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OUR LORD'S SEVEN WORDS FROM THE CROSS

A Word of Intercession and Forgiveness: Luke 23:33-34

And when they had come to the place called Calvary, there they crucified Him, and the criminals, one on the right hand and the other on the left. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do." And they divided His garments and cast lots.

Hymns: TLH 140, st. 1-5; WS 777; TLH 180; TLH 653 st. 1-3

February 22, 2012 (Pastor John Hein)

A Word of Absolution and Salvation: Luke 23:39-43

Then one of the criminals who were hanged blasphemed Him, saying, "If You are the Christ, save Yourself and us." But the other, answering, rebuked him, saying, "Do you not even fear God, seeing you are under the same condemnation? "And we indeed justly, for we receive the due reward of our deeds; but this Man has done nothing wrong." Then he said to Jesus, "Lord, remember me when You come into Your kingdom." And Jesus said to him, "Assuredly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise."

Hymns: TLH 148 st. 1-6; TLH 142 st. 1,5-6; TLH 181; TLH 551 st. 1,3,6

February 29, 2012 (Pastor David Schierenbeck)

A Word of Deep Spiritual Anguish: Matthew 27:45-47

Now from the sixth hour until the ninth hour there was darkness over all the land. And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?" that is, "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?" Some of those who stood there, when they heard that, said, "This Man is calling for Elijah!"

Hymns: TLH 143 st. 1-5; TLH 174; TLH 183; TLH 552 st. 1,6-8

March 7, 2012 (Pastor John Hein)

A Word of Remembrance and Affection: John 19:25-27

Now there stood by the cross of Jesus His mother, and His mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus therefore saw His mother, and the disciple whom He loved standing by, He said to His mother, "Woman, behold your son!" Then He said to the disciple, "Behold your mother!" And from that hour that disciple took her to his own home.

Hymns: TLH 358; TLH 154; TLH 182; TLH 554 st. 5-6

March 14, 2012 (Pastor David Baker)

A Word of Atonement and Victory: John 19:30

So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished!" And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit.

Hymns: TLH 170; TLH 153; TLH 185; TLH 565

March 21, 2012 (Rev. Daniel Fleischer)

A Word of Physical Suffering: John 19:28-29

After this, Jesus, knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the Scripture might be fulfilled, said, "I thirst!" Now a vessel full of sour wine was sitting there; and they filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on hyssop, and put it to His mouth.

Hymns: TLH 149; TLH 151 st. 1-2, 6-7; TLH 184; TLH 558

March 28, 2012 (Rev. Paul Voss)

A Word of Faith-Confidence and Hope: Luke 23:46

And when Jesus had cried out with a loud voice, He said, "Father, 'into Your hands I commit My spirit.'" Having said this, He breathed His last.

Good Friday - April 6, 2012 (Pastor John Hein)



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ORDER OF MIDWEEK LENTEN WORSHIP

Hymn:

Opening Liturgy:Based on the Seven Words

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

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sins before our Savior, Jesus Christ, the One who has redeemed us ...

Dear Heavenly Father, we ask You to look on us with compassion. We confess our many sins to You and ask You to forgive us for Jesus' sake, even as He interceded for us from the cross ...

C: "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing."

P: We are ashamed of our past lawlessness and we realize that we deserve nothing but punishment. According to Your mercy forgive us, as You did the repentant thief who died with Your Son. Speak to our hearts with the words Your dear Son spoke to him ...

C: "I tell you the truth, today you will be with Me in Paradise."

P: Provide, O Lord, for our earthly needs, as even in Your most bitter agony You provided for Your dear mother ...

C: "Dear woman, here is your son ..."

P: We thank and praise You, Dear Savior, that You suffered hell for us and in our place. Now we need never fear the separation from God that You had to suffer ...

C: "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?"

P: Send, we pray, the Holy Spirit into our hearts to strengthen our faith. Grant us a longing and a thirst for Your Words of Life ...

C: "I am thirsty."

P: Grant that we never try to do for ourselves what only Your Son could do for us. We acknowledge that our salvation is complete in Jesus' suffering and death, and that our own works can earn us nothing. The debt has been paid in full ...

C: "It is finished!"

P: Finally, Dear Father, take us from this day forward and make us Your own in all things. We are Your servants, with our dying breath may we pray as did Your Son ...

C: "Father, into Your hands I commit My spirit."

Sing [♫]: Thou knowest all my griefs and fears,
Thy grace abused, my misspent years.
Yet now to Thee with contrite tears, Christ Crucified, I come.
Wash me and take away each stain,
Let nothing of my sin remain.
For cleansing, though it be through pain, Christ Crucified, I come.
Drawn to the Cross, which Thou hast blest
With healing gifts for souls distressed,
To find in Thee my life, my rest, Christ Crucified, I come. (TLH 390)

P: Through Christ's atoning blood, we have peace with God! Be of good cheer. Your sins are forgiven! As the Scripture says, "Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven, and whose sins are covered." Amen!

Sing [♫]: Jesus, be endless praise to Thee,
Whose boundless mercy hath for me,
For me, and all Thy hands have made,
An everlasting ransom paid. (TLH 371)

The Passion Reading:A Harmony of the Gospels (Beck)

Confession of Faith:Luther's Explanation to the 2nd 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 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:

Sermon:Our Lord's Seven Words From the Cross

Note: See back of bulletin for text and themes

Response:TLH 177: Our Blessed Savior Seven Times Spoke

**Sing [♫]: Our bless-ed Savior sev'n times spoke
When on the cross our sins He took
And died lest man should perish.
Let us His last and dying words
In our remembrance cherish.
O Jesus Christ, Thou Crucified,
Who hast for our offenses died,
Grant that we e'er may ponder
Thy wounds, Thy cross, Thy bitter death,
Both here below and yonder. Amen. (TLH 177)**



Hymn:

Offering, Prayer, & Lord's Prayer:

Holy Communion (Ash Wednesday):

Benediction (by Pastor or Choir):

Closing Hymn:

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