

## St. Luke 20:17b



“What then is this that is written: ‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone’?”

**FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH**

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

April 3, 2022

Holy Communion 11:00 am

Prelude

\*The Processional Hymn            *A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth*            (ELW) No. 340

\*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            *Glory to God in the Highest*            (ELW) NO. 139

\*Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray,

**C:** Almighty God, look favorably upon Your family. Graciously rule our bodies lest we are enticed to love the world, and guard our spirits lest we fail to recognize Your love. Grant this, we pray, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Anthem

*Cast Thy Burden*

(Adult Choir)

First Reading

Isaiah 43:16-21

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

The Psalmody for the Day *(read responsively)*

Psalm 126

<sup>1</sup>When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, then were we like those who dream.

<sup>2</sup>Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy.

<sup>3</sup>Then they said among the nations, "The Lord has done great things for them."

<sup>4</sup>The Lord has done great things for us, and we are glad indeed.

<sup>5</sup>Restore our fortunes, O Lord, like the watercourses of the Negev.

<sup>6</sup>Those who sowed with tears will reap with songs of joy.

<sup>7</sup>Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

Second Reading

Philippians 3:[4b-7] 8-14

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

Luke 20:9-20

**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

*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

(ELW) No. 803

\*The Nicene Creed

**I believe in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**I believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through Him all things were made. For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit He became in carnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried. On the third day He rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge The living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son He is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets.**

**I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen**

\*The Prayers of the Church (response)

P: Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

\*Sharing of the Peace

The Musical Offering

\*The Offertory *Create in Me a Clean Heart* (ELW) No. 188

\* The Great Thanksgiving (ELW) page 144

\*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.**

Lamb of God (ELW) page 146

The Distribution

Communion Hymn *In the Cross of Christ I Glory* (ELW) No. 324

Prayer/Blessing

Announcements

\*The Benediction (*sung response*)

**C: Amen, Amen, Amen.**

\*The Recessional Hymn *My Faith Looks Up to Thee* (ELW) No. 759

\*FLC Sending Hymn *Be The Love of Christ* arr. Michael Showalter/ Roger Thornhill

The Dismissal (*response*)

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

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**The flowers on the Chancel** are given to the glory of God by Brett and Alissa Hixson in loving memory of Alissa's father, Randy Young.

**The Lay Reader** is Kimberly Grewe.

**Acolytes are** the Maria Sobocinski, Nathaniel Black and Wesley Black.

**Counters** today are L. Coleman and R. Williams.

**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.

**Please join us for coffee hour following Service today.**

**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 of 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 Monday at 6 PM.

**The Flower Chart for 2022** 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 2022.** 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 2022.** 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.**

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**Please pray for those in need of healing:**

Betty Johnson, Janet Burke, Maureen Curry, Eveline Reihner, Rocky and Carol, Shari Kienzle, Chiquita, Stacy Carroll, Byron Christian, Billie Sue Serbak, Susan Westott, Fred Dupas, baby Isaac Christian, Sandy Hebrank, Lynn Hudak, Allan Zimmerman, the Pollana family, Ashley McCartney, Amy Verderber, Sylvia Sunstrum, Kevin Ryan, Bob Cable, baby Ryan, Danielle Pinkerton, Dan, Fritz Group, Amy, Lucy & Dave Mehaffey, Stephanie Kennedy, Jessi, Bill Hisiro, Richard, Ruby Rogers, Becky, Mel & Klaus Behrens, Joanne Reck, Barbara, Jackie, Jeff Ulanich, Bill Stewart, Morgan, Sharon Fritz, baby Matthew, Tim & Karen Edwards, Tom Liam, Gary, Daniel, Judy Dombrowsky, Emily Buchleitner, Sherri Zoeller, Mike Zahora, Jean Erdmann, Justin Spine, Greg Mason, Alexandra Perry, Lu Mayne, and Pat.

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.

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**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.

## A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth



1 A lamb goes un - com - plain - ing forth to save a world of sin - ners.  
 2 This lamb is Christ, our great - est friend, the Lamb of God, our Sav - ior,  
 3 Our Sav - ior an - swered from his heart that he would take the bur - den:  
 4 Of death I am no more a - fraid; your dy - ing is my liv - ing.



He bears the bur - den all a - lone, dies shorn of all his hon - ors.  
 whom God in mer - cy chose to send to win us reb - els o - ver.  
 "My Fa - ther's will is my com - mand; I'll do as I am bid - den."  
 You clothe me in your roy - al robes that you are al - ways giv - ing.



He goes to slaugh - ter, weak and faint, is led to die with -  
 "Go down, my child," the Fa - ther said, "and free my chil - dren  
 Oh, won - drous love! Oh, lov - ing might! To right what mor - tals  
 Your love is dress e - nough for me to wear through all e -



## A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth



out com-plaint; his spot-less life he of-fers. He bears the shame,  
 from their dread of death and con-dem-na-tion. The pain-ful stripes  
 can-not right the Son was sent from heav-en. What love, O Love,  
 ter-ni-ty be-fore the throne of heav-en, where we shall stand



the stripes, the wrath; his an-guish, mock-er-y,  
 are hard to bear, but by your death they all  
 who came to save by lov-ing e-ven to  
 close by your side, your church, the well-ap-point-

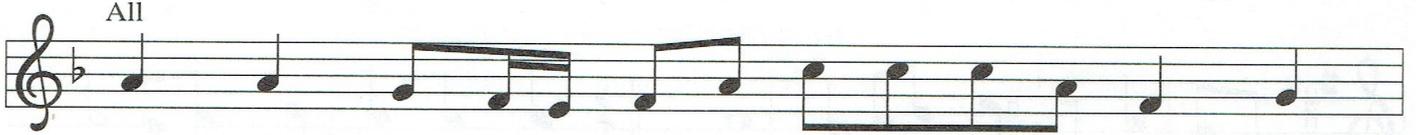


and death for us he glad-ly suf-fers.  
 can share the joy of your sal-va-tion."  
 the grave un-til the stone was riv-en.  
 ed bride, when all the faith-ful gath-er.



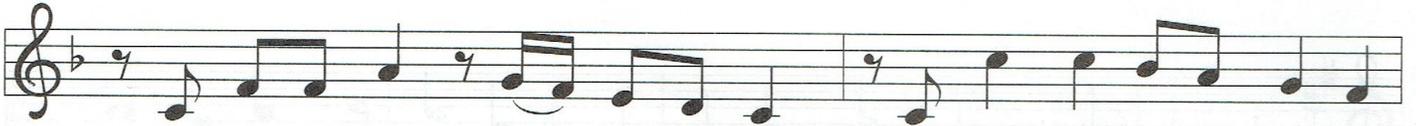


Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



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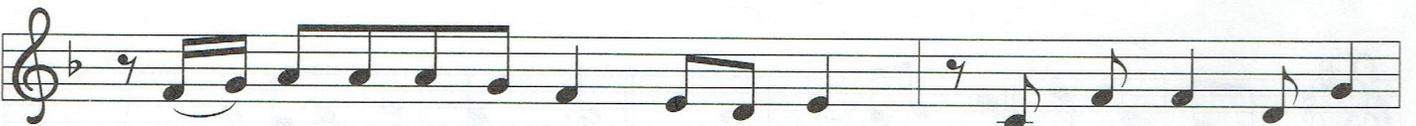
Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,



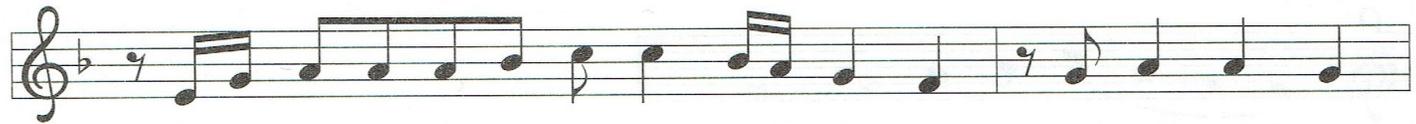
we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



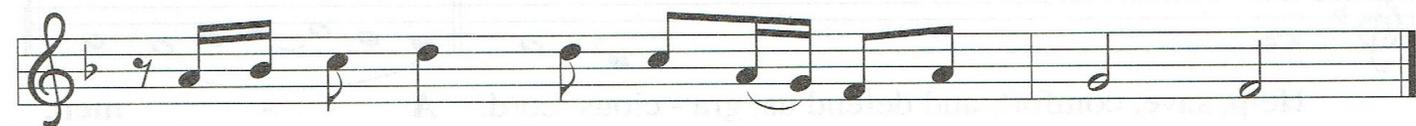
you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



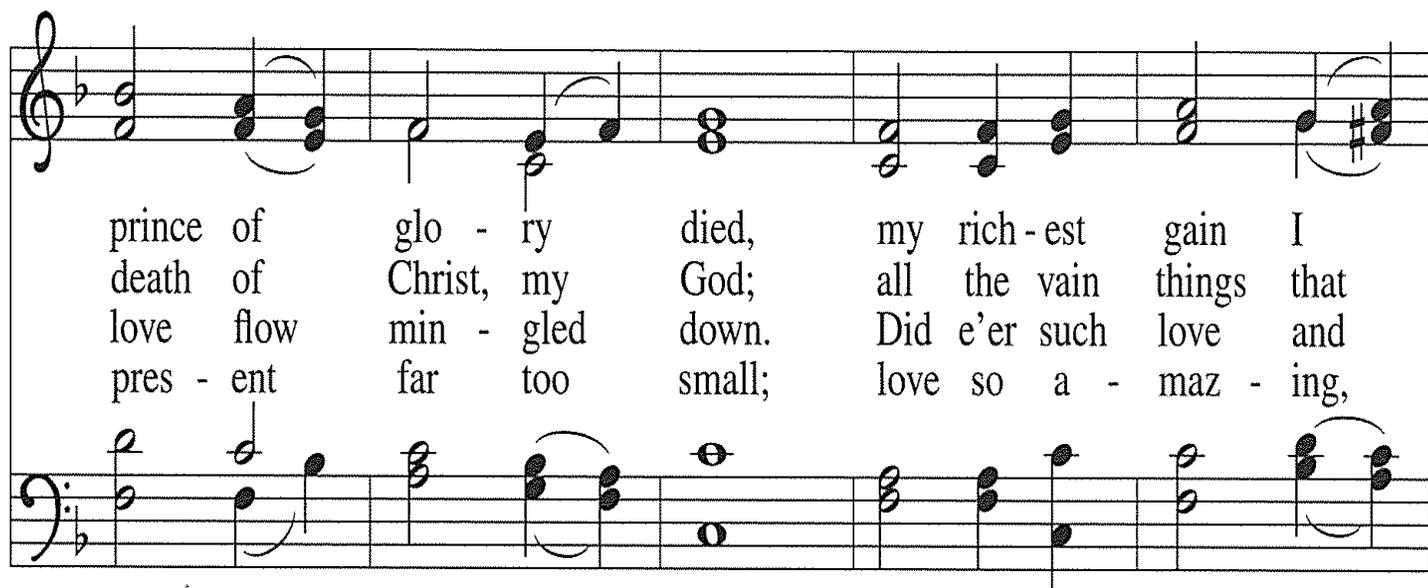
in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

# When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

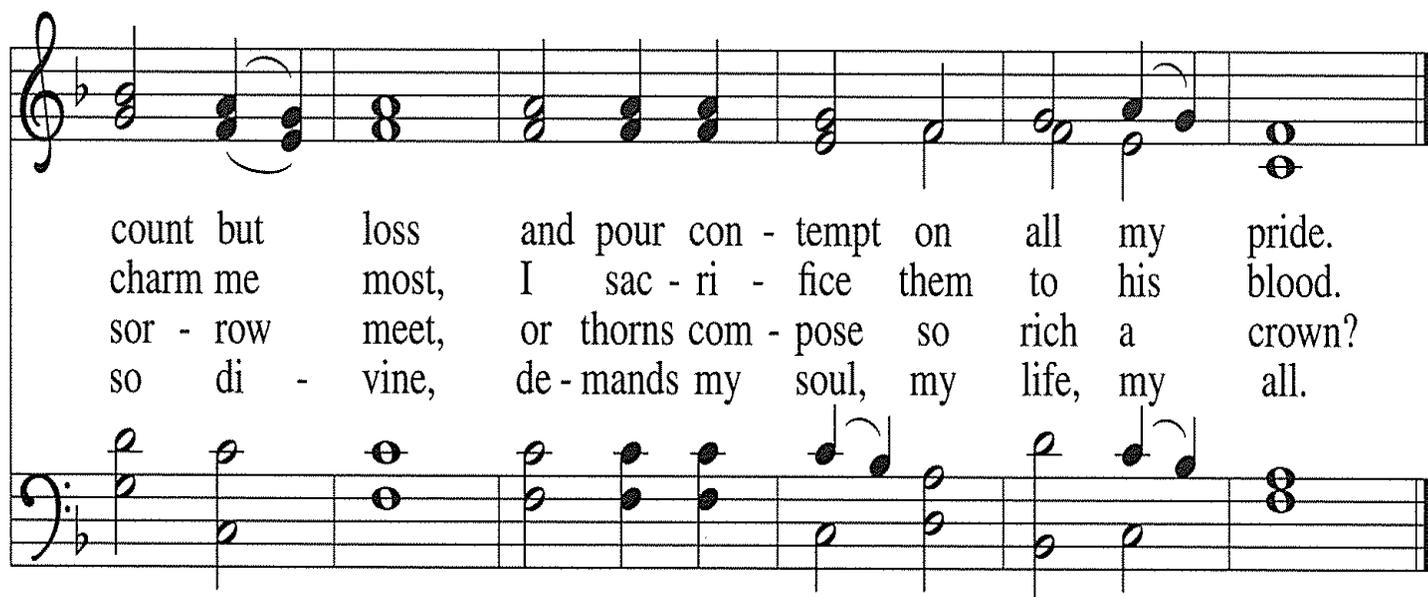
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1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross on which the  
2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the  
3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and  
4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were a



prince of glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I  
death of Christ, my God; all the vain things that  
love flow min - gled down. Did e'er such love and  
pres - ent far too small; love so a - maz - ing,



count but loss and pour con - tempt on all my pride.  
charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.  
sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?  
so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

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

The first system of music features a treble and bass staff in a key with three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). The melody is primarily composed of chords and some moving lines. The lyrics are: "Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right".

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

The second system continues the melody. The lyrics are: "spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your".

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

The third system continues the melody. The lyrics are: "pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -".

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

The fourth system continues the melody. The lyrics are: "store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,".

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

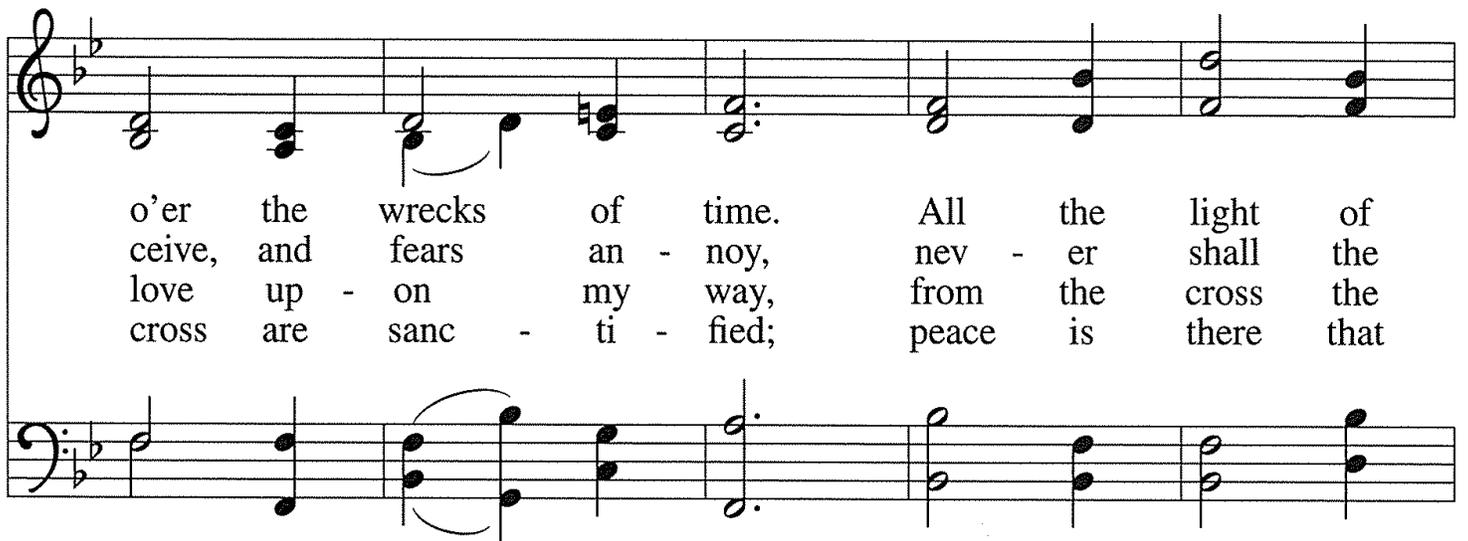
The fifth system concludes the piece. The lyrics are: "and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.".

# In the Cross of Christ I Glory

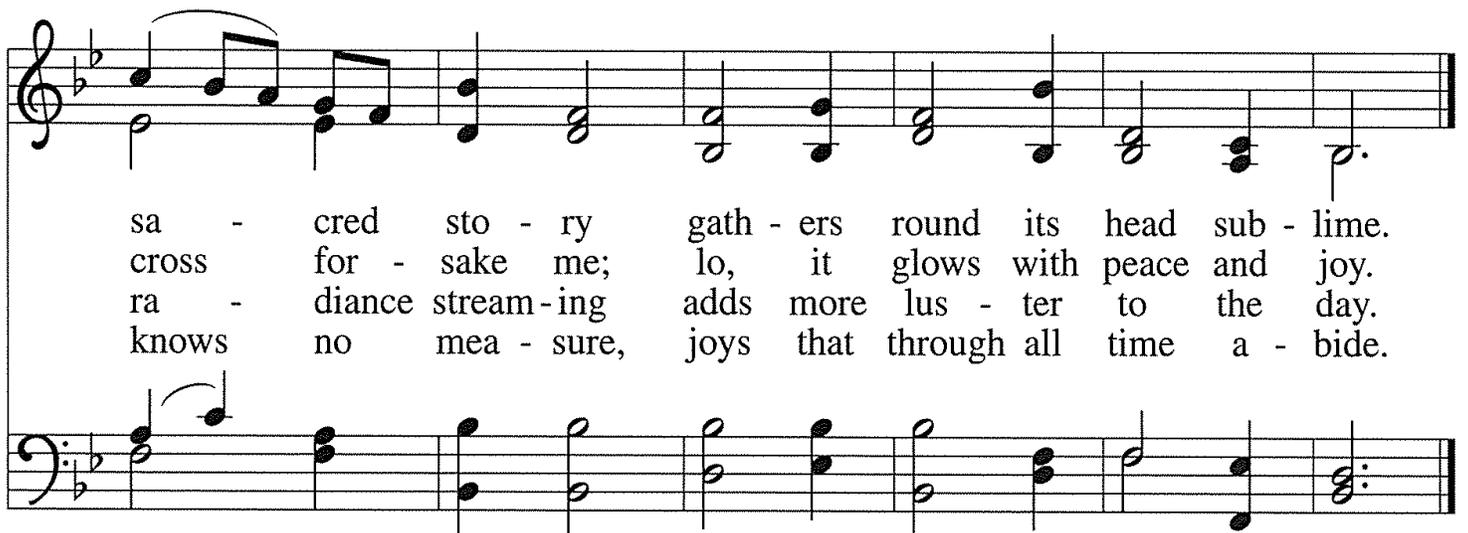
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1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tow'r - ing  
2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, hopes de -  
3 When the sun of bliss is beam - ing light and  
4 Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure, by the



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.

# My Faith Looks Up to Thee

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1 My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,  
2 May thy rich grace im - part strength to my faint - ing heart,  
3 While life's dark maze I tread and griefs a - round me spread,  
4 When ends life's tran - sient dream, when death's cold, sul - len stream



Sav - ior di - vine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my  
my zeal in - spire; as thou hast died for me, oh, may my  
be thou my guide; bid dark-ness turn to day, wipe sor-row's  
shall o'er me roll; blest Sav - ior, then, in love fear and dis -



guilt a - way, oh, let me from this day be whol - ly thine!  
love to thee pure, warm, and change-less be, a liv - ing fire!  
tears a - way, nor let me ev - er stray from thee a - side.  
trust re-move; oh, bear me safe a - bove, a ran - somed soul!



**Listening for the Promise**  
**Weekly Devotional**  
**Fifth Sunday of Lent – April 3, 2022**

“But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ.”

-Philippians 3:7-

Paul's “resume of righteousness” stood to impress the most ardent follower of God. If anyone measured up to God's standard it was Paul: circumcised on the eighth day, from the tribe of Benjamin, a Pharisee who scrupulously followed the letter of the law; “blameless” (v. 6). Certainly, when it came to righteousness before God, it seemed Paul had everything going for him.

Paul, however, after his conversion on the road to Damascus, discovered otherwise. He realized that whatever he accomplished in life; whatever credentials he thought he earned; whatever strides he made toward righteousness; whatever his social status and reputation; whatever intellectual prowess; whatever moral or religious standing he attained were actually nothing but losses. Nothing on his list came even remotely close to achieving righteousness and, thus, right-standing with God. Paul realized only one word belonged in the gains column of his righteousness tally sheet: Christ. Christ plus nothing. Christ alone (*solus Christus*) through faith alone (*sola fide*) by grace alone (*sola gratia*) to the glory of God alone (*solus Deo gloria*). Paul understood that only a complete reliance on Jesus brings us into right relationship with God and, thus, eternal life. Faith in anything less, Paul taught, amounts to putting one's faith in “rubbish” (v. 8). The extreme contrast Paul paints could not be any greater: Christ versus rubbish. When stated like that, it seems the right choice could not be any more obvious. But, in our humanity, we can all too often forget and end up exchanging Christ for rubbish. We do this when we start to believe very important disciplines and Christ-like behaviors like good deeds somehow earn right standing with God. They never did, and they never will.

So, Christ versus rubbish. Which one will we choose? Like the extreme contrast between these two options, the result of our choice is also an extreme contrast: eternal life versus death. Choosing to live by faith in Christ alone results in intimacy with him that changes everything. It results in a transformed identity, changed desires, perspectives, and motivations. It results in a life lived in Christ and led by the power of his Holy Spirit. Truly, it results in abundant life (see John 10:10)