



CALL TO WORSHIP:

P: We begin this solemn observance of Jesus' death on the cross in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

P: "This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds," he also adds, "I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more." Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin. (Jeremiah 31:34)

RESPONSE:

(O sacred Head CW 105)

♪ **O sacred head, now wounded,
with grief and shame weighed down,
now scornfully surrounded
with thorns, your only crown;
O sacred head, no glory,
Now from your face does shine;
Yet, though despised and gory,
I joy to call you mine.**

P: Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. (Hebrews 10:19-22)

RESPONSE:

♪ **My burden in your passion,
Lord, you have borne for me.
For it was my transgression,
my shame, on Calvary.
I cast me down before you;
wrath is my rightful lot.
Have mercy, I implore you;
Redeemer, spurn me not!**

P: Let us pray,

C: O Lord Jesus Christ, come to us now as we remember your Passion, the Passion that was ordained before time. We give you thanks, for while knowing what our salvation would entail in terms of your personal suffering, you still spoke the Word and brought into being all of creation. Grant that we may live our lives in the assurance that you love each of us eternally. Amen.

FIRST LESSON - Isaiah 52:13 - 53:12

¹³ See, my servant will act wisely; he will be raised and lifted up and highly exalted. ¹⁴ Just as there were many who were appalled at him— his appearance was so disfigured beyond that of any man and his form marred beyond human likeness— ¹⁵ so will he sprinkle many nations, and kings will shut their mouths because of him. For what they were not told, they will see, and what they have not heard, they will understand. Who has believed our message and to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? ² He grew up before him like a tender shoot, and like a root out of dry ground. He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him. ³ He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering. Like one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. ⁴ Surely he took up our

infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted. ⁵ But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed. ⁶ We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. ⁷ He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; he was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. ⁸ By oppression and judgment he was taken away. And who can speak of his descendants? For he was cut off from the land of the living; for the transgression of my people he was stricken. ⁹ He was assigned a grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death, though he had done no violence, nor was any deceit in his mouth. ¹⁰ Yet it was the LORD's will to crush him and cause him to suffer, and though the LORD makes his life a guilt offering, he will see his offspring and prolong his days, and the will of the LORD will prosper in his hand. ¹¹ After the suffering of his soul, he will see the light of life and be satisfied; by his knowledge my righteous servant will justify many, and he will bear their iniquities. ¹² Therefore I will give him a portion among the great, and he will divide the spoils with the strong, because he poured out his life unto death, and was numbered with the transgressors. For he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

(O Darkest Woe 137)

**♪ O darkest woe! O tears, forth flow!
Has earth so sad a wonder?
God the Father's only Son
Now is buried yonder.**

GOSPEL - John 19:17-30

¹⁷ Carrying his own cross, he went out to the place of the Skull (which in Aramaic is called Golgotha). ¹⁸ Here they crucified him, and with him two others—one on each side and Jesus in the middle. ¹⁹ Pilate had a notice prepared and fastened to the cross. It read: JESUS OF NAZARETH, THE KING OF THE JEWS. ²⁰ Many of the Jews read this sign, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and the sign was written in Aramaic, Latin and Greek. ²¹ The chief priests of the Jews protested to Pilate, "Do not write 'The King of the Jews,' but that this man claimed to be king of the Jews."²² Pilate answered, "What I have written, I have written."²³ When the soldiers crucified Jesus, they took his clothes, dividing them into four shares, one for each of them, with the undergarment remaining. This

garment was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom.²⁴ “Let’s not tear it,” they said to one another. “Let’s decide by lot who will get it.” This happened that the scripture might be fulfilled which said, “They divided my garments among them and cast lots for my clothing.” So this is what the soldiers did.²⁵ Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother, his mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. ²⁶ When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, “Dear woman, here is your son,” ²⁷ and to the disciple, “Here is your mother.” From that time on, this disciple took her into his home. ²⁸ Later, knowing that all was now completed, and so that the Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, “I am thirsty.” ²⁹ A jar of wine vinegar was there, so they soaked a sponge in it, put the sponge on a stalk of the hyssop plant, and lifted it to Jesus’ lips. ³⁰ When he had received the drink, Jesus said, “It is finished.” With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

**♪ O sorrow dread!
God’s Son is dead!
But by His expiation
Of our guilt upon the cross
Gained for us salvation.**

**Lo, stained with blood,
the Lamb of God
The Bridegroom lies before you,
Pouring out his life that he
May to life restore you.**

SERMON: “DELIVER US FROM EVIL—IT IS FINISHED!”

CONFESSION

Pastor: God has said, "You shall be holy, for I am holy." (Lev 11:44)

C: If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:9)

Pastor: A broken and contrite heart God will not despise. Let us confess our sinful natures. (Psalm 51:17)

All: Most gracious Lord, we are sinful by our very natures. We are altogether corrupt from birth, and deserve nothing from you.

By nature we are objects of your anger. (Ps. 52:5; Ephesians 2:3)

P: All our righteousness is like a filthy rag before God. Let us confess our sinful actions toward God and each other. (Isaiah 64:6)

C: We acknowledge our many sins. We have placed ourselves above you by the choices we make. We have wandered away from your care. We have lived selfishly, not always caring for those around us.

P: Return to the LORD, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and relents from punishing. (Exodus 34:6)

C: Create in me a clean heart O God, and renew a right spirit within me. (Psalm 51:10)

P: Your sins have been forgiven, in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit. I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. (Romans 12:1)

C: Grant that from this time forward we may live to worship you and love our neighbor, so that you may be glorified.

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

P: We have confessed before God and each other that we are a needy people. We have confessed that we have failed, and forgotten God. And yet we have heard that God has remembered us! Christ our Lord has invited to His table all who have confessed their sins, and who desire to have Christ formed in them. Let us give thanks together that God has remembered us, and yet has forgotten our sins!

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: What do these words mean?

Congregation: With these words Jesus promises to give his Christians on earth the surest proof that their sins are forgiven. Together with the bread and the wine in the Lord's Supper, Jesus, by his almighty word tells us we are receiving his true body and blood, the same body which hung on the cross as

payment for our sins, the same blood shed on the cross to wash away our iniquities.

DISTRIBUTION:

Our Communion Practices:

Close Communion: Guided by God's word we believe that the Lord's Supper is an expression of faith and confession. We therefore we ask that only members of the WELS or her sister synods would commune with us. If you have any questions please talk to the pastor.

Receiving the Bread/Wine: Please offer your open hand so that the elder may place the bread into your palm.

Children Welcome: You're invited to bring your children forward with you for a special blessing. This is a personal time of communing with God and strengthening the bond of faith between you and your children.

DEPARTING PRAYER (in unison)

P: Let us pray

C: Heavenly Father, you have nourished us with the body and the blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. Fill us with your Spirit and make us one in peace and love. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

BENEDICTION

In respect for the death of our Lord,
please leave the sanctuary in silence.