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**Worship:**

Saturday: 6:15 p.m.

Sunday: 9:15 a.m.

Sunday School: 10:30 a.m. *(Located in the church basement)*

Sunday Morning Fellowship: 10:30 a.m.

Adult Bible Class: 10:45 a.m.

**Office Hours:**

Monday: 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.;

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.; *(12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. – Lunch)*

Friday, 9 a.m. – Noon

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## **From the Pastor**

Grace, mercy and peace to you all from God our Father through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior.

I pray that you all are well and safe. Continue practicing patience during this confusing time. Keep watch over and stay in contact with family, friends and fellow workers. Simply stay busy doing that which is good and pleasing in the sight of God.

With the COVID vaccine now being administered, our attendance is increase. If you are uncomfortable about the increase in numbers attending, consider signing up for the 10:30 Sunday morning Divine Service. Saturday night and Wednesday evening silent Divine Services are available. Until you are able to gather with us, God keep you in the one true faith till life everlasting.

I am including activities and learning suggestions for you and your children of all ages. I hope this will deepen your appreciation and understand of the Divine Service.

## **For younger children**

*Word Search: **Jesus Christ** or **Cross***

*[Underline or highlight this word or phrase throughout the Divine Service]*

A Sunday School lesson can be found at our website: [www.trinitylutherantaylorville.org](http://www.trinitylutherantaylorville.org)

5<sup>th</sup> graders and older: Mark the service with directional arrows [↗] as to show what direction the interaction between God, us and with each other is taking place. Use these symbols to indicate our posture during the service [ | - standing in respect; ⊔ - kneeling to receive a blessing or show respect; ⊞ - humbly sitting to receive from the Lord].

The coloring page can be saved in Paint 3D for your children and you to color on the computer screen.

Also, have those who can read, answer the questions found throughout the Divine Service. They can highlight or underline the answers usually found above the questions.

## **For older children especially those who are in or have in the past studied Luther's Small Catechism**

Where is this found in the Luther's Small Catechism? Put *LSC* in the margin and the section [*Ten Commandments, Creed, Lord's Prayer, Baptism, Office of the Keys, or the Lord's Supper*] of the catechism where this teaching can be found. [*ex: LSC-Baptism*]

A Bible Study on one of the lessons can be found at our website: [www.trinitylutherantaylorville.org](http://www.trinitylutherantaylorville.org)

## **Adults/parents**

You may find this helpful to do the above also, even the drawing and coloring. For the youngest of your children, draw a cross or a picture, if your talent so allows, anywhere in the Divine Service and let your little ones color them.

Another exercise you can do is to journal your thoughts on the Word and the following service. Each day read through a section and journal your thoughts and/or insights you may have. If you know to insert and use "Text Box" that is a good way to do it. You may also go to "References" and use "Foot Note" to record your thoughts or insight.

## **Registering for afterschool Catechizing Classes**

With public schools going to remote learning and Vision Way still offering full day classes, the afterschool catechizing classes are going to take on a new look. Remote learning without video capabilities will be offered for those who register for remote learning. Small group sessions can be arranged pending the students' schedule. Once you know their schedules let me know.

Contact the church office to register or if you have any questions.

God bless, keep and increase your faith in Christ as you now read, mark and inwardly digest His Word.

## **Pass It On**

### **From the office of the Central Illinois District LCMS**

#### *Lent I*

This Sunday at church we will hear Jesus ask a most important question. "Who do you say that I am?" What do you think? Who is Jesus?

When Jesus asked, those with him told of some of the answers they had heard around town. What do we hear about Jesus around town?

"Jesus is a mythical figure." This would put Jesus in the same realm as Zeus, Thor, or Luke Skywalker. However, the New Testament Scriptures which talk about Jesus are ancient documents that we have far more copies of than any others. There is overwhelming evidence to their historical reliability. Also, there are some ancient documents that are not Christian in origin that mention Jesus' existence. So it seems clear that Jesus was a very real man.

"Jesus is a moral leader; a good example." There is some truth to this, but one who is an example is meant to have his example followed. What happens when we fail to put into practice what Jesus has taught? What happens when we come up short? Ultimately that moral leader has to punish or abandon his followers who don't live up to his teachings.

What answer is given by Jesus' followers that day? "You are the Christ!" And who is that? That is, who is Jesus, the Christ? Jesus himself tells us: "He began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again." And that he would win life and salvation to all people through his death and resurrection.

That's who Jesus is: The Christ of God; the Son of God. True man and true God. He is the one who lives perfectly — a perfect example. And Jesus, by that perfect life, makes right all of our imperfections and shortcomings. That is, He takes away our sin.

**WORSHIP FOLDER**  
**SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT**  
**Because God Has Remembered**  
**February 27 & 28, 2021**

**As We Gather**

The old Latin name for this, the Second Sunday in Lent, is Reminiscere, because the Introit pleads, "Remember Your mercy, O Lord."

Confidently, it continues by encouraging us to trust Him because "He has remembered us; He will bless us." Indeed, God's promises to Abram in today's Old Testament Reading were kept as Jesus moved unswervingly toward the cross, as He does in today's Gospel. As a result, we can be sure, Paul reminds us in the Epistle, that we have peace with God. Even in suffering, we know that hope will not disappoint us, for we remember that "while we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8).



**Order of Divine Service I LSB 151**

**Christian Questions with Their Answers LSB 329**

*After confession and instruction in the Ten Commandments, the Creed, the Lord's Prayer, and the Sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper, the pastor may ask, or Christians may ask themselves these questions:*

1. *Do you believe that you are a sinner?*  
Yes, I believe it. I am a sinner.
  
2. *How do you know this?*  
From the Ten Commandments, which I have not kept.
  
3. *Are you sorry for your sins?*  
Yes, I am sorry that I have sinned against God.
  
4. *What have you deserved from God because of your sins?*

His wrath and displeasure, temporal death, and eternal damnation. See Romans 6:21, 23.

5. *Do you hope to be saved?*

Yes, that is my hope.

6. *In whom then do you trust?*

In my dear Lord Jesus Christ.

7. *Who is Christ?*

The Son of God, true God and man.

8. *How many Gods are there?*

Only one, but there are three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

9. *What has Christ done for you that you trust in Him?*

He died for me and shed His blood for me on the cross for the forgiveness of sins.

10. *Did the Father also die for you?*

He did not. The Father is God only, as is the Holy Spirit; but the Son is both true God and true man. He died for me and shed His blood for me.

11. *How do you know this?*

From the Holy Gospel, from the words instituting the Sacrament, and by His body and blood given me as a pledge in the Sacrament.

12. *What are the Words of Institution?*

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

13. *Do you believe, then, that the true body and blood of Christ are in the Sacrament?*

Yes, I believe it.

14. *What convinces you to believe this?*

The word of Christ: Take, eat, this is My body; drink of it, all of you, this is My blood.

15. *What should we do when we eat His body and drink His blood, and in this way receive His pledge?*

We should remember and proclaim His death and the shedding of His blood, as He taught us: This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.

*16. Why should we remember and proclaim His death?*

First, so we may learn to believe that no creature could make satisfaction for our sins. Only Christ, true God and man, could do that. Second, so we may learn to be horrified by our sins, and to regard them as very serious. Third, so we may find joy and comfort in Christ alone, and through faith in Him be saved.

*17. What motivated Christ to die and make full payment for your sins?*

His great love for His Father and for me and other sinners, as it is written in John 14; Romans 5; Galatians 2; and Ephesians 5.

*18. Finally, why do you wish to go to the Sacrament?*

That I may learn to believe that Christ, out of great love, died for my sin, and also learn from Him to love God and my neighbor.

*19. What should admonish and encourage a Christian to receive the Sacrament frequently?*

First, both the command and the promise of Christ the Lord. Second, his own pressing need, because of which the command, encouragement, and promise are given.

*20. But what should you do if you are not aware of this need and have no hunger and thirst for the Sacrament?*

To such a person no better advice can be given than this: first, he should touch his body to see if he still has flesh and blood. Then he should believe what the Scriptures say of it in Galatians 5 and Romans 7. Second, he should look around to see whether he is still in the world, and remember that there will be no lack of sin and trouble, as the Scriptures say in John 15–16 and in 1 John 2 and 5. Third, he will certainly have the devil also around him, who with his lying and murdering day and night will let him have no peace, within or without, as the Scriptures picture him in John 8 and 16; 1 Peter 5; Ephesians 6; and 2 Timothy 2.

**NOTE**

*These questions and answers are no child's play, but are drawn up with great earnestness of purpose by the venerable and devout Dr. Luther for both young and old. Let each one pay attention and consider it a serious matter; for St. Paul writes to the Galatians in chapter six: "Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked."*

**Opening Hymn "What Wondrous Love Is This" *LSB543***

1      What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!  
          What wondrous love is this, O my soul!  
          What wondrous love is this  
          That caused the Lord of bliss  
          To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,

To bear the dreadful curse for my soul!

2 When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,  
When I was sinking down, sinking down,  
    When I was sinking down  
    Beneath God's righteous frown,  
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul, for my soul,  
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul.

3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing;  
To God and to the Lamb I will sing;  
    To God and to the Lamb,  
    Who is the great I AM,  
While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,  
While millions join the theme, I will sing.

4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on;  
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on.  
    And when from death I'm free,  
    I'll sing His love for me,  
And through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,  
And through eternity I'll sing on.

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*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

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

C **Amen.**

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

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord,

who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**C Amen.**

*Because Jesus carried His cross for us, what can He do for us?*

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

**Introit** Psalm 115:11–13; antiphon: Psalm 25:6

**P** Remember Your mercy, O LORD, and Your steadfast love,  
for they have been from of old.  
You who fear the LORD, trust in the LORD!  
He is their help and their shield.

**C The LORD has remembered us; He will bless us;  
He will bless the house of Israel; He will bless the house of Aaron;**

**P** He will bless those who fear the LORD, both the small and the great.

**C We will bless the LORD from this time forth and forevermore.  
Praise the LORD!  
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.  
Remember Your mercy, O LORD, and Your steadfast love,**

*To fear the Lord means to have a great trust and respect for Him. Whom will the Lord bless who fear Him?*

**Kyrie** LSB 152

**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C Amen.**

### Prayer of the Day

- P Let us pray.  
O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength.
- C **By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul;**
- P through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C **Amen.**

*Why do we need God's help?*

### Old Testament Reading Genesis 17:1–7, 15–16

<sup>1</sup>When Abram was ninety-nine years old the LORD appeared to Abram and said to him, “I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless, <sup>2</sup>that I may make my covenant between me and you, and may multiply you greatly.” <sup>3</sup>Then Abram fell on his face. And God said to him, <sup>4</sup>“Behold, my covenant is with you, and you shall be the father of a multitude of nations. <sup>5</sup>No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham, for I have made you the father of a multitude of nations. <sup>6</sup>I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make you into nations, and kings shall come from you. <sup>7</sup>And I will establish my covenant between me and you and your offspring after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. . . . <sup>15</sup>And God said to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. <sup>16</sup>I will bless her, and moreover, I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall become nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.”

- L This is the Word of the Lord.                      C        **Thanks be to God.**

*Whose names were changed and what were the meanings of these new names?*

### Psalm

- P <sup>23</sup>You who fear the LORD, praise him!  
All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him,  
and stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!
- C <sup>24</sup>**For he has not despised or abhorred  
the affliction of the afflicted,  
and he has not hidden his face from him,  
but has heard, when he cried to him.**
- P <sup>25</sup>From you comes my praise in the great congregation;  
my vows I will perform before those who fear him.

- C **26The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied;  
those who seek him shall praise the LORD!  
May your hearts live forever!**
- P <sup>27</sup>All the ends of the earth shall remember  
and turn to the LORD,  
and all the families of the nations  
shall worship before you.
- C **28For kingship belongs to the LORD,  
and he rules over the nations.**
- P <sup>29</sup>All the prosperous of the earth eat and worship;  
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust,  
even the one who could not keep himself alive.
- C **30Posterity shall serve him;  
it shall be told of the Lord to the coming generation;**
- P <sup>31</sup>they shall come and proclaim his righteousness to a people yet unborn,  
that he has done it.

*Whom does the Lord help?*

**Epistle Romans 5:1–11**

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>2</sup>Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. <sup>3</sup>More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, <sup>4</sup>and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup>and hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. <sup>6</sup>For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup>For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— <sup>8</sup>but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. <sup>9</sup>Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. <sup>10</sup>For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. <sup>11</sup>More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*Reconcile means to be “made friends again.” Who were made friends again and how?*

**Alleluia and Verse (Lent) LSB 157**

**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.**

**Holy Gospel Mark 8:27–38**

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the eighth chapter.

**C Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>27</sup>And Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi. And on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” <sup>28</sup>And they told him, “John the Baptist; and others say, Elijah; and others, one of the prophets.” <sup>29</sup>And he asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Christ.” <sup>30</sup>And he strictly charged them to tell no one about him. <sup>31</sup>And he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again. <sup>32</sup>And he said this plainly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. <sup>33</sup>But turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.” <sup>34</sup>And he called to him the crowd with his disciples and said to them, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. <sup>35</sup>For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel’s will save it. <sup>36</sup>For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? <sup>37</sup>For what can a man give in return for his life? <sup>38</sup>For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C Praise to You, O Christ.**

*Who do you say Jesus is?*

*Highlight the words and phrase that describe the benefit of following Jesus.*

**Hymn of the Day “Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart” *LSB 708***

1 Lord, Thee I love with all my heart;  
I pray Thee, ne’er from me depart,  
With tender mercy cheer me.  
Earth has no pleasure I would share.  
Yea, heav’n itself were void and bare  
If Thou, Lord, wert not near me.  
And should my heart for sorrow break,  
My trust in Thee can nothing shake.  
Thou art the portion I have sought;  
Thy precious blood my soul has bought.  
Lord Jesus Christ, my God and Lord, my God and Lord,  
Forsake me not! I trust Thy Word.

2     Yea, Lord, 'twas Thy rich bounty gave  
      My body, soul, and all I have  
          In this poor life of labor.  
      Lord, grant that I in ev'ry place  
      May glorify Thy lavish grace  
          And help and serve my neighbor.  
      Let no false doctrine me beguile;  
      Let Satan not my soul defile.  
          Give strength and patience unto me  
          To bear my cross and follow Thee.  
      Lord Jesus Christ, my God and Lord, my God and Lord,  
      In death Thy comfort still afford.

3     Lord, let at last Thine angels come,  
      To Abr'ham's bosom bear me home,  
          That I may die unfearing;  
      And in its narrow chamber keep  
      My body safe in peaceful sleep  
          Until Thy reappearing.  
      And then from death awaken me,  
      That these mine eyes with joy may see,  
          O Son of God, Thy glorious face,  
          My Savior and my fount of grace.  
      Lord Jesus Christ, my prayer attend, my prayer attend,  
      And I will praise Thee without end.

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### **Sermon** *"It's Good Yet Hard to Know Jesus" Mark 8:27-38*

#### Introduction:

Jesus was no stranger to the disciples. They had been with Him for a while. The question that He proposed to them may not be all that strange or out of the blue. "Who do people say that I am?"

#### I. We know who the Christ is

The disciples responded with some very Biblical answers. They mention John the Baptist, Elijah or one of the other prophets. Some of the people believed that these men had come back to life or in the case of Elijah, return from heaven.

It shows to us that many who observed Jesus thought of Him as a man of God. They were not yet ready to call Him the Christ.

Now the disciples were, especially Peter. He makes this bold confess, "You are the Christ."

Peter is saying that Jesus is the Messiah. Jesus commended him on this insight.

Yet, Peter didn't know Jesus as well as he thought. When Jesus begins to describe how He would suffer, die and rise again, Peter rebukes Him. To this, Jesus rebukes Peter.

You and I have the fortune of living after the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. We know what it means for Him to suffer and die. It means our sins are paid for and we have God's forgiveness. We know what it means for Christ to have risen from the dead. It means we too shall rise and live with Christ forever.

We have the benefit of seeing the whole picture of the salvation Christ has won for us. Yet, this doesn't necessarily make easy for us to follow Him.

## II. We know what it means to follow Him

Christ has granted us the wisdom to understand why it is important to pick up our cross and follow Him. It means we believe and trust in Him to guide us through this life and lead us to glory of Heaven.

It means that we deny ourselves. We put no trust in ourselves to pay for our sins or to save ourselves from the coming wrath of God. Christ has done that for us. He gets the glory which our sinful flesh is not so willing to give up.

Our sinful flesh is not willing to give up much what it desires. We want friendships and so are tempted to follow them rather than Christ. We have our pride, our dignity, our principles and our preferences, all which can interfere with our faith in Christ. We are not willing to deny ourselves and can be tempted away from Christ. We can lose our life when we act like the world and want to look good in the sight of the world.

I am not just talking about power, wealth and prestige. I am talking about what we are willing to give up according to our faith in Christ in order to receive glory and honor from the world.

Taking up the cross of Jesus can mean that we will lose friends, family members, especially those who turn away from Christ to follow the ways of the world. The cross that we bear is also having the knowledge of salvation and the life Christ has given us and to suffer the pain and agony when we see others throwing it away.

The cross that we bear for believing in Jesus as the Christ is to suffer the rejection of others, the ridicule of being a Christian and for some even death at the hands of this world.

Yet, we know that these things do not matter. All of them are temporal. What is eternal and life giving is what Christ has offered and given to us.

So, by the strength which the Holy Spirit gives us through the Word, and the forgiveness of sin which Christ seals within our hearts, we call on Christ to forgive us our weaknesses, our

hesitations and our unwillingness at times to deny ourselves and pick up our crosses.

We do so knowing that He will forgive and strengthen so that we may boldly, as Peter did confess, Jesus is the Christ.

Conclusion:

We have been blessed in knowing who Jesus is and what He has done for us. This is a gift from God. We pray that God the Holy Spirit will subdue our sinful nature which makes it hard to follow Christ in this world and deliver us to our final glory where we will give Jesus all the glory.

T AMEN T

### Nicene Creed

**C I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,**

**and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life T of the world to come. Amen.**

**Prayer of the Church**

- P Let us pray for the Church here and around the world and for all people in their various circumstances.  
For the Church around the world, all people who join Peter in professing that Jesus is the Christ, that they trust God's purpose for their lives, take up their crosses, and follow, let us pray to the Lord.
- C **Lord, have mercy.**
- P For all who spend their lives serving the physical, mental, social, and emotional needs of the people around them, that God bless and guide them according to His gracious purpose, let us pray to the Lord.
- C **Lord, have mercy.**
- P For professional counselors and private confidants who alleviate suffering, enable endurance, support character, and encourage hope, that they serve as conduits for God's purposes in the lives of their patients, family, and friends, let us pray to the Lord.
- C **Lord, have mercy.**
- P For those who lead the governments of the world, that they find purpose in their positions, using every means to increase harvests, combat global health crises, minimize conflict between nations, and ensure equal justice for all their citizens, let us pray to the Lord.
- C **Lord, have mercy.**
- P For those near and dear to us, [*especially . . .*], that God bring about the healing, comfort, freedom, and dignity for which they send requests to our gracious Lord, let us pray to the Lord.
- C **Lord, have mercy.**
- P These and any other things You would have us ask of You, heavenly Father, grant to us for the sake of the bitter sufferings and death of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, in whose name we pray.
- C **Amen.**

**Offertory LSB 159**

- C **What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?  
I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord.  
I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord.  
I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people,  
in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.**

**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.**

**Hymn** “Children of the Heavenly Father” *LSB 725*

- 1 Children of the heav’nly Father  
Safely in His bosom gather;  
Nestling bird nor star in heaven  
Such a refuge e’er was given.
- 2 God His own doth tend and nourish;  
In His holy courts they flourish.  
From all evil things He spares them;  
In His mighty arms He bears them.
- 3 Neither life nor death shall ever  
From the Lord His children sever;  
Unto them His grace He showeth,  
And their sorrows all He knoweth.
- 4 Though He giveth or He taketh,  
God His children ne’er forsaketh;  
His the loving purpose solely  
To preserve them pure and holy.

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**Nunc Dimittis** *LSB 165*

- C Lord, now You let Your servant go in peace; Your word has been fulfilled.  
My own eyes have seen the salvation which You have prepared in the sight of  
ev’ry people:  
A light to reveal You to the nations and the glory of Your people Israel.  
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.**

**Benediction** *LSB 166*

- P The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and T give you peace.**

## C Amen.

### **Closing Hymn** "Come, Follow Me," the Savior Spake"LSB 688

- 1 "Come, follow Me," the Savior spake,  
"All in My way abiding;  
Deny yourselves, the world forsake,  
Obey My call and guiding.  
O bear the cross, whate'er betide,  
Take My example for your guide.
  
- 2 "I am the light, I light the way,  
A godly life displaying;  
I bid you walk as in the day;  
I keep your feet from straying.  
I am the way, and well I show  
How you must sojourn here below.
  
- 3 "My heart abounds in lowliness,  
My soul with love is glowing;  
And gracious words My lips express,  
With meekness overflowing.  
My heart, My mind, My strength, My all,  
To God I yield, on Him I call.
  
- 4 "I teach you how to shun and flee  
What harms your soul's salvation,  
Your heart from ev'ry guile to free,  
From sin and its temptation.  
I am the refuge of the soul  
And lead you to your heav'nly goal."
  
- 5 Then let us follow Christ, our Lord,  
And take the cross appointed  
And, firmly clinging to His Word,  
In suff'ring be undaunted.  
For those who bear the battle's strain  
The crown of heav'nly life obtain.

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**Coloring Page** *“Take Up Your Cross”*

