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Lenten Midweek 6



*“We Preach Christ Crucified...”*

- 1 Corinthians 1:23

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**Jesus** said to her,  
**“I am the resurrection**  
**and the life.”**

**John 11:25**

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## As We Gather

“Why are you crying?” It is a question parents may ask their child, a person may ask a friend, or a husband and wife may ask each other. It is asked so help can be offered and comfort given. As Jesus was true God and true man entering this world in our flesh, He too with full human emotions cried. “Jesus, why are You crying?” We ask that question and find our answer in God’s Word as we conclude our midweek Lenten series, “Lenten Tears.” Tonight, we see the compassion and care our Savior has for us in the midst of our tears of grief.

*[Today’s hymns are printed on pages 10-14 of the bulletin.]*

### ✠ Preparation for Worship ✠

#### Hymn

TLH 142 – A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining 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 34:12-22

- P** What man is there who desires life and loves many days,  
**C** that he may see good?
- P** Keep your tongue from evil  
**C** and your lips from speaking deceit.
- P** Turn away from evil and do good;  
**C** seek peace and pursue it.
- P** The eyes of the LORD are toward the righteous  
**C** and his ears toward their cry.
- P** The face of the LORD is against those who do evil,  
**C** to cut off the memory of them from the earth.
- P** When the righteous cry for help,  
**C** the LORD hears and delivers them out of all their troubles.
- P** The LORD is near to the brokenhearted  
**C** and saves the crushed in spirit.
- P** Many are the afflictions of the righteous,  
**C** but the LORD delivers him out of them all.
- P** He keeps all his bones;  
**C** not one of them is broken.
- P** Affliction will slay the wicked,  
**C** and those who hate the righteous will be condemned.
- P** The LORD redeems the life of his servants;  
**C** none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.

### Passion History

Calvary

He went out, bearing His own cross, But they compelled a passerby, Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus, who was coming in from the country, to carry the cross behind Jesus. And there followed Him a great multitude of the people and of women who were mourning and lamenting for Him. But turning to them Jesus said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. For behold, the days are coming when they will say, 'Blessed are the barren and the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed!' Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us,' and to the hills, 'Cover us.' For if they do these things when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?"

Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with Him. And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), they offered Him wine to drink, mixed with gall, but when He tasted it, He would not drink it.

There they crucified Him, and with Him two others, one on either side, and Jesus between them. And it was the third hour when they crucified Him. And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do." Pilate also wrote an inscription and put it on the cross. And the inscription of the charge read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews." Many of the Jews read this inscription, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and it was written in Aramaic, in Latin, and in Greek. So the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, "Do not write, 'The King of the Jews,' but rather, 'This Man said, I am King of the Jews.'" Pilate answered, "What I have written, I have written."

When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took His garments and divided them into four parts, one part for each soldier; also His tunic. But the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom, so they said to one another, "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see whose it shall be." This was to fulfill the Scripture which says, "They divided My garments among them, and for My clothing they cast lots."

So the soldiers did these things, but standing by the cross of Jesus were His mother and His mother's sister, Mary, the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw His mother and the disciple whom He loved standing nearby, He said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son!" Then He said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother!" And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.

And the people stood by, watching, and those who passed by derided Him, wagging their heads and saying, "You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save Yourself! If You are the Son of God, come down from the cross." So also the chief priests, with the scribes and elders, mocked Him, saying, "He saved others; He cannot save Himself. He is the King of Israel; let Him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in Him. He trusts in God; let God deliver Him now, if He desires Him. For He said, 'I am the Son of God.'" The soldiers also mocked Him, coming up and offering Him sour wine and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save Yourself!" One of the criminals who were hanged railed at Him, saying, "Are You not the Christ? Save Yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this Man has done nothing wrong." And he

said, “Jesus, remember me when You come into Your kingdom.” And He said to him, “Truly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise.”

It was now about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour, while the sun’s light failed. And about the ninth hour, Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, “Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?” that is, “My God, my God, why have You forsaken Me?” And some of the bystanders, hearing it, said, “This Man is calling Elijah.”

After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), “I thirst.” A jar full of sour wine stood there, and someone ran and filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a reed and gave it to Him to drink. But another said, “Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take Him down.”

When Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, “It is finished.” Then Jesus, calling out with a loud voice, said, “Father, into Your hands I commit My spirit!” and He bowed His head and gave up His spirit.

And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And the earth shook, and the rocks were split. The tombs also were opened. And many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised, and coming out of the tombs after His resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many.

When the centurion and those who were with him keeping watch over Jesus saw the earthquake and what took place, they were filled with awe and said, “Truly this was an innocent man and the Son of God!” There were also many women there, among whom were Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and John, the sons of Zebedee, looking on from a distance, who had followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering to Him. And all the crowds that had assembled for this spectacle, when they saw what had taken place, returned home beating their breasts.

Since it was the day of Preparation, and so that the bodies would not remain on the cross on the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was a high day), the Jews asked Pilate that their legs might be broken and that they might be taken away. So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first, and of the other who had been crucified with Him. But when they came to Jesus and saw that He was already dead, they did not break His legs. But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and at once there came out blood and water. He who saw it has borne witness—his testimony is true, and he knows that he is telling the truth—that you also may believe. For these things took place that the Scripture might be fulfilled: “Not one of His bones will be broken.” And again another Scripture says, “They will look on Him whom they have pierced.”

And when evening had come, since it was the Day of Preparation, that is, the day before the Sabbath, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph. He was looking for the kingdom of God, and was also a disciple of Jesus, but secretly, for fear of the Jews. He was also a respected member of the council, a good and righteous man, who had not consented to their decision or action. Now he took courage and went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Pilate was surprised to hear that He should have already died. And summoning the centurion, He asked him whether He was already dead. And when he learned from the centurion that He was dead, he granted the corpse to Joseph. And Joseph bought a linen shroud, and taking Him down, Nicodemus, who earlier had come to Jesus by night, came bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-five pounds in weight. So they took the body of Jesus and bound it in linen cloths with the spices, as is the burial custom of the Jews. Now in the place where He was crucified there was a garden, and in the garden Joseph had a grave that had been cut in the rock and in which no one had been laid. So because of the Jewish Day of Preparation, since the tomb was close at hand, they laid Jesus there. And he rolled a great stone to the entrance of the tomb and went away. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joseph, who had come with Him from Galilee, followed and saw the tomb and how His body was laid. Then they returned and prepared spices and ointments. On the Sabbath they rested according to the commandment.

## **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 390 – Drawn to the Cross, which Thou hast Blest

<sup>17</sup> Now when Jesus came, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. <sup>18</sup> Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off, <sup>19</sup> and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them concerning their brother. <sup>20</sup> So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, but Mary remained seated in the house. <sup>21</sup> Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. <sup>22</sup> But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you." <sup>23</sup> Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." <sup>24</sup> Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." <sup>25</sup> Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, <sup>26</sup> and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?" <sup>27</sup> She said to him, "Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world." <sup>28</sup> When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary, saying in private, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." <sup>29</sup> And when she heard it, she rose quickly and went to him. <sup>30</sup> Now Jesus had not yet come into the village, but was still in the place where Martha had met him. <sup>31</sup> When the Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary rise quickly and go out, they followed her, supposing that she was going to the tomb to weep there. <sup>32</sup> Now when Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet, saying to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." <sup>33</sup> When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in his spirit and greatly troubled. <sup>34</sup> And he said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." <sup>35</sup> Jesus wept. <sup>36</sup> So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" <sup>37</sup> But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man also have kept this man from dying?"



*Sermon*

### **When You Cry Tears of Grief...**

- I. See the Comfort Jesus Brings You
- II. See the Heart Jesus Has for You

## 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 651 – Be Still My Soul

## 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.

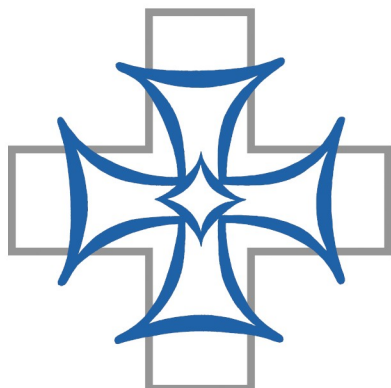
**C** Amen.

## Hymn

TLH 552 (1, 4, 6, 8) – Abide with Me

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# TLH 142 – A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth

Is. 53: 7

Ein Lämmlein geht

Paul Gerhardt, 1648, cento

Tr., composite

8. 7. 8. 7. 8. 8. 7. 8. 8. 7.

An Wasserflüssen Babylon

"Deutsch Kirchenamt"

Strassburg, 1525

1 A Lamb goes un - com-plain-ing forth, The guilt of all men bear-ing;  
 2 This Lamb is Christ, the soul's great Friend, The Lamb of God, our Sav-ior;  
 3 "Yea, Fa - ther, yea, most will - ing - ly I'll bear what Thou commandest;  
 4 From morn till eve my theme shall be Thy mercy's wondrous mea-sure;

And la - den with the sins of earth, None else the bur - den  
 Him God the Fa - ther chose to send To gain for us His  
 My will con-forms to Thy de - cree, I do what Thou de-  
 To sac - ri - fice my - self for Thee Shall be my aim and

shar - ing! Goes pa - tient on, grows weak and faint, To slaugh-ter  
 fa - vor. "Go forth, My Son," the Fa - ther saith, "And free men  
 mand - est." O won-drous Love, what hast Thou done! The Fa - ther  
 plea - sure. My stream of life shall ev - er be A cur - rent

led with - out com-plaint, That spot - less life to of - fer;  
 from the fear of death, From guilt and con-dem - na - tion.  
 of - fers up His Son! The Son, con-tent, de - scend - eth!  
 flow - ing cease - less - ly, Thy con-stant praise out-pour - ing.

Bears shame, and stripes, and wounds and death, An - guish and mock - er -  
 The wrath and stripes are hard to bear, But by Thy Pas - sion  
 O Love, how strong Thou art to save! Thou bed - dest Him with -  
 I'll trea - sure in my mem - o - ry, O Lord, all Thou hast

y, and saith, "Will - ing all this I suf - - fer."  
 men shall share The fruit of Thy sal - va - - tion."  
 in the grave Whose word the mountains rend - eth.  
 done for me, Thy gra - cious love a - dor - - ing. A - men.

5 Of death I am no more afraid,  
 New life from Thee is flowing;  
 Thy cross affords me cooling shade  
 When noonday's sun is glowing.  
 When by my grief I am opprest,  
 On Thee my weary soul shall rest  
 Serenely as on pillows.  
 Thou art my Anchor when by woe  
 My bark is driven to and fro  
 On trouble's surging billows.

6 And when Thy glory I shall see  
 And taste Thy kingdom's pleasure,  
 Thy blood my royal robe shall be,  
 My joy beyond all measure;  
 When I appear before Thy throne,  
 Thy righteousness shall be my crown,—  
 With these I need not hide me.  
 And there, in garments richly wrought  
 As Thine own bride, I shall be brought  
 To stand in joy beside Thee.

# TLH 390 – Drawn to the Cross, which Thou hast Blest

John 12 : 32

8. 8. 8. 6.

Genevieve M. Irons, 1880

Dunstan

Joseph Barnby, 1885



- 1 Drawn to the Cross, which Thou hast blest With healing gifts for souls distrest,
- 2 Thou know-est all my griefs and fears, Thy grace abused, my misspent years;
- 3 Wash me and take a-way each stain; Let noth-ing of my sin re-main.
- 4 And then for work to do for Thee, Which shall so sweet a ser-vice be



To find in Thee my life, my rest, Christ Cru-ci-fied, I come.  
Yet now to Thee with contrite tears, Christ Cru-ci-fied, I come.  
For cleansing, tho' it be thro' pain, Christ Cru-ci-fied, I come.  
That an-gels well might en-vy me, Christ Cru-ci-fied, I come. A - men.



# TLH 651 – Be Still, My Soul

Ps. 46: 10

10. 10. 10. 10. 10.

Stille, mein Wille

Catharina von Schlegel, 1758, cento

Tr., Jane Borthwick, 1855

Finlandia

Jean Sibelius, b. 1865, arr.

1 Be still, my soul; the Lord is on thy side; Bear pa-tient-ly the  
 2 Be still, my soul; thy God doth un-der-take To guide the fu-ture  
 3 Be still, my soul, tho' dear-est friends de-part And all is dark-ened  
 4 Be still, my soul; the hour is hast-'ning on When we shall be for-

cross of grief or pain; Leave to thy God to or-der and pro-vide;  
 as He hath the past. Thy hope, thy con-fidence, let noth-ing shake;  
 in the vale of tears; Then shalt thou bet-ter know His love, His heart,  
 ev-er with the Lord, When dis-ap-point-ment, grief, and fear are gone,

In ev-'ry change He faith-ful will re-main. Be still, my soul; thy  
 All now mys-te-rious shall be bright at last. Be still, my soul; the  
 Who comes to soothe thy sor-rows and thy fears. Be still, my soul; thy  
 Sor-row for-got, love's pur-est joys re-stored. Be still, my soul; when

best, thy heav'n-ly, Friend Thro' thorn-y ways leads to a joy-ful end.  
 waves and winds still know His voice who ruled them while He dwelt below.  
 Je-sus can re-pay From His own ful-ness all He takes a-way.  
 change and tears are past, All safe and bless-ed we shall meet at last. A-men.

# TLH 552 (1, 4, 6, 8) – Abide with Me

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

10. 10. 10. 10.

Eventide  
William H. Monk, 1861

1 A - bide 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 - bide.  
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 - bide with me!  
Come, Friend of sin - ners, thus a - bide with me. A - men.

6 I need Thy presence every passing hour;  
What but Thy grace can foil the Tempter's power?  
Who like Thyself my guide and stay can be?  
Through cloud and sunshine, oh, 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!

