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Lenten Midweek 4



*“We Preach Christ Crucified...”*

- 1 Corinthians 1:23

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The  
**RIGHTEOUS ONE,**  
**MY SERVANT, ...**  
shall bear  
their iniquities.

ISAIAH 53:11, NRSV



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## As We Gather

Jesus was crucified that we may be spared the coming judgment, hear His word of absolution, and enter into paradise with Him. He not only saved others, but is also the messianic King who saves us. We all justly deserve God's judgment because of our sinful deeds. Yet, because Jesus sacrificed Himself for us all, we have His word of absolution and the promise of being with Him in paradise.

*[Today's hymns are printed on pages 8-12 of the bulletin.]*

### ✠ Preparation for Worship ✠

#### Hymn

TLH 150 – Lord Jesus, Thou art Going Forth

#### Invocation

Matthew 28:19b

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

**C** Amen.

#### Confession and Absolution

1 John 1:5, 7-9; 2:2; Hebrews 4:16

**P** God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.

**C** **If we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.**

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C** **If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

**P** Let us pray.

**C** **Almighty God, merciful Father, we are sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. But we are sorry for our transgressions and pray You, of Your bountiful mercy, to be gracious and merciful unto us. Forgive us for Jesus' sake, renew us by Your Spirit, and lead us in the way everlasting. Amen.**

**P** Jesus Christ is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. We are forgiven. With boldness and confidence we may approach the throne to find grace to help in time of need. In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

**C** **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.**

## ✠ Service of the Word ✠

### Psalm of the Day

Psalm 119:9-16

- P** How can a young man cleanse his way?  
**C** **By taking heed according to Your word.**  
**P** With my whole heart I have sought You;  
**C** **Oh, let me not wander from Your commandments!**  
**P** Your word I have hidden in my heart,  
**C** **That I might not sin against You.**  
**P** Blessed are You, O LORD!  
**C** **Teach me Your statutes.**  
**P** With my lips I have declared  
**C** **All the judgments of Your mouth.**  
**P** I have rejoiced in the way of Your testimonies,  
**C** **As much as in all riches.**  
**P** I will meditate on Your precepts,  
**C** **And contemplate Your ways.**  
**P** I will delight myself in Your statutes;  
**C** **I will not forget Your word.**

### Passion History

The Palace of the High Priest

They led Jesus to the high priest. And all the chief priests and the elders and the scribes came together.

Simon Peter followed Jesus, and so did another disciple. Since that disciple was known to the high priest, he entered with Jesus into the court of the high priest, but Peter stood outside at the door. So the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out and spoke to the servant girl who kept watch at the door, and brought Peter in. The servant girl at the door said to Peter, "You also are not one of this man's disciples, are you?" He said, "I am not." Now the servants and officers had made a charcoal fire, because it was cold, and they were standing and warming themselves. Peter also was with them, standing and warming himself. So they said to him, "You also are not one of his disciples, are you?" He denied it and said, "I am not." One of the servants of the high priest, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, asked, "Did I not see you in the garden with Him?" And some bystanders came up and said to Peter, "Certainly you, too, are one of them, for your accent betrays you." Then he began to invoke a curse on himself and to swear, "I do not know the man." And immediately the rooster crowed.

And the Lord turned and looked at Peter. And Peter remembered the saying of the Lord, how He had said to him, “Before the rooster crows today, you will deny Me three times.” And he went out and wept bitterly.

Jesus stood before the high priest, who questioned Him about His disciples and His teaching. Jesus answered him, “I have spoken openly to the world. I have always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where all Jews come together. I have said nothing in secret. Why do you ask Me? Ask those who have heard Me what I said to them; they know what I said.” When He had said these things, one of the officers standing by struck Jesus with his hand, saying, “Is that how You answer the high priest?” Jesus answered him, “If what I said is wrong, bear witness about the wrong; but if what I said is right, why do you strike Me?” 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, “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.’” 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 God?” 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.”

Then the high priest tore his robes and said, “He has uttered blasphemy. What further witnesses do we need? You have now heard His blasphemy. What is your judgment?” They answered, “He deserves death.” Then they spit in His face and struck Him. And some slapped Him, saying, “Prophecy to us, You Christ! Who is it that struck You?” And the guards received Him with blows.

When morning came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people took counsel against Jesus to put Him to death.

Then when Judas, His betrayer, saw that Jesus was condemned, he changed his mind and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders, saying, “I have sinned by betraying innocent blood.” They said, “What is that to us? See to it yourself.” And throwing down the pieces of silver into the temple, he departed, and he went and hanged himself. But the chief priests, taking the pieces of silver, said, “It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, since it is blood money.” So they took counsel and bought with them the potter’s field as a burial place for strangers. Therefore that field has been called the Field of Blood to this day. Then was fulfilled what had been spoken by the prophet Jeremiah, saying, “And they took the thirty

pieces of silver, the price of Him on whom a price had been set by some of the sons of Israel, and they gave them for the potter's field, as the Lord directed me.”

## **Confession of Faith**

Luther's Explanation of the Second Article

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord.

He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sin, from death, and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and His innocent suffering and death.

He did this that I should be His very own, live under Him in His kingdom, and serve Him in eternal righteousness, innocence, and joy; just as He is risen from death, lives and reigns in eternity.

This is most certainly true.

## **Hymn**

TLH 151 (1-4) – Christ, the Life of All the Living

## **Sermon Text**

Luke 23:27-31

<sup>27</sup> And a great multitude of the people followed Him, and women who also mourned and lamented Him. <sup>28</sup> But Jesus, turning to them, said, “Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for Me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. <sup>29</sup> For indeed the days are coming in which they will say, ‘Blessed are the barren, wombs that never bore, and breasts which never nursed!’ <sup>30</sup> Then they will begin ‘to say to the mountains, “Fall on us!” and to the hills, “Cover us!” ’ <sup>31</sup> For if they do these things in the green wood, what will be done in the dry?”

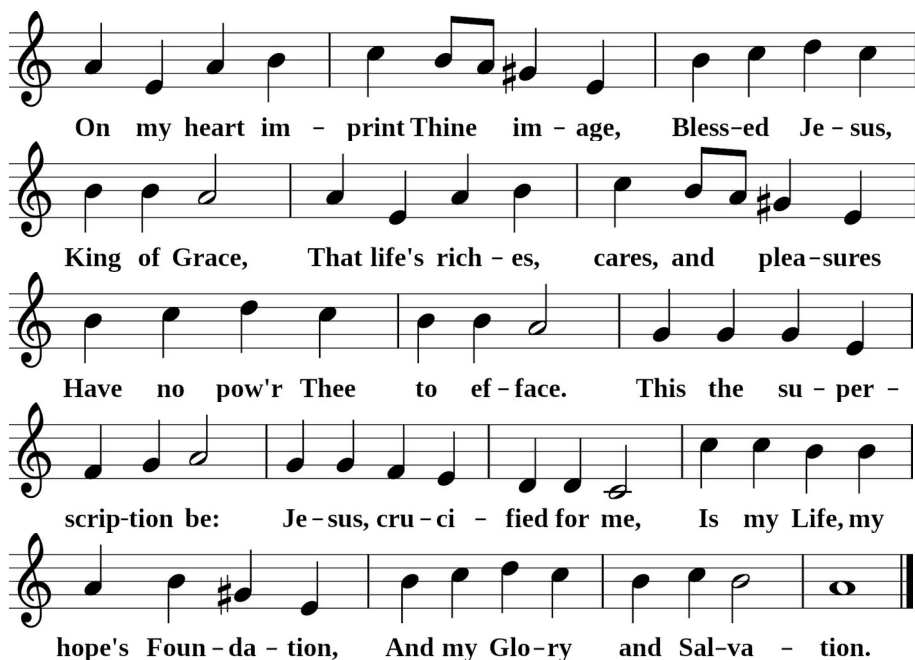


*Sermon*

**“Do Not Weep for Me”--  
They Missed the Point of Jesus' Passion**

## Offertory

TLH 179 – On My Heart Imprint Thine Image



On my heart im - print Thine im - age, Bless-ed Je - sus,  
King of Grace, That life's rich - es, cares, and plea-sures  
Have no pow'r Thee to ef - face. This the su - per -  
scrip-tion be: Je - sus, cru - ci - fied for me, Is my Life, my  
hope's Foun - da - tion, And my Glo - ry and Sal - va - tion.

## Hymn

TLH 151 (5-7) – Christ, the Life of All the Living

## General Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

### Benediction

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

**C** Amen.

## Hymn

TLH 552 (1, 4, 7-8) – Abide with Me!

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# TLH 150 – Lord Jesus, Thou art Going Forth

John 19: 16-17

8. 7. 8. 7. 4. 4. 7. 4. 4. 7.

So gehst du nun, mein Jesu, hin

St. 1-3, 5, Kaspar F. Nachenhöfer, 1651

St. 4, Magnus D. Omcis, 1699

Tr., W. Gustave Polack, 1940

So gehst du nun

"Geistreiches Gesangbuch"

Darmstadt, 1698



1 (*The Soul:*) Lord Je - sus, Thou art go - ing forth For me Thy  
2 (*Jesus:*) O Soul, at - tend thou and be - hold The fruit of



life to of - fer; For me, a sin - ner from my birth, Who  
thy trans-gres - sion! My por - tion is the curse of old And



caused all Thou must suf - fer. So be it, then, Thou Hope of men;  
for man's sin My Pas - sion. Now comes the night Of sin's dread might



Thee I shall fol - low weep - ing, Tears flow - ing free  
Man's guilt I here am bear - ing. Oh, weigh it, Soul;





Thy pain to see, Watch o'er Thy sor - rows keep - ing.  
 I make thee whole, No need now of de - spair - ing. A - men.

3 (*The Soul:*) 'Tis I, Lord Jesus, I confess,  
 Who should have borne sin's wages  
 And lost the peace of heavenly bliss  
 Through everlasting ages.  
 Instead 'tis Thou  
 Who goest now  
 My punishment to carry.  
 Thy death and blood  
 Lead me to God;  
 By grace I there may tarry.

4 (*Jesus:*) O Soul, I take upon Me now  
 The pain thou shouldst have suffered.  
 Behold, with grace I thee endow,  
 Grace freely to thee offered.  
 The curse I choose  
 That thou mightst lose  
 Sin's curse and guilt forever.  
 My gift of love  
 From heaven above  
 Will give thee blessing ever.

5 (*The Soul:*) What can I for such love divine  
 To Thee, Lord Jesus, render?  
 No merit has this heart of mine;  
 Yet while I live, I'll tender  
 Myself alone,  
 And all I own,  
 In love to serve before Thee;  
 Then when time's past,  
 Take me at last  
 To Thy blest home in glory.

# TLH 151 – Christ, the Life of All the Living

Matt. 26: 64-67

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Jesu, meines Lebens Leben

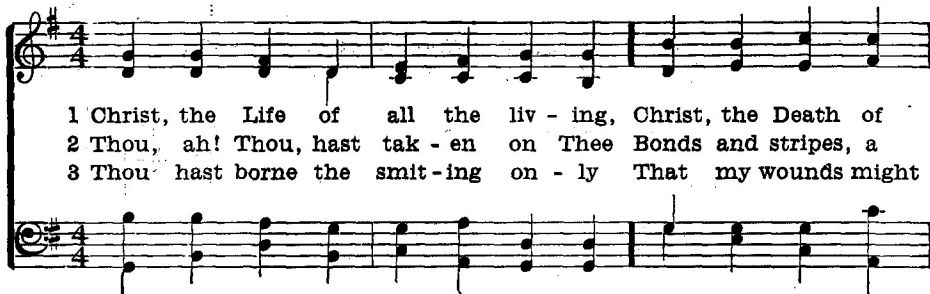
Ernst C. Homburg, 1659, ab.

Tr., Catherine Winkworth, 1868, alt.

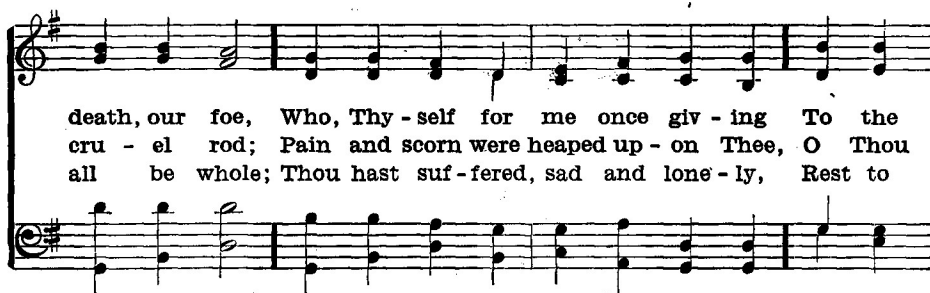
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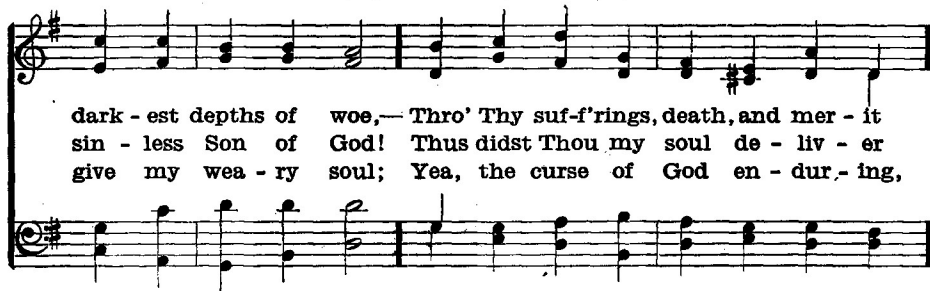
Darmstadt, 1687



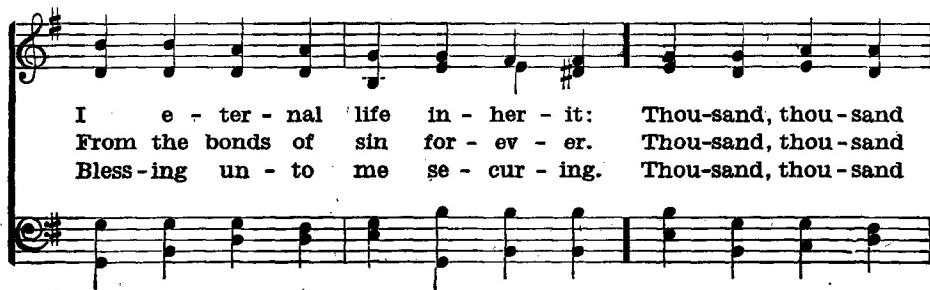
1 Christ, the Life of all the liv - ing, Christ, the Death of  
2 Thou, ah! Thou, hast tak - en on Thee Bonds and stripes, a  
3 Thou hast borne the smit - ing on - ly That my wounds might



death, our foe, Who, Thy - self for me once giv - ing To the  
cru - el rod; Pain and scorn were heaped up - on Thee, O Thou  
all be whole; Thou hast suf - fered, sad and lone - ly, Rest to



dark - est depths of woe, — Thro' Thy suf - f'rings, death, and mer - it  
sin - less Son of God! Thus didst Thou my soul de - liv - er  
give my wea - ry soul; Yea, the curse of God en - dur - ing,



I e - ter - nal life in - her - it: Thou - sand, thou - sand  
From the bonds of sin for - ev - er. Thou - sand, thou - sand  
Bless - ing un - to me se - cur - ing. Thou - sand, thou - sand

thanks shall be, Dear - est Je - sus, un - to Thee.,  
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4 Heartless scoffers did surround Thee,  
 Treating Thee with shameful scorn  
 And with piercing thorns they crowned Thee.  
 All disgrace Thou, Lord, hast borne  
 That as Thine Thou mightest own me  
 And with heavenly glory crown me.  
 Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,  
 Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

5 Thou hast suffered men to bruise Thee  
 That from pain I might be free;  
 Falsely did Thy foes accuse Thee,—  
 Thence I gain security;  
 Comfortless Thy soul did languish  
 Me to comfort in my anguish.  
 Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,  
 Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

6 Thou hast suffered great affliction  
 And hast borne it patiently,  
 Even death by crucifixion,  
 Fully to atone for me;  
 Thou didst choose to be tormented  
 That my doom should be prevented.  
 Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,  
 Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

7 Then, for all that wrought my pardon,  
 For Thy sorrows deep and sore,  
 For Thine anguish in the Garden,  
 I will thank Thee evermore,  
 Thank Thee for Thy groaning, sighing,  
 For Thy bleeding and Thy dying,  
 For that last triumphant cry,  
 And shall praise Thee, Lord, on high.

# TLH 552 (1, 4, 7-8) – Abide with Me!

Luke 24: 29  
Henry F. Lyte, 1847 (?)

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Eventide  
William H. Monk, 1861

1 A - bid e with me! Fast falls the e - ven - tide;  
4 Come not in ter - rors, as the King of kings,

The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bid e.  
But kind and good, with heal - ing in Thy wings;

When oth - er help - ers fail and com - forts flee,  
Tears for all woes, a heart for ev - 'ry plea.

Help of the help - less, oh, a - bid e with me!  
Come, Friend of sin - ners, thus a - bid e with me. A - men.

7 I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless;  
Ills have no weight and tears no bitterness.  
Where is death's sting? where, grave, thy victory?  
I triumph still if Thou abide with me.

8 Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes,  
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.  
Heavn's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;  
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me!