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JESUS' WORDS FROM THE CROSS

He Spoke a Word  
of Need



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**Second Mid-Week Lenten Service**

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A warm welcome to those who are visiting us this evening. You may hang your coat in the entry way of the church or on the coat rack downstairs. The bathrooms are located in the lower level of this building. Before you go home today, please sign our guest book located on the podium in the entry way.

Our lower level is wired for sound. If you need to take your child out during the service, you won't miss any of the sermon. The service is also simulcast on the church's Facebook page.

In the unlikely event of an emergency during this evening's service, you can exit the building using the main entryway or the exit to the right of the chancel. Our building does have a fire alarm system which is wired directly to the fire department. Remember, we follow the "Run, Hide, Fight" response in an emergency.

*Before Service Prayer:* In the name of God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen. I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day. Forgive me all my sins, and graciously keep me this night. Into Your hands I commend my body and soul and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the wicked foe may have no power over me. Amen.

*Tonight's Service:* *Evening Prayer, NPH; reprinted under OneLicense.net #A-800156 and under CCLI license #1132777.*

*As We Gather:* Jesus has two natures. From eternity Jesus is God. In time, through His incarnation, Jesus is also true man. He became true man in order to live and die in our place. As true man Jesus hungered, thirsted and needed rest. When initially nailed to the cross, Jesus refused to drink the narcotic offered to Him. Tonight, after sin has been paid for, Jesus expresses a word of physical need: "I am thirsty."

*Pastor's Welcome*

Service of Light

P: Now is the time of God's favor;

**C: now is the day of salvation.**

P: Turn us again, O God of our salvation,

**C: that the light of Your face may shine upon us.**

P: May Your justice shine like the sun;

**C: and may the poor be lifted up.**



1 O gra - cious Light, Lord Je - sus Christ, In you the  
2 Now sun - set comes, but light shines forth; The lamps are  
3 Wor - thy are you of end - less praise, O Son of



Fa - ther's glo - ry shone. Im - mor - tal, ho - ly,  
lit to pierce the night. Praise Fa - ther, Son, and  
God, life - giv - ing Lord; Where - fore you are through



blest is he, And blest are you, his on - ly Son.  
Spir - it: God Who dwells in the e - ter - nal light.  
all the earth And in the high - est heav'n a - dored.

Opening Prayer

P: Lord God, we thank You for this day of grace now drawing to a close. Stay with us and warm our hearts with Your forgiving love in Christ. May Your Word keep our faith burning brightly that we may walk in the light of Your presence though the darkness of this world. Come and bless us as we worship You: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

Opening Hymn: CW 394 “Come to Calvary’s Holy Mountain (CW93 106)

Invocation

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

C: Amen.

Confession of Sins

P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father,

C: We have sinned against You in our thoughts, in our words, on our deeds and in all that we have not done. Forgive us in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Deliver and restores us, that we may rest in peace.

P: By the mercy of God we are redeemed by Jesus Christ, and in Him we are forgiven. Let us rest in His peace until the rising of the sun when we shall serve Him in newness of life.

C: Amen.



C: Let my prayer rise be - fore you as in - cense, the lift - ing



up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice. O Lord, I



call to you; come to me quick - ly; hear my voice when I



cry to you. Let my prayer rise be - fore you as in - cense,



the lift - ing up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.

*Prayer*

P: Let our prayers be acceptable in Your sight. Come and help us in time of need that we may sing Your praise in holy joy now and forever, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

*Psalm of the Evening: Psalm 6* (Selected verses. A Messianic Psalm)

P: I am worn out calling for help; My throat is parched. My eyes fail, looking for My God.

**C: Those who hate Me without reason outnumber the hairs of My head; many are My enemies without cause, those who seek to destroy Me. I am forced to restore what I did not steal.**

P: May those who hope in You not be disgraced because of Me, O Lord, the LORD Almighty; may those who seek You not be put to shame because of Me, O God of Israel.

**C: For I endure scorn for Your sake, and shame covers My face.**

P: I am a stranger to My brothers, an alien to My own mother's sons;

**C: for zeal for Your house consumes Me, and the insults of those who insult You fall on Me.**

P: Answer Me, O LORD, out of the goodness of Your love; in Your great mercy turn to Me.

**C: Come near and rescue Me; redeem Me because of My foes.**

P: You know how I am scorned, disgraced and shamed; all My enemies are before You.

**C: Scorn has broken My heart and has left Me helpless; I looked for sympathy, but there was none, for comforters, but I found none.**

P: They put gall in My food and gave Me vinegar for My thirst.

**C: But I pray to You, O LORD, in the time of Your favor; in Your great love, O God, answer Me with Your sure salvation.**

Psalm Prayer

P: Lord Jesus, through the pen of King David, we hear Your cries of agony. Yet, even in the darkest hour You remained constant and steadfast in Your relationship with Your Father. Grant us grace, so that even in our darkest hour, we may remain faithful to You, our Lord and Savior, and ultimately drink of the river of Your pleasure in heaven forevermore. In Your name we pray this.

**C: Amen.**

The Passion Reading: **PASSION HISTORY ACCORDING TO A HARMONY OF THE FOUR GOSPELS** (English Heritage Version)

The Seasonal Response Read together: **All we like sheep have gone astray, and the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all. By His wounds we are healed.**

The Hymn: “The Seven Words from the Cross” (CW93 139)

**Jesus, in Your thirst and pain,  
While Your wounds Your lifeblood drain,  
Thus fulfilling Scripture’s plan:  
Hear us, holy Jesus.**

**Thirst for us in mercy still;  
All Your holy work fulfill;  
Satisfy Your loving will:  
Hear us, holy Jesus.**

**May we thirst Your love to know;  
Lead us, in our sin and woe,  
Where the healing waters flow:  
Hear us, holy Jesus.**

The Sermon Text: **John 19:28**

28 Later, knowing that all was now completed, and so that the Scriptures would be fulfilled, Jesus said, "I am thirsty."

The Sermon Theme: He Spoke a Word of Need

Post Sermon Hymn: The Magnificat (Mary's Song of Praise, CW93 291)

**My soul now magnifies the Lord; My spirit leaps for joy in Him.  
He keeps me in His kind regard, And I am blest for time to come.**

**For He alone who shows such might Has done amazing things to me.  
His mercy flows; His name like light Remains in time perpetually.**

**His arm is strong; His strength is great. He scatters those of proud intent  
And casts them down from high estate, Then gives the low His nourishment.**

**He feeds the hungry as His own; The wealthy leave with empty hands.  
He gives His help to Israel; His gracious promise always stands. (tune, CW93, 291)**

The Offering The ushers will gather the offering which will then be placed on the Lord's Altar. Offerings can also be given electronically by using your smart phone and the QR code which takes you to the donation part of New Life's website.



The Prayer of the Evening

P: Be present, O merciful God, and protect us through the silent hours of this night, so that we who are wearied by the changes and chances of this fleeting world may rest in Your eternal changelessness, through Jesus Christ our Lord,

**C: Amen.**

P: O Lord, support us all day long, till the shadows lengthen and the evening comes and the busy world is hushed and the fever of life is over and our work is done. Then in Your mercy, grant us a safe lodging and a holy rest and peace at the last, through Jesus Christ our Lord,

**C: Amen.**



P: O God our Father, by Your mercy and might, the world turns safely into darkness and returns again to light. We place into Your hands our unfinished tasks, our unsolved problems, and our unfulfilled hopes, knowing that only what You bless will prosper. To Your great love and protection, we commit each other and all those we love, knowing that You alone are our sure defender, through Jesus Christ our Lord,

**C: Amen.**

P: Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who watch or work or weep this night—especially over those who still suffer from the ravages of war in Ukraine and Israel--and give Your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, give rest to the weary, pity the afflicted, soothe the suffering, bless the dying—and all for Your love’s sake, through Jesus Christ our Lord,

**C: Amen.**

P: Look down, O Lord, from Your heavenly throne, and illuminate this night with Your celestial brightness, that by night as by day Your people may glorify Your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord,

**C: Amen.**

P: Now, Lord, have mercy, and grant us the requests Jesus taught us to make...

### *The Lord’s Prayer*

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name, Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours now and forever. Amen.**

### *Prayer for Peace*

P: Lord God, all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works come from You. Give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments. Defend us also from the fear of our enemies that we may live in peace and quietness, through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

Song of Simeon



C: In peace, Lord, you let your ser - vant now de - part



ac - cord - ing to your word. For my eyes have seen



your sal - va - tion, which you have pre - pared for ev - 'ry



peo - ple, a light to light - en the Gen - tiles



and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

Benedicamus

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

The Blessing

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: Amen.

The Closing Hymn: “Speak, O Savior, We are List’ning” (CW93 353)

**Speak, O Savior, we are list’ning to Your final word of cheer.  
Give us hearts of understanding, open ears that we might hear.  
Help us find in them the treasure—O dear Jesus, hear our prayer—  
Of the grace You came to give us, of the grace we seek to share.**

**Speak, O Savior, we are list’ning. Speak to us of thirsty need.  
Judgement’s bitter cup of suff’ring passed your lips. We now are freed  
From sin’s poison. Hallelujah! Every promise prophets made  
Jesus kept. He is Messiah. Our redemption fully paid.**

**Let us praise the Word incarnate, Christ, who suffered in our place;  
Jesus died and rose victorious that we may know God by grace.  
Let us sing for joy and gladness, seeing what our God has done;  
Let us praise the true Redeemer, praise the One who makes us one.**

Announcements

Thank you to Pastor Thomas Schultz who served as our guest preacher this evening. Pastor Schultz is the pastor at Christ the King Lutheran Church in Palatine, IL.

Next Wednesday, Pastor Bram Ramgolan from Lord and Savior Lutheran Church in Crystal Lake, IL, will serve as our guest preacher. Next Wednesday’s theme is: “Jesus Spoke a Word of Accomplishment.”

Thanks to the Mike Spangle for making sure we had something to eat before the service tonight. The April 2 slot is still open for taking responsibility for a Lenten meal.

