodshed; from sedition and from rebellion; From lightning and tempest; from all calamity by fire and water; and from everlasting death:

**C: Good Lord, deliver us.**

L: By the mystery of Your holy incarnation; by Your holy nativity; By Your baptism, fasting, and temptation; by Your agony and bloody sweat; by Your cross and Passion; by Your precious death and burial; By Your glorious resurrection and ascension; and by the coming of the Holy Spirit, the Comforter:

**C: Help us, good Lord.**

L: In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in the hour of death; and in the day of judgment:

**C: Help us, good Lord.**

L: We poor sinners implore You

**C: to hear us, O Lord.**

L: To rule and govern Your Holy Christian Church; to preserve all pastors and ministers of Your church in the true knowledge and understanding of Your wholesome Word and to sustain them in holy living; To put an end to all schisms and causes of offense; to bring into the way of truth all who have erred and are deceived; To beat down Satan under our feet; to send faithful laborers into Your harvest; and to accompany Your Word with Your grace and Spirit:

**C: We implore You to hear us, good Lord.**

L: To raise those who fall and to strengthen those who stand; and to comfort and help the weakhearted and the distressed:

**C: We implore You to hear us, good Lord.**

L: To give to all peoples concord and peace; to preserve our land from discord and strife; to give our country Your protection in every time of need; To direct and defend our [president/queen/king] and all in authority; to bless and protect our magistrates and all our people; To watch over and help all who are in danger, necessity, and tribulation; to protect and guide all who travel; To grant all women with child, and all mothers with infant children, increasing happiness in their blessings; to defend all orphans and widows and provide for them; To strengthen and keep all sick persons and young children; to free those in bondage; and to have mercy on us all:

**C: We implore You to hear us, good Lord.**

L: To forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers and to turn their hearts; to give and preserve for our use the kindly fruits of the earth; and graciously to hear our prayers:

**C: We implore You to hear us, good Lord.**

## **SALUTATION**

L: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

## **COLLECT OF THE DAY**

L: Let us pray...Heavenly Father, You did not remain apart from Your creation.

**C: You sought us when we were not seeking You and did for us what we could not do for ourselves. For all this we give You thanks and praise;**

L: through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## **LUTHER'S EVENING PRAYER** (7pm only)

**C:** 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. Amen.

## **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. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

## **BLESSING**

**L:** The blessing of our heavenly Father, the strong love of His + Son and our Brother, Jesus Christ, and the indwelling of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: Amen.**

## **HYMN**

*"Glory Be to Jesus"*

(LSB 433)

1 Glory be to Jesus,  
Who in bitter pains  
Poured for me the lifeblood  
From His sacred veins!

2 Grace and life eternal  
In that blood I find;  
Blest be His compassion,  
Infinitely kind!

3 Blest through endless ages  
Be the precious stream  
Which from endless torment  
Did the world redeem!

4 Abel's blood for vengeance  
Pleaded to the skies;  
But the blood of Jesus  
For our pardon cries.

5 Oft as earth exulting  
Wafts its praise on high,  
Angel hosts rejoicing  
Make their glad reply.

6 Lift we, then, our voices,  
Swell the mighty flood;  
Louder still and louder  
Praise the precious blood!

Text: Italian, c. 18th cent.; tr. Edward Caswall, 1814–78, alt. Text: Public domain

## **DISMISSAL**

**L:** Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

**C:** Thanks be to God.