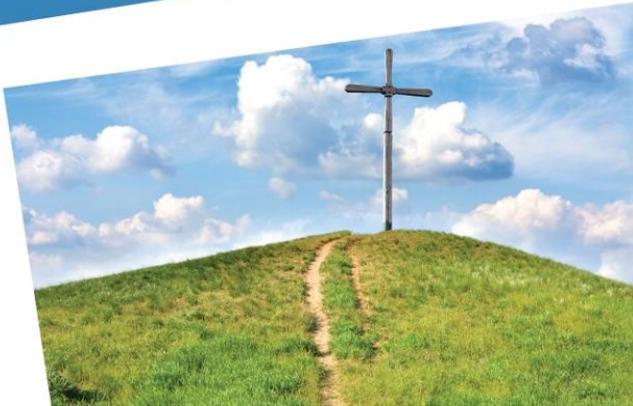


CROSS PURPOSES

CELEBRATE
LENT AND
HOLY WEEK



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11am & 7:00 p.m. in-person
7:00 p.m. Facebook Live

In our worship this Lent we recognize and reflect upon God's purposes as we stand at the foot of the cross. In Week 2 we remember that heaven crossed the path of earth on Mount Calvary, becoming a cross road for us that changed the direction of our lives forever.

Pre-Service Music ♪
Ringing of the Bells
Welcome

♪ Opening Hymn: "Drawn To The Cross, Which Thou Hast Blessed" ---LSB #560

1 Drawn to the cross, which Thou hast
Blessed With healing gifts for souls
distressed, To find in Thee my life, my
rest, Christ crucified, I come.

2 Thou knowest all my griefs and fears,
Thy grace abused, my misspent
years; Yet now to Thee with contrite
tears, Christ crucified, I come.

3 Wash me and take away each stain;
Let nothing of my sin remain.
For cleansing, though it be through
pain, Christ crucified, I come.

4 And then for work to do for Thee,
Which shall so sweet a service be
That angels well might envy me,
Christ crucified, I come.

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

C Amen.

P Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!

C For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

P Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

C Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

The Old Testament Reading

Numbers 21:4-9

From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom. And the people became impatient on the way. And the people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we loathe this worthless food." Then the Lord sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. And the people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned, for we have spoken against the Lord and against you. Pray to the Lord, that he take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. And the Lord said to Moses, "Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live." So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

The Epistle Reading

Romans 3:21-25

But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it—the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Reading

John 3:14-17

And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

♪ Sermon Hymn: "God Loved The World So That He Gave"

---LSB #571

1 God loved the world
so that He gave
His only Son the lost
to save, That all who
would in Him believe
Should everlasting life
receive.

2 Christ Jesus is the
ground of faith,
Who was made flesh
and suffered death;
All then who trust in
Him alone Are built
on this chief
cornerstone.

3 God would not have
the sinner die;
His Son with saving
grace is nigh;
His Spirit in the Word
declares How we in
Christ are heaven's
heirs.

**4 Be of good cheer, for
God's own Son
Forgives all sins which
you have done;
And, justified by Jesus'
blood, Your Baptism
grants the highest good.**

**5 If you are sick, if death
is near,
This truth your
troubled heart can
cheer: Christ Jesus
saves your soul from
death; That is the
firmest ground of faith.**

**△ 6 Glory to God the Father,
Son, And Holy Spirit,
Three in One!
To You, O blessed
Trinity, Be praise now
and eternally!**
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Sermon: "Cross Road"

Rev. Marty Marks

Prayers

- P** As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness,
- C** **Jesus, Son of God and Son of Man, you were lifted up for us.**
- P** Son of God and Savior of the world, you were lifted up on the cross to suffer and die for us. As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness,
- C** **Jesus, Son of God and Son of Man, you were lifted up for us.**
- P** Son of God and Savior of the world, teach us to turn to you in repentance and in you find healing from the poison of sin. As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness,
- C** **Jesus, Son of God and Son of Man, you were lifted up for us.**
- P** Son of God and Savior of the world, help us to lift up your cross before others so that they will come to believe and receive in you the gift of eternal life. As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness,
- C** **Jesus, Son of God and Son of Man, you were lifted up for us.**
- P** Amen.

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.**

The Closing Hymn: "Lord Jesus, Think On Me"

---LSB #610

- 1 Lord Jesus, think on
me And purge away
my sin; From worldly
passions set me free
And make me pure
within.**
- 2 Lord Jesus, think on
me, By anxious
thoughts oppressed;
Let me Your loving
servant be And taste
Your promised rest.**
- 3 Lord Jesus, think on
me Amid the battle's
strife; In all my pain
and misery, O be my
health and life!**
- 4 Lord Jesus, think on me
Nor let me go astray;
Through darkness and
Perplexity Point out
Your chosen way.**
- 5 Lord Jesus, think on me
That, when this life is past,
I may the_ eternal brightness see
And share Your joy at last.**

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Benediction
Silent Prayers
Announcements
Postlude

Today's Participants

Carolyn McQuillan & Jackie Hanson
March Altar Guild

Rev. Marty Marks, *Liturgist/Preacher*

Linda Conrad, *Organist*

C-J Motisi, *Pianist/Vocalist*

Doug Nelson & Ted Stone, *7:00 pm*
Sound/Slides/Videographer

Russ Peterson, Cody Allen
Rob Tiggelaar, Dan Lohmeier
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