

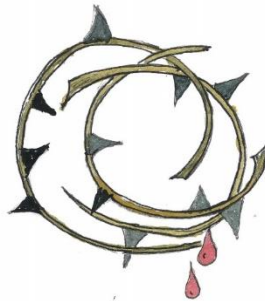
**GLORIA DE CRISTO LUTHERAN CHURCH
"A COMMUNITY CHURCH IN THE FOOTHILLS"**

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**WORSHIP SERVICE
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15, 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 My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from saving me, so far from the words of my groaning? O my God, I cry out by day, but you do not answer, by night, and am not silent. From birth I was cast upon you; from my mother's womb you have been my God. Do not be far from me, for trouble is near and there is no one to help.
- C **Why, O LORD, do you stand far off? Why do you hide yourself in times of trouble? Do not forget the helpless. You hear, O LORD, the desire of the afflicted; you encourage them, and you listen to their cry,**
- L How long, O LORD? Will you forget me forever? How long will you hide your face from me? How long must I wrestle with my thoughts and every day have sorrow in my heart? How long will my enemy triumph over me? I will sing to the LORD, for he has been good to me.
- C **I say to God my Rock, "Why have you forgotten me? Why must I go about mourning, oppressed by the enemy?" My bones suffer mortal agony as my foes taunt me, saying to me all day long, "Where is your God?" Why are you downcast, O my soul? Why so disturbed within me? Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise him, my Savior and my God.**
- L Why do you hide your face and forget our misery and oppression? We are brought down to the dust; our bodies cling to the ground. Rise up and help us; redeem us because of your unfailing love.

C From the sixth hour until the ninth hour darkness came over all the land. About the ninth hour Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?" -- which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" When some of those standing there heard this, they said, "He's calling Elijah." Immediately one of them ran and got a sponge. He filled it with wine vinegar, put it on a stick, and offered it to Jesus to drink. The rest said, "Now leave him alone. Let's see if Elijah comes to save him."

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I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

1 I want Je - sus to walk with me;
 2 In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me; walk with
 3 When I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;

me; I want Je - sus to walk with me;
 in my tri - als, Lord, walk with me; walk with
 when I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;

me; all a - long my pil - grim jour - ney,
 when my heart is al - most break - ing,
 when my head is bowed in sor - row,

Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.
 Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me. walk with me.
 Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P 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.

P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on us the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Prayer of the day *together we pray:*

C Loving Father, I can only wonder at the pain that Christ went through to save me from eternal separation from You. I humbly thank You that He became sin on my behalf so that I could be made the righteousness of God, in Him. In Jesus' precious name I pray, AMEN.

GOSPEL: Mark 15:33-34

³³ When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land^[a] until three in the afternoon. ³⁴ At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"^[b]

P This is the Word of Truth.

C Lord help us to understand.

Teaching: "My God, My God, Why Have You Forsaken Me?" Jerry Randby

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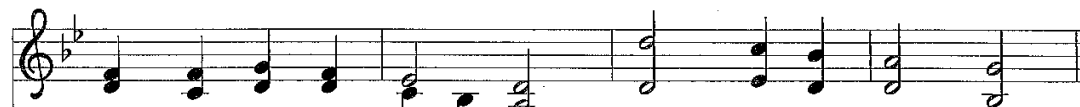
Ah, Holy Jesus



1 Ah, ho - ly Je - sus, how hast thou of - fend - ed that we to
 2 Who was the guilt - y? Who brought this up - on thee? A - las, my
 3 Lo, the Good Shep - herd for the sheep is of - fered; the slave hath
 4 For me, kind Je - sus, was thine in - car - na - tion, thy mor - tal
 5 There - fore, kind Je - sus, since I can - not pay thee, I do a -



judge thee have in hate pre - tend - ed? By foes de - rid - ed,
 trea - son, Je - sus, hath un - done thee. 'Twas I, Lord Je - sus,
 sin - ned, and the Son hath suf - fered; for our a - tone - ment,
 sor - row, and thy life's ob - la - tion; thy death of an - guish
 dore thee, and will ev - er pray thee; think on thy pit - y



by thine own re - ject - ed, O most af - flict - ed.
 I it was de - nied thee; I cru - ci - fied thee.
 while we noth - ing heed - ed, God in - ter - ced - ed.
 and thy bit - ter pas - sion, for my sal - va - tion.
 and thy love un - swerv - ing, not my de - serv - ing.



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.**

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

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1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tow'r - ing
 2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, hopes de -
 3 When the sun of bliss is beam - ing, light and
 4 Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure, by the

o'er the wrecks of time. All the light of
 ceive, and fears an - noy, nev - er shall the
 love up - on my way, from the shall the
 cross are sanc - ti - fied; peace is there that

sa - cred sto - ry gath - ers round its head sub - lime.
 cross for - sake me; lo, it glows with peace and joy.
 ra - diancance stream - ing adds more lus - ter to the day.
 knows no mea - sure, joys that through all time a - bide.

BENEDICTION

P May the merciful God, who is faithful to forgive the treachery of traitors, empower you to live according to his good and gracious will, through Jesus Christ to whom be the glory forever!

C Amen.

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. God is with you.

C Thanks be to God.

TODAY'S WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

USHERS: Mary Marsh/Cheryl Preul

GREETERS: Jerry Taylor/Diane Lee

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

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

Wednesday, March 22nd our guest teacher will be Dr. Shirley Ehler.

TITLE: *"I Thirst"*

Holy Week Services:

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

There is no service on Saturday, April 8th.

***Be sure your cell phone is turned off during services....
Unless you are expecting a call from GOD!***



Hearing assist devices are available at the sound booth. The wheel at the top adjusts the volume. When turned on, the light on top should be green. If it is red, please place the device in the basket on the counter in the sound booth and take another. Thank you!

PLEASE NO PERFUME/COLOGNE... Perfume and cologne can trigger life-threatening breathing emergencies in persons with asthma, allergies and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD)? Hospitals and schools are becoming 'scent-free' due to this increasing health hazard. **Please be sensitive to this concern when coming to church and refrain from using it.** Thank You.

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