

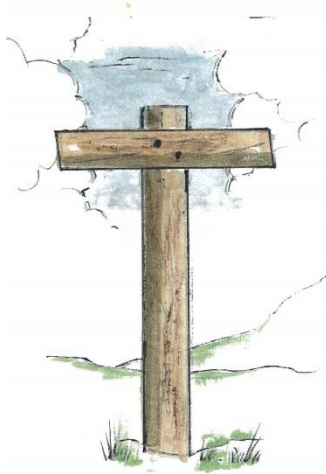
**GLORIA DE CRISTO LUTHERAN CHURCH  
"A COMMUNITY CHURCH IN THE FOOTHILLS"**

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**WORSHIP SERVICE  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1, 2023  
6:00 PM**

## **Lenten Worship**



*We welcome you to the worship of this community of faith. As we sing, pray and study God's word together may we strengthen each other's faith in the saving power of Jesus Christ. It is difficult to be a Christian by yourself.*

*Before the service, speak to God.  
During the service, let God speak to you  
After the service, speak to your neighbor.*

## **CALL TO WORSHIP**

L Now the LORD God had planted a garden in the east, in Eden; and there he put the man he had formed. And the LORD God made all kinds of trees grow out of the ground -- trees that were pleasing to the eye and good for food. In the middle of the garden were the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it.

**C And the LORD God said, "The man has now become like one of us, knowing good and evil. He must not be allowed to reach out his hand and take also from the tree of life and eat, and live forever." So the LORD God banished him from the Garden of Eden to work the ground from which he had been taken. After he drove the man out, he placed on the east side of the Garden of Eden cherubim and a flaming sword flashing back and forth to guard the way to the tree of life.**

L You know that when you were pagans, somehow or other you were influenced and led astray to mute idols. Therefore I tell you that no one who is speaking by the Spirit of God says, "Jesus be cursed," and no one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit. There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit.

**C He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes, I will give the right to eat from the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God.**

L In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.

**C One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: "Aren't you the Christ? Save yourself and us!" But the other criminal rebuked him. "Don't you fear God," he said, "since you are under the same sentence? We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." Jesus answered him, "I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in paradise."**

## What a Friend We Have in Jesus

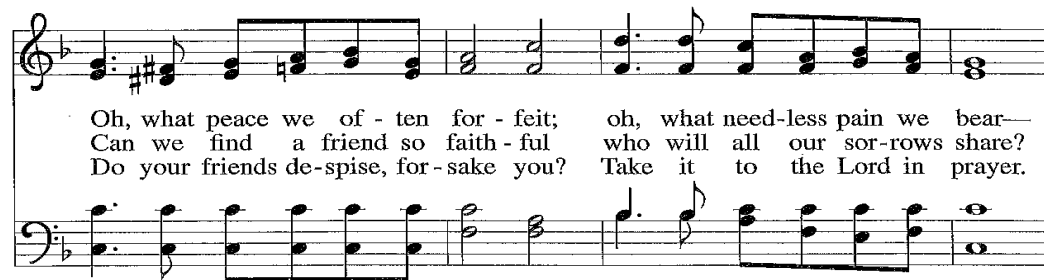
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1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!  
 2 Have we tri - als and temp-ta - tions? Is there trou-ble an - y-where?  
 3 Are we weak and heav-y - lad - en, cum-bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!  
 We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged— take it to the Lord in prayer.  
 Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge— take it to the Lord in prayer.



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; oh, what need-less pain we bear—  
 Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor-rows share?  
 Do your friends de-spise, for-sake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



all be-cause we do not car - ry ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!  
 Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness— take it to the Lord in prayer.  
 In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a so-lace there.

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L We confess our sins before God and one another.

*Pause for silence and reflection.*

L God of grace and mercy,

**C We admit to you, to ourselves, and to this community that we have caused harm to others through our actions and through our failure to act. Give us the humility to accept our failings and make things right where we can. Forgive us and help us to forgive ourselves.**

L Nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. In that love God forgives you all your sin, for the sake of our savior, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

**Prayer of the day *together we pray:***

**C Thank You, Father, for the inestimable gift of salvation that is given to all that trust in the name of the Lord. I thank You that the way into the paradise of God has been reopened through the shed blood of the Lord Jesus Christ, and my sins, past, present, and future, have all been forgiven simply because I trusted on the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. In His name I pray, AMEN.**

### GOSPEL: Luke 23: 43

<sup>43</sup> He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise."

P This is the Word of Truth.

**C Lord help us to understand.**

**Teaching:**                    *"Today You Will be with Me in Paradise"*        **Randy Zieman**

# When I Survey the Wondrous Cross 803

1 When I sur - ve y the won - drous cross on which the  
 2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the  
 3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and  
 4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were a

prince of glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I  
 death of Christ, my God; all the vain things that  
 love flow min - gled down. Did e'er such love and  
 pres - ent far too small; love so a - maz - ing,

count but loss and pour con - tempt on all my pride.  
 charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.  
 sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?  
 so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

## **THE OFFERING**

### **OFFERING PRAYER**

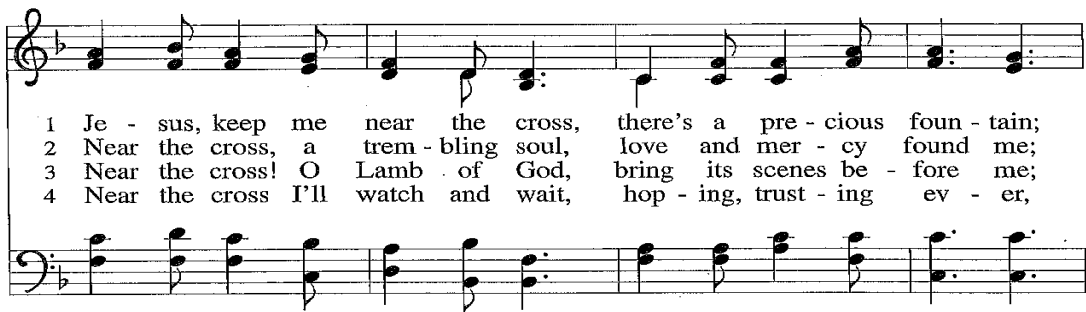
**C** Through these gifts, we offer ourselves, our time and our possessions that we might keep our eyes and ears fixed on you, Heavenly Father. Use these gifts to your glory. In Jesus name, Amen.

## **THE 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.

## Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

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1 Je - sus, keep me near the cross, there's a pre - cious foun - tain;  
 2 Near the cross, a trem - bling soul, love and mer - cy found me;  
 3 Near the cross! O Lamb - of God, bring its scenes be - fore me;  
 4 Near the cross I'll watch and wait, hop - ing, trust - ing ev - er,



free to all, a heal - ing stream flows from Cal - v'ry's moun - tain.  
 there the bright and morn - ing star sheds its beams a - round me.  
 help me walk from day - to day with its shad - ow o'er me.  
 till I reach the gold - en strand just be - yond the riv - er.

*Refrain*



In the cross, in the cross be my glo - ry ev - er;



till my ran - somed soul shall find rest be - yond the riv - er.



## **BENEDICTION**

**P** May the merciful God, who is faithful and provides all that we need, help us to be intentional in our thoughts and actions, to follow Jesus. So that we will be with him in Paradise.

**C Amen.**

## **DISMISSAL**

**P** Go in peace. God is with you.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## TODAY'S WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

**USHERS:** Randy/Mary Zieman

**GREETERS:** Jerry/Chris Randby

**SOUP SUPPERS:** Join us every Wednesday @ 4:30 p.m.

**LENTEN WORSHIP:** Join us every Wednesday @ 6:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, March 8<sup>th</sup> our guest teacher will be Char Schomisch.**

***TITLE: Here is your Son, Here is Your Mother***

### **Holy Week Services:**

<b>April 1</b>	<b>Palm Sunday Weekend</b>	<b>Sat., 4:00 p.m.</b>
<b>April 2</b>		<b>Sun., 7:45 &amp; 9:30</b>
<b>April 6</b>	<b>Maundy Thursday Service</b>	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>
<b>April 7</b>	<b>Good Friday Service</b>	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>
<b>April 9</b>	<b>Easter Sunday Service</b>	<b>7:00 &amp; 9:30 a.m.</b>
	<b>Easter Breakfast</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>

**There is no service on Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup>.**

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Unless you are expecting a call from GOD!***



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