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JESUS' WORDS FROM THE CROSS

He Spoke a Word of
Accomplishment

Taize' Evening Prayer

New Life Lutheran Church

Third Mid-Week Lenten Service

March 19, 2025

7:00 PM

This evening we will use a style of music developed near the village of Taize' in France. It consists of short meditative passages of Scripture set to simple melodies and repeated many times. The purpose of the repetition is to give us time to reflect and internalize the truths of these words of Scripture.

Our goal as we gather at our mid-week Lenten services, is to find quiet, meditative time, so that we can escape the hustle and bustle of our busy lives, to hear of Jesus and to sing His praise and address Him in prayer. May the Lord bless us as we worship Him in prayer, meditation, and praise!

A WORD OF ACCOMPLISHMENT

There's a sense of satisfaction to accomplishing a task. When the homework is done the student may say, "Thank goodness I'm done." The little kid who has the assignment of eating all the vegetables on her plate, when finished, may declare, "I'm finished. I'm ready for ice cream."

Jesus came into this world, taking on human flesh in order to live and die in our place. His job was to accomplish salvation. Is that work finished, or do we need to add something to what Jesus has done? Tonight, Jesus Himself will answer that question.

Welcome by the Pastor

Invocation

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

C: Amen.

Opening Sentences

P: The Lord Almighty grant us a quiet night and peace at the last.

C: Amen.

P: It is good to give thanks to the Lord,

C: to sing praise to Your name, O Most High;

P: to herald Your love in the morning,

C: Your truth at the close of the day.

Confession and Absolution

P: Holy and gracious God,

C: I confess that I have sinned against You this day. Some of my sins I know—the thoughts and words and deeds of which I am ashamed—but some is known only to You. In the name of Jesus Christ I ask for forgiveness. Deliver and restore me that I may rest in peace.

P: By the mercy of God we are redeemed by Jesus Christ, and in Him we are forgiven. We rest now in His peace and rise in the morning to serve Him.

C: Amen.

(sing 3 times)

Stay with us, O Lord Je - sus Christ, night will soon fall. Then

stay with us, O Lord Je - sus Christ, light in our dark - ness.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P: Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of the universe, who led Your people Israel by a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night. Enlighten our darkness by the light of Your Christ; may His Word be a lamp to our feet and a light to our path; for You are merciful, and You love Your whole creation and we, Your creatures, glorify You, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

The Psalm Prayer:

P: Lord Jesus, we thank You for the delightful inheritance You won for us through Your death and resurrection. Stay by our side on the journey through this life and guide us with the counsel of Your word. When our life here is ended, fill us with joy in Your presence; for You live and rule with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

The Passion Reading: **PASSION HISTORY ACCORDING TO A HARMONY OF THE FOUR GOSPELS**

Seasonal Response:

P: In many and various ways God spoke to His people of old by the prophets.

C: But now in these last days He has spoken to us by His Son.

A Lenten Hymn: (sing 2 times)

The image shows a musical score for a Lenten Hymn, consisting of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line and a guitar accompaniment line. The key signature is three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat) and the time signature is 3/4. The first system starts with a 'Capo 1' instruction. The guitar chords for the first system are Eb(D), Fm(Em), Bb(A), and Eb(D). The lyrics for the first system are 'Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.' The second system has guitar chords Cm(Bm), Fm(Em), Bb(A), and Eb(D). The lyrics for the second system are 'Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.'

The Sermon Text: **John 19:30**

³⁰ When He had received the drink, Jesus said, “It is finished.” With that, He bowed His head and gave up His spirit. (NIV 2011)

The Sermon Theme: He Spoke a Word of Accomplishment

A Lenten Hymn: **Seven Words from the Cross—Word Six**

**Jesus, all our ransom paid,
All your Father’s will obeyed;
By your suff’rings perfect made:
Hear us, holy Jesus.**

**Save us in our souls’ distress;
Be our help to cheer and bless
While we grow in holiness:
Hear us, holy Jesus.**

**Brighten all our heav’nward way
With an ever holier ray
Till we pass to perfect day:
Hear us, holy Jesus.**

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.



Prayer of the Church:

P: Be present, merciful God, and protect us through the hours of this night, so that we who are wearied by the changes and chances of life may find our rest in You; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: O Lord, support us all the day long of this troubled life, until the shadows lengthen and the evening comes and the busy world is hushed, the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then, Lord, 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: Be our light in the darkness, O Lord, and in Your great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of Your only Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Visit our dwellings, O Lord, and drive from them all the snares of the enemy; let Your holy angels dwell with us to preserve us in peace; and let Your blessing be on us always; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Eternal God, the hours both of day and night are Yours, and to You the darkness is no threat. Be present, we pray, with those who labor in these hours of the night, especially those who watch and work on behalf of others. Grant them diligence in their watching, faithfulness in their service, courage in danger, and competence in emergencies. Help them to meet the needs of others with confidence and compassion; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Abide with us, Lord, for the evening and the day is far spent. Abide with us and with Your whole Church. Abide with us at the end of the day, at the end of our life, at the end of the world. Abide with us with Your grace and goodness, with Your holy word and sacraments, with Your strength and blessing. Abide with us when the night of affliction and temptation comes upon us, the night of fear and despair, the night when death draws near. Abide with us and with all the faithful, now and forever.

C: Amen.

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.

A Lenten Hymn: (sing 2 times)

The musical score is written for two voices (Soprano and Bass) and piano accompaniment. It consists of three systems of staves. The key signature is two sharps (F# and C#), and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are: "We a - dore you, Je - sus Christ, and we bless your ho - ly name; tru - ly your cross and pas - sion bring us life and heal - ing, tru - ly your cross and pas - sion bring us life and heal - ing." The score includes treble and bass clefs, a key signature of two sharps, and a 3/4 time signature. The music features a mix of quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, with some rests. The piano accompaniment consists of chords and moving lines in both hands.

P: Lord God, You have called Your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage and a hope that cannot be extinguished, not knowing where we go but only that Your hand is leading us, Your love supporting us and Your Son abiding with us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us.

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn: CW 783 “Abide with Me” vs. 1,2,7 (CW93 588)

**Abide with me; fast falls the eventide.
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, oh, abide with me!**

**Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
Earth's joys grow dim; its glories pass away.
Change and decay in all around I see;
O Thou who changest not, abide with me!**

**Hold thou Thy cross before my closing eyes;
Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies.
Heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me!**

Announcements

Thank you to Rev. Bramdeo Ramgolam from Lord and Savior Lutheran Church in Crystal Lake, IL, for serving as our guest preacher this evening.

Next Wednesday, Pastor Kevin Raddatz from St. John's Lutheran Church in Libertyville, IL, will be our guest pastor, preaching on the theme: “He Spoke a Word of Forgiveness.”