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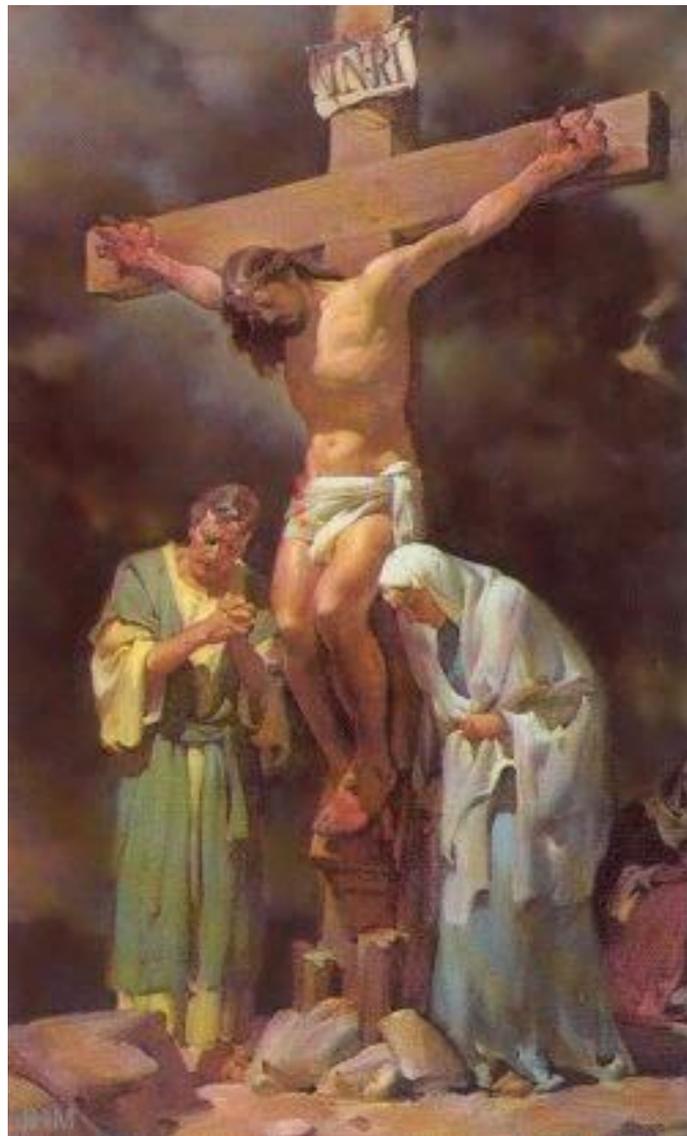
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# **Lenten Midweek Five**

**March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021**



*A Heart For Others*

## LENTEN MIDWEEK WORSHIP SERVICE

### OPENING HYMN

*“Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice”*

LSB 556 vs. 9-10

### INVOCATION & OPENING SENTENCES

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: Heavenly Father in the Ten Commandments you gave us the 4<sup>th</sup> commandment, which is the first commandment that had a promise attached to it:

People: **“Honor your Father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land of the Lord your God is giving you.”** (*Exodus 20:12*)

Pastor: Even though Jesus kept this commandment and all others perfectly in our place, He had to go to the cross because we broke all of them.

People: **We thank you that even as Jesus hung between heaven and earth, He honored His earthly Mother Mary and in doing so honored you, dear Father in Heaven.**

Pastor: Tonight you let us see into the very heart of Jesus, and in awe glimpse the heart He had for others.

People: **Help us also to have such a heart, transformed by the Holy Spirit and your saving love, that thinks of others and their needs first.**

### PSALM ~ *Read Responsively*

*Psalm 103:1-14*

Pastor: Bless the LORD, O my soul,

People: **and all that is within me, bless His holy name!**

Pastor: Bless the LORD, O my soul,

People: **and forget not all His benefits,**

Pastor: who forgives all your iniquity,

People: **who heals all your diseases,**

Pastor: who redeems your life from the pit,

People: **who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,**

Pastor: who satisfies you with good

People: **so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.**

Pastor: The LORD works righteousness

People: **and justice for all who are oppressed.**

Pastor: He made known His ways to Moses,

People: **His acts to the people of Israel.**

Pastor: The LORD is merciful and gracious,

People: **slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

Pastor: He will not always chide,

People: **nor will He keep His anger forever.**

Pastor: He does not deal with us according to our sins,

People: **nor repay us according to our iniquities.**

Pastor: For as high as the heavens are above the earth,

People: **so great is His steadfast love toward those who fear him;**

Pastor: as far as the east is from the west,

People: **so far does He remove our transgressions from us.**

Pastor: As a father shows compassion to his children,  
**People:** so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear Him.  
Pastor: For He knows our frame;  
**People:** He remembers that we are dust.  
**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.

### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: This is what the Sovereign Lord, the Holy One of Israel says:  
**People:** “In repentance and rest is your salvation, in quietness and trust is your strength, but you would have none of it.” (*Isaiah 30:15*)  
Pastor: Gracious Lord, we come before you asking for your forgiveness for being strong willed and self-centered, and unwilling to submit ourselves to you.  
**People:** We have lived as if only we mattered, and as if the thoughts, needs, and feelings of others do not matter.  
Pastor: Father, You told us in Your Word, “Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves,” (*Phil 2:2*)  
**People:** We are sorry we didn’t listen when You said, “Each of you should look not only to your own interest, but also to the interests of others.” (*Phil 2:3*)  
Pastor: God has heard your cry for mercy. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
**People:** We thank You dear Savior for Your full and free pardon! Amen.

### HYMN

*“In the Cross of Christ I Glory”*

LSB 427

### ✠ WORD ✠

#### OLD TESTAMENT READING

*1 Kings 17:10-16*

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.  
**People:** Thanks be to God.

#### EPISTLE READING

*Romans 12:9-18*

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.  
**People:** Thanks be to God.

Leader: The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 19th chapter.  
**People:** Glory to You O Lord.

#### GOSPEL READING

*John 19:23-27*

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**People:** Praise to You, O Christ.

### CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SERMON HYMN

*“What Wonderful Love Is This”*

LSB 543

SERMON

*“A Heart For Others”*

*John 19:26-27*

OFFERING

PRAYER FOR LENT

Pastor: Lord of All, you give us so many examples in your Word of those who thought more of others than themselves.

**People: We thank you for the witness of Abraham, who offered the first choice of land to Lot, and Joseph, who spoke kindly to his brothers and promised to provide for them during the famine.**

Pastor: Help us to be more like Jonathan, who shared his royal garments with David to save him from embarrassment in the Kings presence.

**People: Most of all, give us the mind of Christ, who thought first of the needs of others, even while suffering for our salvation on the cross.**

Pastor: How can we ever thank you enough for “the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for our sake He became poor, so that we through His poverty might become rich”? (*2Cor 8:9*)

**People: Since we have been crucified with Christ, help us to live by faith and to put that faith in action by living to serve Christ and others. Amen.**

HYMN

*“Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed”*

LSB 437

LORD’S PRAYER

THANKSGIVING FOR LIGHT

LSB 245

Pastor: Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of the universe, who led Your people Israel by a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night.

**People: Enlighten our darkness by the light of Your Christ; may His Word be a lamp to our feet and a light to our path; for You are merciful, and You love Your whole creation and we, Your creatures, glorify You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.**

All: Amen

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN

*“Christ the Life of All the Living”*

LSB 420

OUR WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

6:00 PM WORSHIP

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