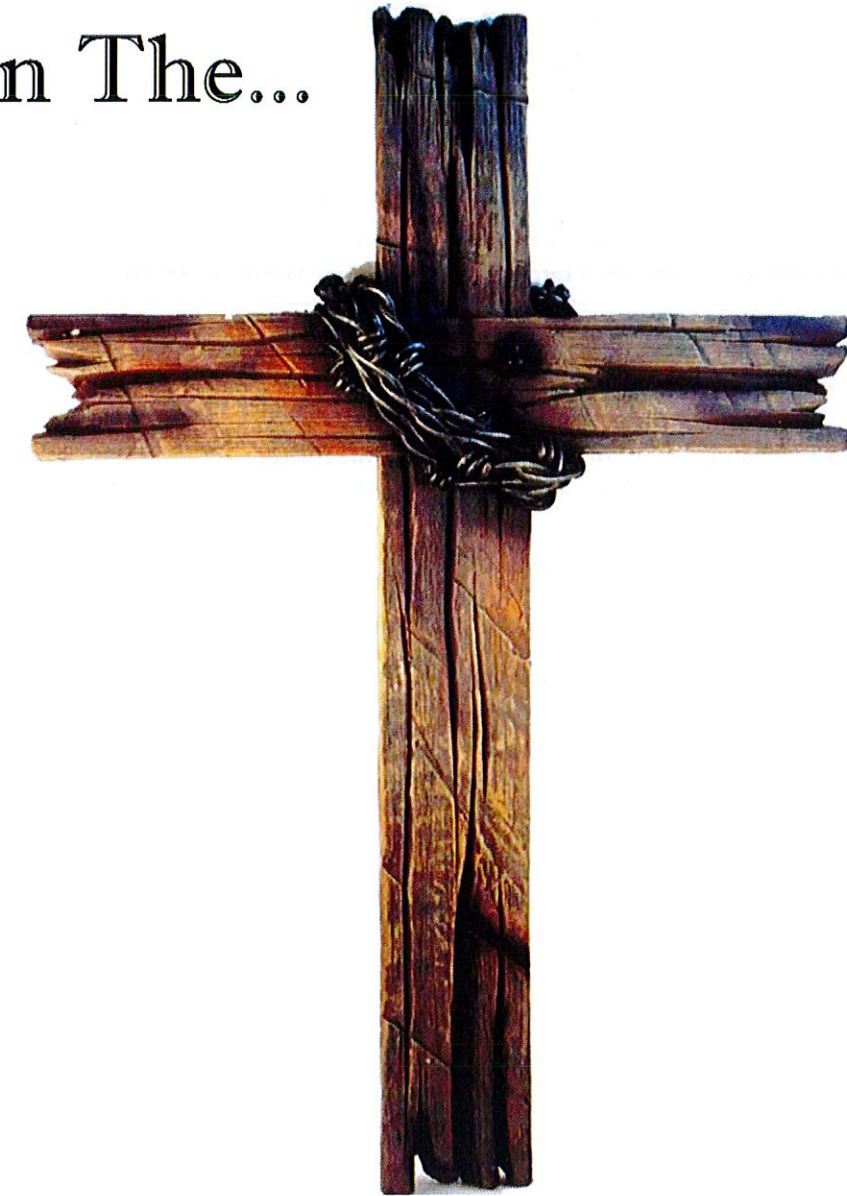


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One in Christ. One at Christ.
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Mid-week and Holy Week Lenten Series

Christ Ev. Lutheran Church (WELS)

Milwaukee, WI

OPENING HYMN

March 6	98, "Jesus, I Will Ponder Now." v. 1-4
March 13	117, "O Dearest Jesus." v. 1-5
March 20	124, "Savior, When in Dust to You."
March 27	101, "Behold the Lamb of God." v. 1-3
April 3	114, "Christ, the Life of All the Living." v. 1-4
April 10	128, "Not All the Blood of Beasts."

RESPONSES

M: Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over. Luke 24:29
 C: Surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age. Matthew 28:20

M: Your light will rise in the darkness, and your night will become like the noonday.
 C: The LORD will guide you always. Isaiah 58:10,11

M: Your sun will never set again, and your moon will wane no more;
 C: the LORD will be your everlasting light, and your days of sorrow will end. Isaiah 60:20

M: On no day will the gates of the Holy City ever be shut,
 C: for there will be no night there. Revelation 21:25

M: Lord God, you have brought us safely to this hour of evening prayer. We thank you for providing all that we need for body and life. Bless us who have gathered in your name. Forgive our sins. Speak to our hearts. Dispel our sorrows with the comfort of your Word, and receive our hymns of thanks and praise, through Jesus Christ, our living Savior, who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
 C: Amen.

PSALM

March 6	69, CWS p. 50
March 13	142, CWS p. 60
March 20	25, CW p. 74
March 27	32, CW p. 78
April 3	37, CWS p. 44
April 10	73, CW p. 94

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PSALM PRAYER

PASSION HISTORY: Gospel of Matthew Video Series

PEOPLE'S RESPONSE

C: Surely, he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows. Yet we considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted. He was pierced for our transgressions. He was crushed for our iniquities. The punishment that brought us peace was upon him. And by his wounds, we are healed.

Psalm 37



We com - mit our-selves to you, O Lord.



Your faith - ful - ness en - dures for - ev - er.



Do not fret because of evil men
 or be envious of those who do wrong;
 for like the grass they will soon wither,
 like green plants they will soon die away.

Refrain

Trust in the LORD and do good;
 dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture.
 Delight yourself in the LORD
 and he will give you the desires of your heart.

Commit your way to the LORD;
 trust in him and he will do this:
 He will make your righteousness shine like the dawn,
 the justice of your cause like the noonday sun.

Refrain

I was young and now I am old,
 yet I have never seen the righteous forsaken or their children begging bread.
 Turn from evil and do good;
 then you will dwell in the land forever.

For the LORD loves the just
 and will not forsake his faithful ones.
 The salvation of the righteous comes from the LORD;
 he is their stronghold in time of trouble.

**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.**

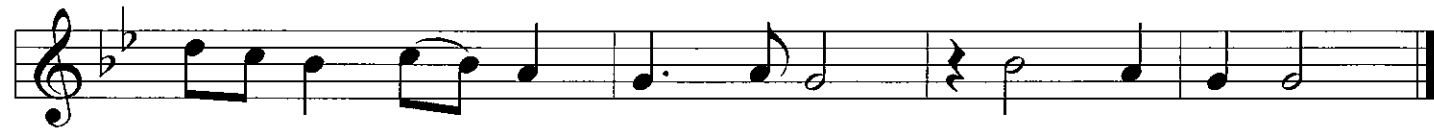
Refrain

Psalm 142

Refrain



I cry a-loud to the Lord; I raise my voice to God; I



cry a-loud to the Lord, my God: Lord, have mer-cy.

Psalm Tone



I cry aloud to the LORD;
I lift up my voice to the LORD for mercy.
I pour out my complaint before him;
before him I tell my trouble.

When my spirit grows faint within me,
it is you who know my way.
Look to my right and see; no one is concerned for me.
I have no refuge; no one cares for my life.

Refrain

I cry to you, O LORD;
I say, "You are my refuge, my portion in the land of the living."
Listen to my cry, for I am in desperate need;
rescue me from those who pursue me, for they are too strong for me.

Set me free from my prison,
that I may praise your name.
Then the righteous will gather about me
because of your goodness to me.

**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.**

Refrain

CONFESSION OF FAITH

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth. I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there 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.

HYMN OF THE DAY

March 6 715, "What Grace is This?"
March 13 100, "A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth."
March 20 103, "Glory Be to Jesus." v. 1-4
March 27 120, "What Wondrous Love Is This."
April 3 127, "Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted."
April 10 105, "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded." v. 1-4

MESSAGES FROM GOD'S WORD

"Greatness in the Cross."

March 6 Luke 22: 24-30 *Greatness in the Cross is the Opposite of Greatness in the World.*
March 13 Matthew 27: 39-44 *Greatness in the Cross is restraint.*
March 20 John 13: 1-11 *Greatness in the Cross is lowliness.*
March 27 John 15: 12-17 *Greatness in the Cross is laying down your life in love.*
April 3 Matthew 27: 11-14 *Greatness in the Cross is keeping your mouth shut.*
April 10 John 19: 25-27 *Greatness in the Cross is selfless gentleness.*

OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LUTHER'S EVENING PRAYER

C: In the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.*
I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, that you have graciously kept me this day. Forgive me all my sins, and graciously keep me this night. Into your hands I commend my body and soul and all things. Let your holy angel be with me, that the wicked foe may have no power over me. Amen.

BLESSING

M: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ (+), and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. 2 Corinthians 13:14
C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

March 6 98, "Jesus I Will Ponder Now." v. 5-6
March 13 117, "O Dearest Jesus," v. 6-7
March 20 103, "Glory Be to Jesus." v. 5-6
March 27 101, "Behold the Lamb of God," v. 4
April 3 114, "Christ, the Life of All the Living." v. 5-7
April 10 105, "O Sacred Head Now Wounded." v. 5-7

Psalm 69

Refrain

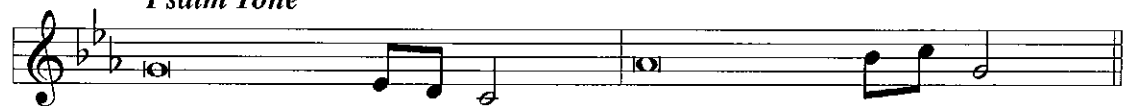


In your love, O Lord, an-swer me, an-swer me; in your



mer-cy, O God, turn and save me, turn and save me.

Psalm Tone



Save me, O God,
for the waters have come up to my neck.

Those who hate me without reason outnumber the hairs of my head;
many are my enemies without cause, those who seek to destroy me.

May those who hope in you not be disgraced because of me, O LORD Almighty;
may those who seek you not be put to shame because of me, O God of Israel.

For zeal for your house consumes me,
and the insults of those who insult you fall on me.

Answer me, O LORD, out of the goodness of your love;
in your great mercy turn to me.

Refrain

They put gall in my food
and gave me vinegar for my thirst.

The LORD hears the needy
and does not despise his captive people.

Let heaven and earth praise him,
the seas and all that move in them,

for God will save Zion
and rebuild the cities of Judah.

I will praise God's name in song
and glorify him with thanksgiving.

**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.**

Refrain

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What Grace Is This!



1 What grace is this! My Lord and
2 What grace is this— That ve - ry
3 What grace is this! Though Lord of
4 What grace is this! Rude a - gon -
5 What grace is this! Once wrapped in
6 What grace is this? How can it



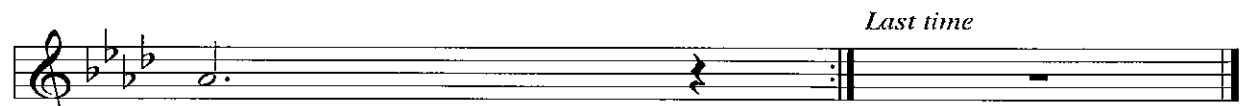
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cloths And gent - ly laid in man - ger -
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wood And walk a road of rock and
law And lets the Ro - man ham - mers
bleeds. The sin - less Son bears each mis -
trough, He's ta - ken, dead, from wretch - ed
ty To lift me to e - ter - ni -



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Last time

This hymn helps us recognize the nature of divine grace, which is entirely independent of anything we are or can offer to God. God's grace willingly acts on behalf of rebellious sinners, as especially displayed in the suffering and death of our Savior.

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