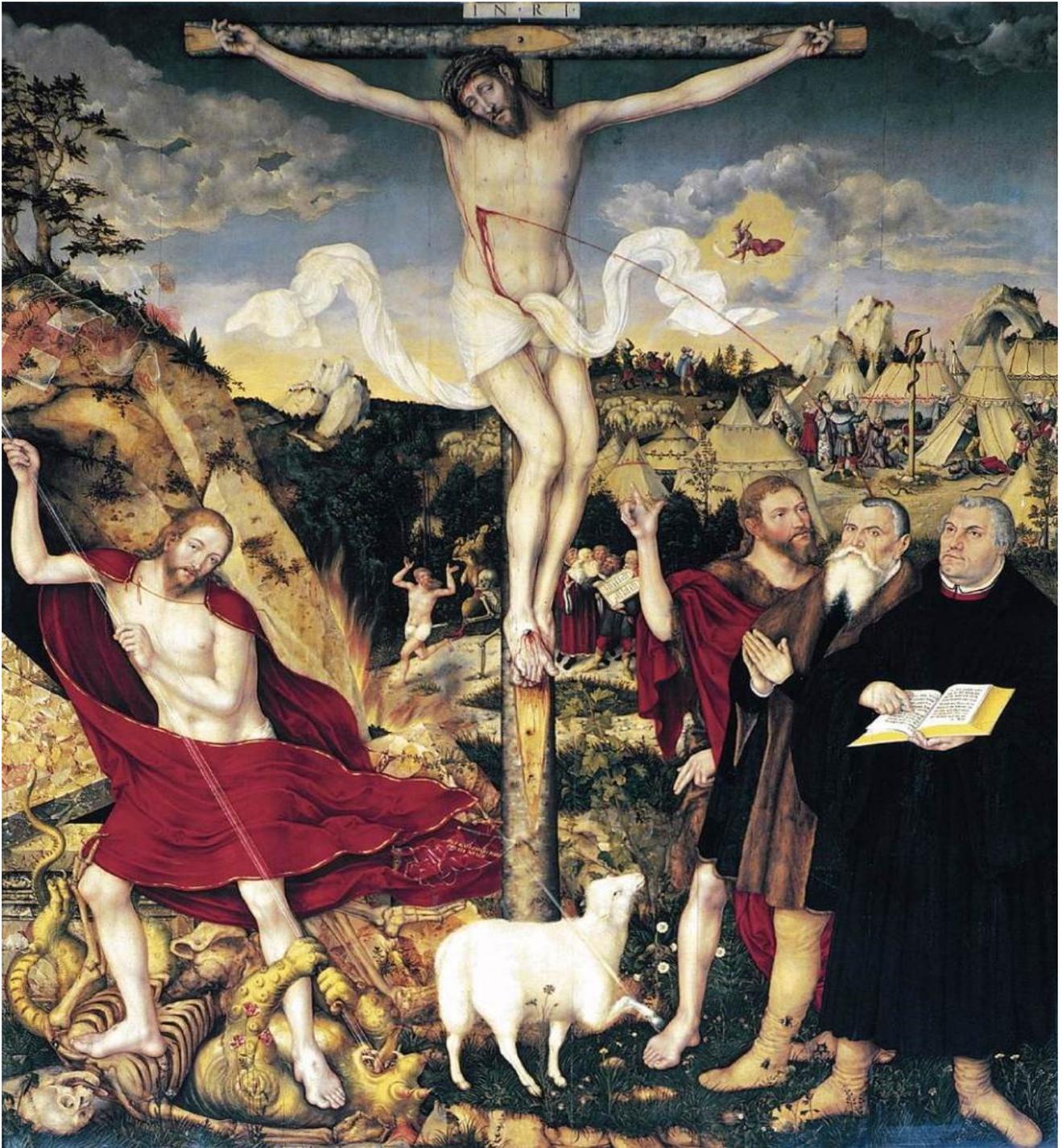


St. Mark 8:29b



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

February 28, 2021

- Prelude *What Wondrous Love is This* by Heather Sorenson
Beautiful Saviour by Heather Sorenson
- *The Processional Hymn *Beautiful Savior* (ELW) No. 838
- *The Confession and Forgiveness (ELW) page 94
- P: In the name of the Father, and of the †Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
C: Amen.
- P: God of all mercy.....of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
C: Amen.
- P: Most merciful God,
C: We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.
- P: In the mercy of almighty God,.....in the name of the Father, and of the †Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
C: Amen.
- *The Apostolic Greeting (ELW) page 138
- P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
C: And also with you.
- *The Kyrie (*sung response*) (ELW) page 138
- P:, let us pray to the Lord.
C: Lord, have mercy.
- P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
C: Amen.
- *The Hymn of Praise *In the Cross of Christ I Glory* (ELW) NO. 324

*Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray,

C: Almighty God, look upon the hearty desires of Your humble servants and stretch forth the right hand of Your majesty to be our defense against all our enemies. Grant this, we pray, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Reading

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

The Psalmody for the Day *(read responsively)*

Psalm 22:22-30

²²Praise the Lord, you that fear Him; stand in awe of Him, O offspring of Israel; all you of Jacob's line, give glory.

**²³For He does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;
neither does He hide his face from them;
but when they cry to Him He hears them.**

²⁴My praise is of Him in the great assembly; I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship Him.

**²⁵The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the Lord shall praise Him:
"May your heart live forever!"**

²⁶All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord,
and all the families of the nations shall bow before Him.

²⁷For kingship belongs to the Lord; He rules over the nations.

²⁸To Him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship;
all who go down to the dust fall before Him.

**²⁹My soul shall live for Him; my descendants shall serve Him;
they shall be known as the Lord's forever.**

³⁰They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn
the saving deeds that He has done.

Second Reading

Romans 5:1-11

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

*The Lenten Gospel Acclamation (*sung*)

(ELW) page 142

C: Return to the Lord, your God, for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and abounding in steadfast love.

* The Gospel

Mark 8:27-38

C: Glory to You, O Lord. (sung after announcement of the Gospel)

C: Praise to You, O Christ. (sung after conclusion of the Gospel)

Sermon

Rev. Robert B. Grewe

*The Hymn of the Day

Give Me Jesus

(ELW) No. 770

*The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy Christian Church, the Communion of Saints; the forgiveness of sins; the Resurrection of the body, and the Life everlasting. Amen.

*The Prayers of the Church (response)

P: Lord, in Your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

*Sharing of the Peace

The Musical Offering

Praise and Thanksgiving

Gaelic tune

*The Offertory

Create in Me a Clean Heart

(ELW) No. 188

*The 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.

Announcements

*The Benediction (*sung response*)

C: Amen, Amen, Amen.

*The Recessional Hymn

What Wondrous Love Is This

(ELW) No. 666

*FLC Sending Hymn

Be The Love of Christ

arr. Michael Showalter

Roger Thornhill

*The Dismissal (*response*)

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Lenten Sending Song

by Bridget Barclay

Beautiful Savior

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1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,
2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,
3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,
4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,

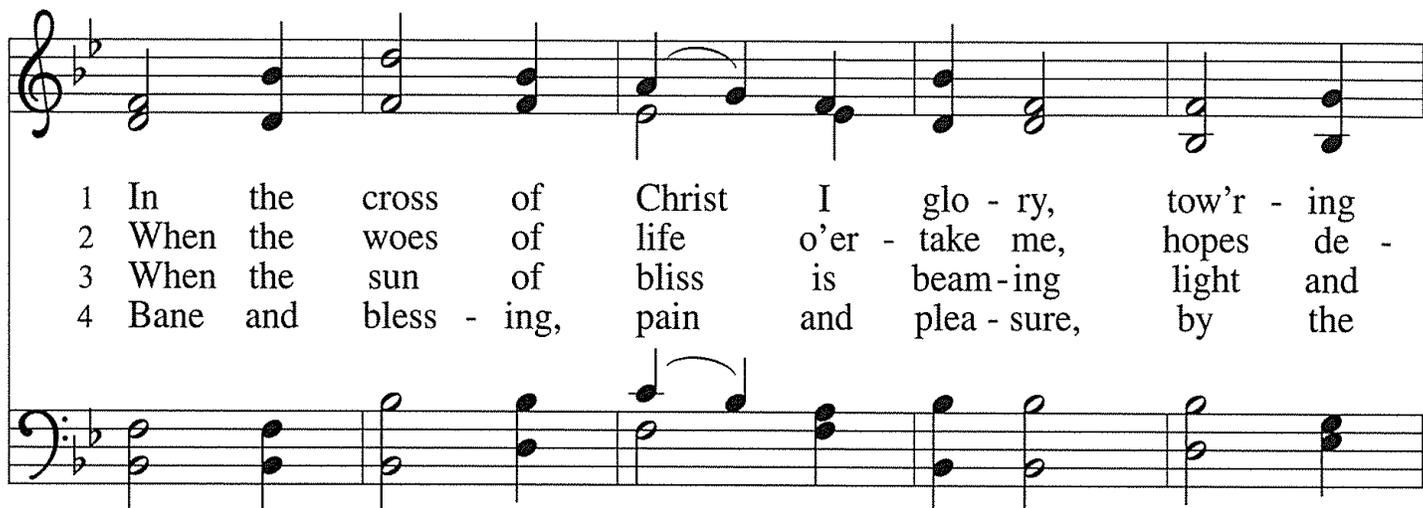
Son of God and Son of Man!
robed in the flow'rs of bloom - ing spring;
bright the spar - kling stars on high;
Son of God and Son of Man!

Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,
Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,
Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er
Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,

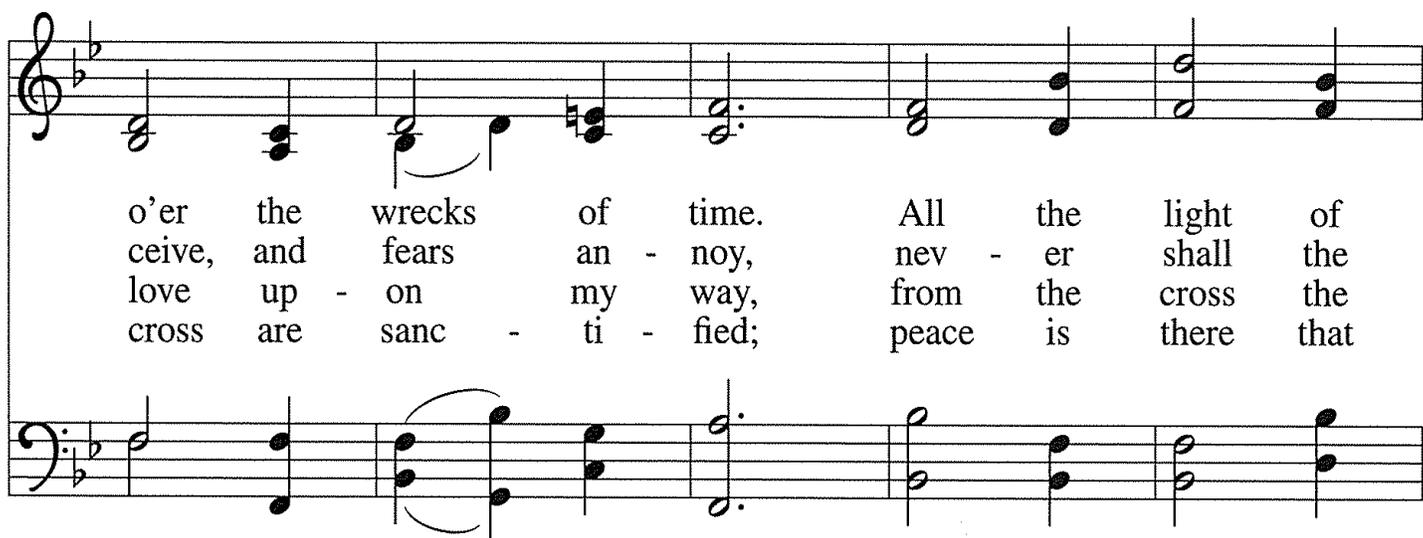
light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.
than all the an - gels in the sky.
now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

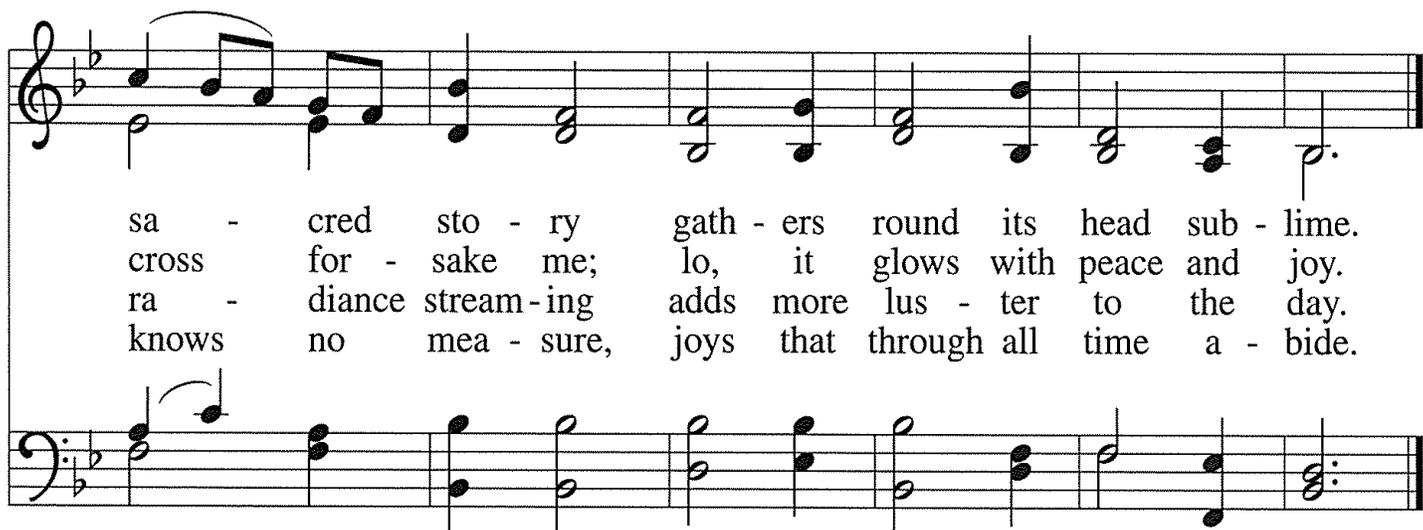
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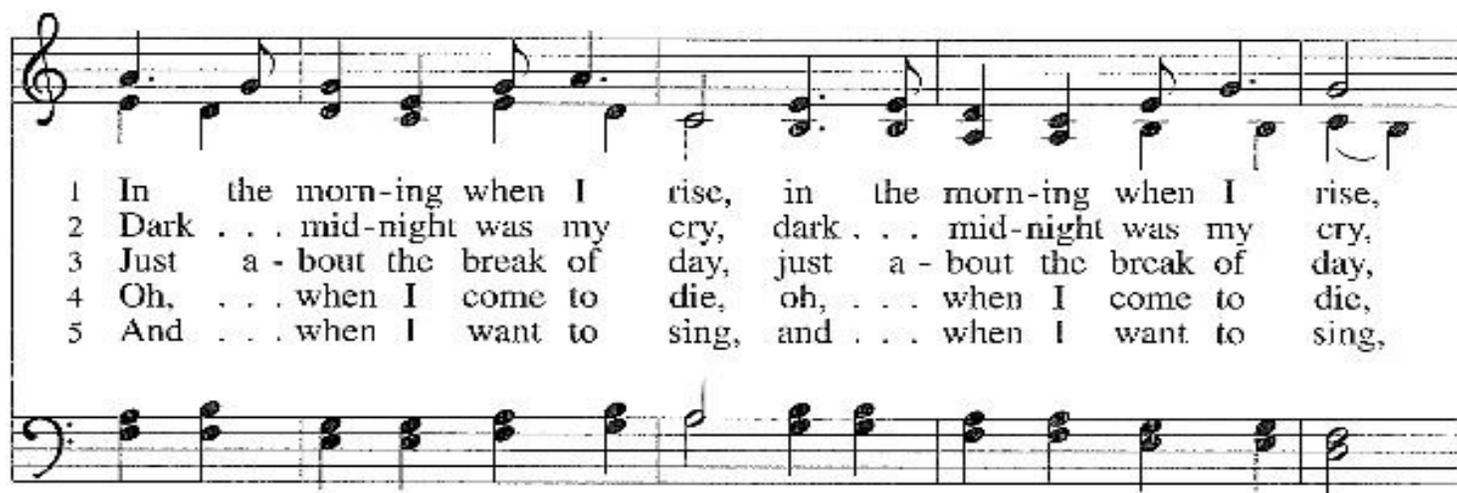
1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tow'r - ing
2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, hopes de -
3 When the sun of bliss is beam - ing light and
4 Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure, by the



o'er the wrecks of time. All the light of
ceive, and fears an - noy, nev - er shall the
love up - on my way, from the cross the
cross are sanc - ti - fied; peace is there that



sa - cred sto - ry gath - ers round its head sub - lime.
cross for - sake me; lo, it glows with peace and joy.
ra - diance stream - ing adds more lus - ter to the day.
knows no mea - sure, joys that through all time a - bide.



1 In the morn-ing when I rise, in the morn-ing when I rise,
 2 Dark . . . mid-night was my cry, dark . . . mid-night was my cry,
 3 Just a - bout the break of day, just a - bout the break of day,
 4 Oh, . . . when I come to die, oh, . . . when I come to die,
 5 And . . . when I want to sing, and . . . when I want to sing,



in the morn-ing when I rise, give me Je - sus.
 dark . . . mid - night was my cry, give me Je - sus.
 just a - bout the break of day, give me Je - sus.
 oh, . . . when I come to die, give me Je - sus.
 and . . . when I want to sing, give me Je - sus.

Refrain



Give me Je - sus, give me Je - sus.



You may have all the rest, give me Je - sus.

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right

The first system of music consists of a treble and bass staff. The treble staff has a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat) and a common time signature. The melody begins with a quarter note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, B-flat4, and C5. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes.

spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your

The second system continues the melody. The treble staff shows a quarter note D5, followed by quarter notes C5, B-flat4, and A4. The bass staff continues with accompaniment.

pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -

The third system continues the melody. The treble staff shows a quarter note G4, followed by quarter notes F4, E-flat4, and D4. The bass staff continues with accompaniment.

store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,

The fourth system continues the melody. The treble staff shows a quarter note C4, followed by quarter notes B-flat3, A3, and G3. The bass staff continues with accompaniment.

and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

The fifth system concludes the piece. The treble staff shows a quarter note F3, followed by quarter notes E3, D3, and C3. The bass staff continues with accompaniment.

1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
 2 When I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, sink - ing down, when
 3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; to
 4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; and

won - drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this
 I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, when I was sink - ing down
 God and to the Lamb I will sing; to God and to the Lamb,
 when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm free,

that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dread-ful curse for my
 be - neath God's righ-teous frown, Christ laid a - side his crown for my
 who is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will
 I'll sing God's love for me, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing

soul, for my soul, to bear the dread-ful curse for my soul?
 soul, for my soul, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul.
 sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing.
 on, I'll sing on; and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

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The Flowers on the Chancel are given to the glory of God and in thankfulness for our many blessings. By Lisa & Richard Hager.

The Lay Reader is Kimberly Grewe.

Counters/Greeters today are S. Berry and L. Coleman.

Welcome to our Visitors! The people of this congregation welcome you as you join us in worship this morning. Please sign the register, located in the narthex. If you have questions, please see the pastor or contact the church office.

Do you wish to become a member of First Lutheran Church? Please contact Pastor Grewe.

Nursery: We welcome all children to be a part of worship, but we realize that sometimes the service can be too long for the little ones. We have a nursery for those attending to the needs for infants and small children. There is a speaker in the nursery so that parents can still hear the service. You are welcome to use the nursery for the entire service, or just a small part.

Bell Choir Practice on Sunday from 1-2 & Thursday from 7-8 PM.

The Flower Chart for 2021 is posted in the narthex. If you wish to place flowers, (real or artificial) near the altar, sign your name opposite the date of your choice. You will be reminded of your date and asked for the wording you want in the bulletin two weeks before the due date.

Sign-up sheets are posted to host a coffee hour in 2021. Please write your names under the month you would like to host. The coffee hours have been a wonderful time of fellowship and the hosts have been awesome! Thank you!!

Sign-up sheets are posted for Lay Readers in 2021. Please sign up.

Please remember to continue contributing donations to our girls in Ethiopia.
Please consider this as a call to help others in need.

Please pray for those in need of healing:

Betty Johnson, Janet Burke, Maureen Curry, Eveline Reihner, Rocky and Carol, Leah, Shari Kienzle, Joanne Reck, Chiquita, Patricia Zablotny, Stacy Carroll, Byron Christian, Tillie Shawin, Billie Sue Serbak, Susan Westott, Fred Dupas, little Karson, Pastor Bruce and Marie Kreutzer, Melissa McCabe, baby Isaac Christian, Barbara Mounts, Sandy Hebrank, Rachel Rogers, Lynn Hudak, Sonie Rea, Allan Zimmerman, Donna O., the Pollana family, Iva Romano, Frank Kubichar, Ashley McCartney, Amy Verderber, Sylvia Sunstrum, David & Theresa Lacko, Linda Lacko, Kevin Ryan, Diane & Megan, Patty, Loretta & Paul, Alice & Delores, Deb & Norma Price, Cpt. Allen, Aaron Rogers, Owen Miller, Cameron, Kathryn Rush, and Dominic & Pam Thorp.

EMERGENCY CONTACTS

FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILY

PA Mental health support and referral line

1-855-284-2494

WASHINGTON, PA BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CRISIS LINE

1-877-225-3567

WASHINGTON COUNTY BHDS LINE

724-228-6832

SCOTT BERRY DIRECT LINE

724-250-4079 (FOR CHURCH MEMBERS ONLY)

FOR OTHER NEEDS, CONTACT 211 OR THE CHURCH.

Church Offering Change: In order to keep everyone safe we have changed how we collect the Sunday Offering. We do not have our ushers pass the plates around. Instead, we have one offering plate located by the last pew and one by the choir loft. Please place your offering in one of those plates. Feel free to place your offering in the plates during our Offertory if you did not do so on the way in.

Listening for the Promise
Weekly Devotional
Second Sunday in Lent—February 28, 2021

“Jesus asked them, ‘But who do you say that I am?’ Peter answered him, ‘You are the Messiah.’
And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.” - Mark 8: 29-30 -

How does someone go from being an A+ follower of Jesus one minute and just a few verses later fall flat on his face as he insists that Jesus must conform to his expectations of what a Messiah should and should not do? Peter will have to unlearn everything he had been taught and believed about the role of the Messiah, and he will learn it with much difficulty. Nothing about the Messiah happens as Peter expects or wishes. He has trouble learning that victory comes through giving one's life, not by taking another's with the sword.

This Gospel text tells us in no uncertain terms what it means to be a disciple. It calls us to examine the many ways we want to correct Jesus' teaching to suit our own prejudices, especially when it comes to the themes of sacrifice and suffering. Yet Jesus calls us to deny ourselves, take up the cross and follow him. Dietrich Bonhoeffer, in “The Cost of Discipleship,” describes self-denial this way: “To deny oneself is to be aware only of Christ and no more of self, to see only Him who goes before and no more the road which is too hard for us. Once more, all that self-denial can say is, ‘He leads the way, keep close to him.’”

Self-denial takes shape in many ways. For some, it may mean leaving job and family as the disciples had done. For the proud, it may mean renouncing the desire for status and honor. For the greedy, it may mean renouncing an appetite for wealth. For the complacent, it may mean renouncing the love of ease. The fainthearted will have to let go of their need for security, and the violent surrender their need for revenge. What hinders you from completely giving your life over to God?

Cross-bearing is a whole other matter. It's at the heart of the Gospel. It refers to self-sacrifice for the Gospel's sake, even to the point of giving one's life. It is THIS particular demand that separates the disciple from the admirer. Those who love Jesus for his own sake, bless him in times of trouble as much as when they are full of consolation. May you draw from Jesus the strength and courage to let go and you will find yourself set free to be all God calls from you. Amen.