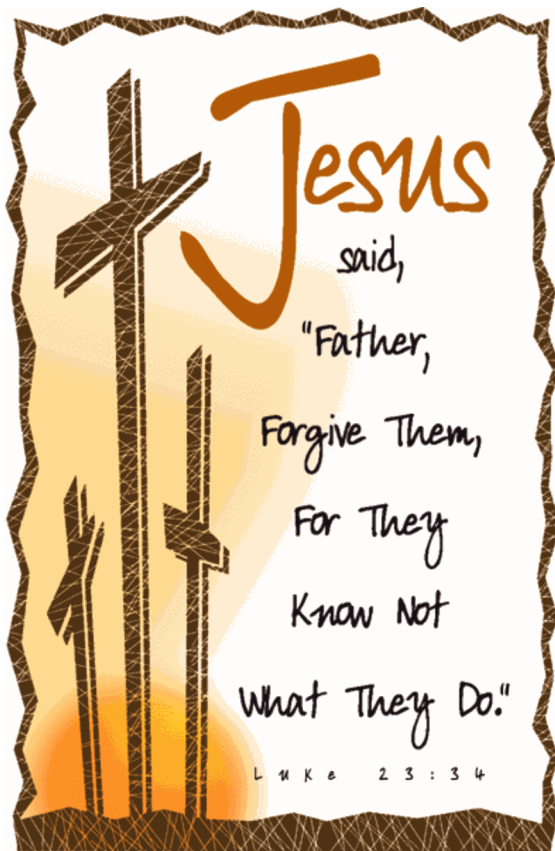


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THE ORDER OF SERVICE

HYMN 155: Sweet the Moments, Rich in Blessing

1 Sweet the moments, rich in blessing, Which before the cross we spend.
Life and health and peace possessing From the sinner's dying Friend.

2 Here we rest in wonder, viewing All our sins on Jesus laid;
Here we see redemption flowing From the sacrifice He made.

3 Here we find the dawn of heaven While upon the cross we gaze,
See our trespasses forgiven, And our songs of triumph raise.

4 Oh, that, near the cross abiding, We may to the Savior cleave,
Naught with Him our hearts dividing, All for Him content to leave!

5 Lord, in loving contemplation Fix our hearts and eyes on Thee
Till we taste Thy full salvation And Thine unveiled glory see.

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 23

The LORD is my shepherd;

I shall not want.

²He makes me to lie down in green pastures;

He leads me beside the still waters.

³He restores my soul;

He leads me in the paths of righteousness For His name's sake.

⁴ Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil;

For You are with me;

Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.

⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

You anoint my head with oil;

My cup runs over.

⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me

All the days of my life;

And I will dwell in the house of the LORD Forever.

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Congr.: And also with you.

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

THE PASSION HISTORY: Jesus Is Crucified (p. 195-197)

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 154 Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed

1 Alas! and did my Savior bleed,
And did my Sov'reign die?
Would He devote that sacred head
For such a worm as I?

2 Was it for crimes that I had done
He groaned upon the tree?
Amazing pity, grace unknown,

And love beyond degree!
3 Well might the sun in darkness hide
And shut his glories in
When God, the mighty Maker, died
For man the creature's sin.

4 Thus might I hide my blushing face
While His dear cross appears,
Dissolve my heart in thankfulness,
And melt mine eyes in tears.

5 But drops of grief can ne'er repay
The debt of love I owe;
Here, Lord, I give myself away,
'Tis all that I can do.

SERMON: IT'S ALL ABOUT REDEMPTION!

Theme: He Made Me His Own Forever

Text: 1 John3:1-3

Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God! Therefore the world does not know us, because it did not know Him. ²Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. ³And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.

(NKJV)

PRAYER, LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN 353:1-3,6

1 Lord Jesus Christ, My Savior blest,
My Hope and my Salvation! I trust in Thee;
Deliver me From misery;
Thy Word's my consolation.

2 As Thou dost will, Lead Thou me still
That I may truly serve Thee, My God, I pray,
Teach me Thy way, To my last day
In Thy true faith preserve me.

3 Most heartily I trust in Thee;
Thy mercy fails me never. Dear Lord, abide;

My Helper tried, Thou Crucified, From evil keep me ever.

6 I have Thy Word, Christ Jesus, Lord;
Thou never wilt forsake me. This will I plead
In time of need. Oh, help me speed
When troubles overtake me!

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 554:1,5,6 Now Rest Beneath Night's Shadows

1 Now rest beneath night's shadow
The woodland, field, and meadow,
The world in slumber lies;
But thou, my heart, awake thee,
To prayer and song betake thee;
Let praise to thy Creator rise.

5 Lord Jesus, who dost love me,
Oh, spread Thy wings above me
And shield me from alarm!
Though evil would assail me,
Thy mercy will not fail me;
I rest in Thy protecting arm.

6 My loved ones, rest securely,
For God this night will surely
From peril guard your heads.
Sweet slumbers may He send you
And bid His hosts attend you
And through the night watch o'er your beds.

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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)
Hymns: 145; 141; 159; 552: 1,6,8

March 24: Text: 1 John 3:1
Theme: He Made Me His Own Forever
Responsive Reading: Psalm 23
Passion Lesson: Jesus Is Crucified (p.195-197)
Hymns: 155; 154; 353:1-3,6 554:1,5,6

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)