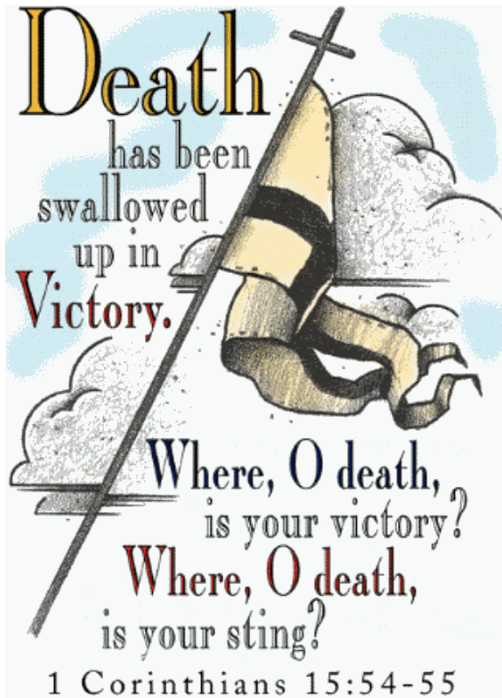


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THE ORDER OF SERVICE

HYMN 149: Come to Calv'ry's Holy Mountain

1 Come to Calv'ry's holy mountain,
Sinners, ruined by the Fall;
Here a pure and healing fountain
Flows to you, to me, to all,
In a full, perpetual tide,
Opened when our Savior died.

2 Come in poverty and meanness,
Come defiled, without, within;
From infection and uncleanness,
From the leprosy of sin,
Wash your robes and make them white;
Ye shall walk with God in light.

3 Come in sorrow and contrition,
Wounded, impotent, and blind;
Here the guilty free remission,
Here the troubled peace, may find.
Health this fountain will restore;
He that drinks shall thirst no more.

4 He that drinks shall live forever;
'Tis a soul-renewing flood.
God is faithful; God will never
Break His covenant of blood,
Signed when our Redeemer died,
Sealed when He was glorified.

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

Congr.: **Amen.**

Pastor: Make haste, O God to deliver me.

Congr.: **Make haste to help me, O Lord.**

Pastor: The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit.

Congr.: **A broken and a contrite heart, O God, You will not despise.
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.**

The Responsive Reading Psalm 73:21-26

²¹ Thus my heart was grieved,

And I was vexed in my mind.

²² I *was* so foolish and ignorant;

I was *like* a beast before You.

²³ Nevertheless I *am* continually with You;

You hold *me* by my right hand.

²⁴ You will guide me with Your counsel,

And afterward receive me to glory.

²⁵ Whom have I in heaven *but You*?

And *there is none upon earth that I desire besides You.*

²⁶ My flesh and my heart fail;

But God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Congr.: And also with you.

Pastor: The Collect Congr.: **Amen.**

THE PASSION HISTORY: Peter Denies Jesus (p. 189-190)

Pastor: Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

THE CONFESSION OF FAITH: Luther's Explanation to
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 with 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 143:1-5 O Dearest Jesus, What Law Hast Thou Broken

1 O dearest Jesus, what law hast Thou broken
That such sharp sentence should on Thee be spoken?
Of what great crime hast Thou to make confession--
What dark transgression?

2 They crown Thy head with thorns, they smite, they scourge Thee;
With cruel mockings to the cross they urge Thee;
They give Thee gall to drink, they still decry Thee;
They crucify Thee.

3 Whence come these sorrows, whence this mortal anguish?
It is my sins for which Thou, Lord, must languish;
Yea, all the wrath, the woe, Thou dost inherit,
This I do merit.

4 What punishment so strange is suffered yonder!
The Shepherd dies for sheep that loved to wander;
The Master pays the debt His servants owe Him,
Who would not know Him.

5 The sinless Son of God must die in sadness;
The sinful child of man may live in gladness;
Man forfeited his life and is acquitted--
God is committed.

SERMON: IT'S ALL ABOUT REDEMPTION!

Theme: He Saved Me from Death!

Text: Romans 6:23

For the wages of sin *is* death, but the gift of God *is* eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. (NKJV)

PRAYER, LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN 151:1,2,6,7 Christ the Life of All the Living

1 Christ, the Life of all the living,
Christ, the Death of death, our foe,
Who, Thyself for me once giving
To the darkest depths of woe,--
Thro' Thy suff'rings, death, and merit
I eternal life inherit:
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,

Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

2 Thou, ah! Thou, hast taken on Thee
Bonds and stripes, a cruel rod;
Pain and scorn were heaped upon Thee,
O Thou sinless Son of God!
Thus didst Thou my soul deliver
From the bonds of sin forever.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

6 Thou hast suffered great affliction
And hast borne it patiently,
Even death by crucifixion,
Fully to atone for me;
Thou didst choose to be tormented
That my doom should be prevented.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

7 Then, for all that wrought my pardon,
For Thy sorrows deep and sore,
For Thine anguish in the Garden,
I will thank Thee evermore,
Thank Thee for Thy groaning, sighing,
For Thy bleeding and Thy dying,
For that last triumphant cry,
And shall praise Thee, Lord, on high.

THE BENEDICTION: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy
Spirit be with you all.
Congr.: **Amen**

HYMN 551:1-2 Sun of My Soul, Thou Savior Dear

1 Sun of my soul, Thou Savior dear,
It is not night if Thou be near.
Oh, may no earth-born cloud arise
To hide Thee from Thy servant's eyes.

2 When the soft dews of kindly sleep
My wearied eyelids gently steep,
Be my last thought how sweet to rest

Forever on my Savior's breast.

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February 17: Text: Romans 5:12, 18

Theme: He has Redeemed Me, a Lost and Condemned Person

Responsive Reading: Psalm 51:1-12

Passion Lesson: The Passover (p. 170-172)

Hymns: 140:1,4,5; 369:1,4,5; 163:1-4; 313:1

February 24: Text: Titus 2:13,14

Theme: He Purchased and Won Me

Responsive Reading: Psalm 130

Passion Lesson: Lord's Supper Instituted (p. 174-175, 183)

Hymns 351; 153; 158; 558:1-4

March 3: Text: 1 John 1:7-9

Theme: He Set Me Free from All Sin

Responsive Reading: Psalm, 103:1-14

Passion Lesson: Judas Betrays Jesus (p.185-186)

Hymns: 156; 342; 157; 653

March 10: Text: Romans 6:23

Theme: He Saved Me from Death

Responsive Reading: Psalm 73:21-26

Passion Lesson: Peter's Denial (p.189-190)

Hymns: 149; 143:1-5; 151:1,2,6,7; 551:1,2

March 17: Text: Genesis 3:15

Theme: He Saved Me from the Devil's Power

Responsive Reading: Psalm 2

Passion Lesson: Trial Before Herod, Barabbas (p.192-194)

March 24: Text: 1 John 3:1

Theme: He Made Me His Own Forever

Responsive Reading: Psalm 23

Passion Lesson: Jesus Is Crucified (p.196-197)

April 1: Text: 1 Corinthians 11:23-29

Theme: He Gave His Body and Blood for Me

Responsive Reading: Psalm 32

Passion Lesson: Dying Thief, Three Dark Hours (p. 198-199)

April 2: Text: 1 Peter 1:18-21a

Theme: He Redeemed Me Through His Innocent Sufferings and Death!

Responsive Reading: Psalm 22:1-19

Passion Lesson: Jesus' Death and Burial (p.199-201)