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**CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**Order of Worship – Lenten Midweek**  
**March 23, 2022**  
**7:00 PM**

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**AS WE GATHER** – “Good things come to those who wait.” We may have heard this old adage before and maybe even tried to convince ourselves it rings true for our lives. Whether or not “good things” actually came to be in whatever situation of waiting, we are drawn today in light of Joseph to bring that phrase in the context of the Lord. Joseph was made to wait. He waited in prison while being falsely accused and seemingly forgotten. It seemed like no “good things” would come out of the situation. Yet he did not just wait in idleness and despair; he waited in faith and with hope and trust in the Lord. Good things, greater eternal things, come to us as well when the foundation of our faithful waiting is found in Jesus.

**PRESERVICE MUSIC**

**“The Power of the Cross with Lift High the Cross”**  
**By Carol Tornquist**

[♩Means please stand; ♪Means please be seated]

**♩OPENING HYMN**

***In the Cross of Christ I Glory***

**LSB 427 (v.1)**

I In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, Tow'r - ing  
o'er the wrecks of time. All the light of sa - cred  
sto - ry Gath - ers round its head sub - lime.

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**INVOCATION & OPENING SENTENCES**

*Lamentations 3:25-26; Psalm 27:105, 11-14*

- ♩** *In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.*
- ♩** **Amen.**
- ♩** *The LORD is good to those who wait for Him, to the soul who seeks Him.*
- ♩** **It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD.**
- ♩** *In this Lenten season, we journey with Joseph in Genesis*
- ♩** **and come to the cross of Christ on Calvary.**
- ♩** *Joseph's journey brought him to prison, though he had done nothing wrong, and he had to wait—wait for justice, wait to be remembered, wait for truth, wait for hope. We, too, find*

*ourselves waiting for many things and waiting on the Lord. We respond with the psalmist: The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?*

**C** **The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?**

**P** *When evildoers assail me to eat up my flesh, my adversaries and foes, it is they who stumble and fall.*

**C** **Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war arise against me, yet I will be confident.**

**P** *No thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in His temple.*

**C** **For He will hide me in His shelter in the day of trouble; He will conceal me under the cover of His tent; He will lift me high upon a rock.**

**P** *Teach me Your way, O LORD, and lead me on a level path because of my enemies.*

**C** **Give me not up to the will of my adversaries; for false witnesses have risen against me, and they breathe out violence.**

**P** *I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living! Wait for the LORD;*

**C** **be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD!**

## **HYMN**                      *In the Cross of Christ I Glory*

**LSB 427 (v.2)**

2. When the woes of life o'ertake me,  
Hopes deceive, and fears annoy,  
Never shall the cross forsake me;  
Lo, it glows with peace and joy.

## **CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS**

*Psalm 130:1-7, adapted*

**P** *Out of the depths I cry to You, O LORD! O Lord, hear my voice! Let Your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for mercy!*

**C** **If You, O LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? But with You there is forgiveness, that You may be feared.**

**P** *As we cry to the Lord, and as He hears our voices, we come in confession of our sins and iniquities. We confess that we have not always waited in faith.*

**C** **We have been impatient with others, leading us to not love our neighbors as ourselves. We have been impatient with You, leading us to doubt Your love for us, Your power, and Your presence.**

**P** *We have sinned against others and against You in thought, word, and deed.*

**C** **We deserve nothing but Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name.**

**P** *I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in His word I hope;*

**C** **my soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning.**

**P** *For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with Him is plentiful redemption. Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to take upon Himself the sins of the world, to die for you, and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

**C** **Amen.**

**HYMN*****In the Cross of Christ I Glory***

LSB 427 (v.3-4)

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| <p>3. When the sun of bliss is beaming<br/>Light and love upon my way,<br/>From the cross the radiance streaming<br/>Adds more luster to the day.</p> | <p>4. Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure<br/>By the cross are sanctified;<br/>Peace is there that knows no measure,<br/>Joys that through all time abide.</p> |
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**PRAYER**

**P** *Let us pray.* Lord Jesus Christ, as we journey with Joseph together in this Lenten season, help us also to wait in faithfulness and to wait for Your salvation. Amid times of impatience and feeling alone, forgotten, and forsaken, draw us to the Word and to Your Passion as we cling to Your continued presence and Your promises made and attained for us, for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **G Amen.**

**READING*****Genesis 41:9–16, 25–44***

**P** *The Reading serving as the focus for today's message, from Genesis, the forty-first chapter:*

Then the chief cupbearer said to Pharaoh, "I remember my offenses today. When Pharaoh was angry with his servants and put me and the chief baker in custody in the house of the captain of the guard, we dreamed on the same night, he and I, each having a dream with its own interpretation. A young Hebrew was there with us, a servant of the captain of the guard. When we told him, he interpreted our dreams to us, giving an interpretation to each man according to his dream. And as he interpreted to us, so it came about. I was restored to my office, and the baker was hanged."

Then Pharaoh sent and called Joseph, and they quickly brought him out of the pit. And when he had shaved himself and changed his clothes, he came in before Pharaoh. And Pharaoh said to Joseph, "I have had a dream, and there is no one who can interpret it. I have heard it said of you that when you hear a dream you can interpret it." Joseph answered Pharaoh, "It is not in me; God will give Pharaoh a favorable answer." . . .

Then Joseph said to Pharaoh, "The dreams of Pharaoh are one; God has revealed to Pharaoh what He is about to do. The seven good cows are seven years, and the seven good ears are seven years; the dreams are one. The seven lean and ugly cows that came up after them are seven years, and the seven empty ears blighted by the east wind are also seven years of famine. It is as I told Pharaoh; God has shown to Pharaoh what He is about to do. There will come seven years of great plenty throughout all the land of Egypt, but after them there will arise seven years of famine, and all the plenty will be forgotten in the land of Egypt. The famine will consume the land, and the plenty will be unknown in the land by reason of the famine that will follow, for it will be very severe. And the doubling of Pharaoh's dream means that the thing is fixed by God, and God will shortly bring it about. Now therefore let Pharaoh select a discerning and wise man, and set him over the land of Egypt. Let Pharaoh proceed to appoint overseers over the land and take one-fifth of the produce of the land of Egypt during the seven plentiful years. And let them gather all the food of these good years that are coming and store up grain under the authority of Pharaoh for food in the cities, and let them keep it. That food shall be a reserve for the land against the seven years of famine that are to occur in the land of Egypt, so that the land may not perish through the famine."

This proposal pleased Pharaoh and all his servants. And Pharaoh said to his servants, "Can we find a man like this, in whom is the Spirit of God?" Then Pharaoh said to Joseph,

“Since God has shown you all this, there is none so discerning and wise as you are. You shall be over my house, and all my people shall order themselves as you command. Only as regards the throne will I be greater than you.” And Pharaoh said to Joseph, “See, I have set you over all the land of Egypt.” Then Pharaoh took his signet ring from his hand and put it on Joseph’s hand, and clothed him in garments of fine linen and put a gold chain about his neck. And he made him ride in his second chariot. And they called out before him, “Bow the knee!” Thus he set him over all the land of Egypt. Moreover, Pharaoh said to Joseph, “I am Pharaoh, and without your consent no one shall lift up hand or foot in all the land of Egypt.”

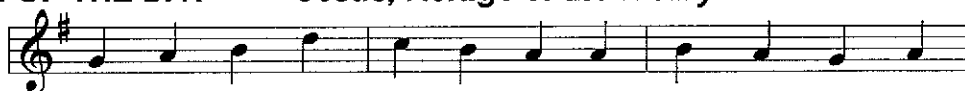
**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

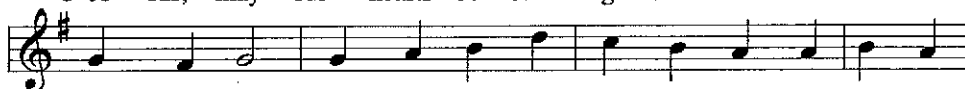
## HYMN OF THE DAY

## Jesus, Refuge of the Weary

LSB 423



1 Je - sus, ref - uge of the wea - ry, Blest Re - deem - er,  
 2 Do we pass that cross un - heed - ing, Breath - ing no re -  
 3 Je - sus, may our hearts be burn - ing With more fer - vent



whom we love, Foun - tain in life's des - ert drea - ry, Sav - ior  
 pen - tant vow, Though we see You wound - ed, bleed - ing, See Your  
 love for You; May our eyes be ev - er turn - ing To be -



from the world a - bove: Of - ten have Your eyes, of - fend - ed,  
 thorn - en - cir - cled brow? Yet Your sin - less death has brought us  
 hold Your cross a - new Till in glo - ry, part - ed nev - er



Gazed up - on the sin - ner's fall; Yet up - on the  
 Life e - ter - nal, peace, and rest; On - ly what Your  
 From the bless - ed Sav - ior's side, Grav - en in our



cross ex - tend - ed, You have borne the pain of all.  
 grace has taught us Calms the sin - ner's deep dis - tress.  
 hearts for - ev - er, Dwell the cross, the Cru - ci - fied.

4. Through Your Word are faithful servants Used as instruments by You,  
 Pointing to Christ's wondrous mission: Perfect Savior, hope renewed.  
 As we journey now with Joseph, Through his life and lessons bless,  
 Seeing Jesus as fulfillment, One in whom we find our rest.

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## ✠ APOSTLE'S CREED

**C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

## ✠ OFFERING

*"In the Cross of Christ I Glory"*

by Wilbur Held

## ✠ PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

*Lamentations 3:26, adapted*

**P** *Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. Heavenly Father, broken by this world of sin, we are an impatient people. In our times of seeking justice, facing distress, and struggling with situations, help us to patiently hope in You and Your promises made, promises fulfilled, and promises yet to come. Lord, in Your mercy,*

**C** **hear our prayer as we wait for Your salvation.**

**P** *Gracious Lord, Your ways are not our ways, nor are Your thoughts our thoughts, nor Your time our time. As You were with Joseph in his time of trial and need in prison, You worked good through his waiting in faith. So also grant to us, by Your Holy Spirit, faith that holds to You at all times. Lord, in Your mercy,*

**C** **hear our prayer as we wait for Your salvation.**

**P** *We lift up those who cry out to You in distress and despair. As they wait for healing, peace, and comfort, be the rock of their salvation and hope in times of need. Lord, in Your mercy,*

**C** **hear our prayer as we wait for Your salvation.**

**P** *Halfway through this Lenten journey, we wait to walk with Jesus in the culmination of His passion—His suffering, crucifixion, and death for the sins of the world. Grant us repentant hearts to know our need for a Savior, what You have given in Your one and only Son, and the forgiveness of sins and eternal good worked for the sake of the world through the one sacrifice needed. Lord, in Your mercy,*

**C** **hear our prayer as we wait for Your salvation.**

**P** *Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.*

**C** **Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

**P** *O Lord Jesus Christ, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:*

**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.**

## CLOSING PRAYER

*Luther's Evening Prayer*

**C** I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

## CLOSING SENTENCES

*Psalm 29:4*

**P** *In this Lenten season, we journey with Joseph in Genesis*

**C** and come to the cross of Christ on Calvary.

**P** *The LORD is good to those who wait for Him, to the soul who seeks Him.*

**C** It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD.

**P** *I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in His word I hope.*

**C** For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with Him is plentiful redemption.

## BENEDICTION

*Numbers 6:24-26*

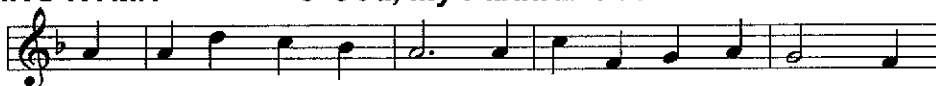
**P** *The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you His peace.*

**C** Amen.

## CLOSING HYMN

### O God, My Faithful God

LSB 696



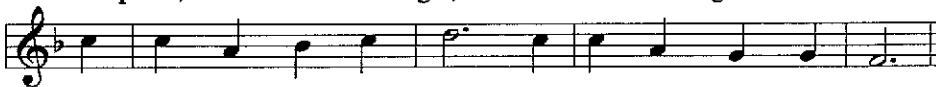
1 O God, my faith - ful God, True foun-tain ev - er flow - ing,  
2 Grant me the strength to do With read - y heart and will - ing  
3 Keep me from say - ing words That lat - er need re - call - ing;  
4 Lord, let me win my foes With kind - ly words and ac - tions,



With - out whom noth - ing is, All per - fect gifts be - stow - ing:  
What - ev - er You com - mand, My call - ing here ful - fill - ing;  
Guard me lest i - dle speech May from my lips be fall - ing;  
And let me find good friends For coun - sel and cor - rec - tion.



Give me a health - y frame, And may I have with - in  
That I do what I should While trust - ing You to bless  
But when with - in my place I must and ought to speak,  
Help me, as You have taught, To love both great and small



A con - science free from blame, A soul un - stained by sin.  
The out - come for my good, For You must give suc - cess.  
Then to my words give grace Lest I of - fend the weak.  
And by Your Spir - it's might To live in peace with all.

(continued)

5. Let me depart this life  
 Confiding in my Savior;  
 By grace receive my soul  
 That it may live forever;  
 And let my body have  
 A quiet resting place  
 Within a Christian grave;  
 And let it sleep in peace.

6. And on that final day  
 When all the dead are waking,  
 Stretch out Your mighty hand,  
 My deathly slumber breaking.  
 Then let me hear Your voice,  
 Redeem this earthly frame,  
 And bid me to rejoice  
 With those who love Your name.

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**POSTLUDE**

***“O God, My Faithful God”***

**by Matthew Machemer**

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**WE WISH TO THANK** the following for their participation in our worship service this evening:

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 Greeter ..... Renee Ortado  
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