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**CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**Order of Worship – Lenten Midweek**  
**March 30, 2022**  
**7:00 PM**

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**AS WE GATHER** – *A guilty, heavy conscience can wreak havoc on a person and on a soul. As King David was inspired to write in a psalm, hearkening back to his time of sinful indiscretions bottled up inside, he says, “When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long” (Psalm 32:3). It is what a guilty, unclean conscience can do. One can only imagine the state of most of Joseph’s brothers, who for nearly twenty years kept to themselves the treatment of their brother and the secrets and lies kept from their father, Jacob. Through this Genesis account and throughout Scripture, we are reminded again what can cleanse a conscience and give peace to a soul. Through repentance, confession, forgiveness, and the grace of God, we are affirmed through Christ’s sacrifice on the cross, and a clean conscience and new life is had.*

**PRESERVICE MUSIC**

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

♩ **OPENING HYMN**

**Jesus Sinners Doth Receive**

LSB 609 (v.1-3)



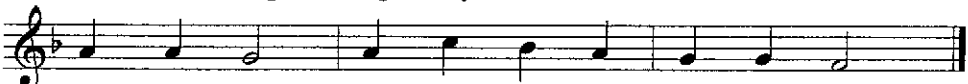
1 Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive; Oh, may all this  
2 We de - serve but grief and shame, Yet His words, rich  
3 Sheep that from the fold did stray No true shep - herd



say - ing pon - der Who in sin's de - lu - sions live  
grace re - veal - ing, Par - don, peace, and life pro - claim;  
e'er for - sak - eth; Wea - ry souls that lost their way



And from God and heav - en wan - der! Here is hope for  
Here our ills have per - fect heal - ing. Firm - ly in these  
Christ, the Shep - herd, gent - ly tak - eth In His arms that



all who grieve: Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive.  
words be - lieve: Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive.  
they may live: Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive.

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## INVOCATION & OPENING SENTENCES

Psalm 51:1-9

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

**C** **Amen.**

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

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

**P** *Joseph's journey in Genesis came full circle when his brothers journeyed to Egypt in need of food as a famine struck the land. With their sinful actions from decades prior left unresolved, they and their consciences bowed down before their brother Joseph. We, too, know what a guilty conscience feels like, yet we also are given the knowledge of where to bring our sin and shame. We respond with the psalmist:*

*Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your steadfast love; according to Your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.*

**C** **Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!**

**P** *For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.*

**C** **Against You, You only, have I sinned and done what is evil in Your sight, so that You may be justified in Your words and blameless in Your judgment.**

**P** *Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me.*

**C** **Behold, You delight in truth in the inward being, and You teach me wisdom in the secret heart.**

**P** *Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.*

**C** **Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that You have broken rejoice.**

**P** *Hide Your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.*

## HYMN *Jesus Sinner Doth Receive*

LSB 609 (v.4)

4. I, a sinner, come to Thee

With a penitent confession.

Savior, mercy show to me;

Grant for all my sins remission.

Let these words my soul relieve:

Jesus sinners doth receive.

## CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

1 John 1:8-9

**P** *If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.*

**C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

**P** *That we may have a conscience at peace, let us then confess our sins to God our Father.*

**C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name.**

**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 them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

**C** **Amen.**

**HYMN****Jesus Sinners Doth Receive**

LSB 427 (v.5-6)

5. Oh, how blest it is to know:  
 Were as scarlet my transgression,  
 It shall be as white as snow  
 By Thy blood and bitter passion;  
 For these words I now believe:  
 Jesus sinners doth receive.
6. Now my conscience is at peace;  
 From the Law I stand acquitted.  
 Christ hath purchased my release  
 And my ev'ry sin remitted.  
 Naught remains my soul to grieve:  
 Jesus sinners doth receive.

**OPENING SENTENCES**

Psalm 51:10-12

- P** *Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.*  
**C** **Cast me not away from Your presence, and take not Your Holy Spirit from me.**  
**P** *Restore to me the joy of Your salvation,*  
**C** **and uphold me with a willing spirit.**

**HYMN****Jesus Sinners Doth Receive**

LSB 427 (v.7)

7. Jesus sinners doth receive;  
 Also I have been forgiven;  
 And when I this earth must leave,  
 I shall find an open heaven.  
 Dying, still to Him I cleave:  
 Jesus sinners doth receive.

**PRAYER**

- P** *Let us pray. Lord Jesus Christ, as we journey with Joseph together in this Lenten season, we, like Joseph's brothers, carry consciences that are heavy and burdened by our sins. At Your invitation and command, we know we can bring before You all our faults and failings and be assured of Your grace and forgiveness through Your completed work as our one and only Savior from sin. Strengthen us and preserve us to walk faithfully with You in humble repentance this season and always, for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever.*
- C** **Amen.**

**SERMON READING****Genesis 42:6–24**

- P** *The Reading serving as the focus for today's message, from Genesis, the forty-second chapter: Now Joseph was governor over the land. He was the one who sold to all the people of the land. And Joseph's brothers came and bowed themselves before him with their faces to the ground. Joseph saw his brothers and recognized them, but he treated them like strangers and spoke roughly to them. "Where do you come from?" he said. They said,*
- C** **"From the land of Canaan, to buy food."**
- P** *And Joseph recognized his brothers, but they did not recognize him. And Joseph remembered the dreams that he had dreamed of them. And he said to them, "You are spies; you have come to see the nakedness of the land." They said to him,*
- C** **"No, my lord, your servants have come to buy food. We are all sons of one man. We are honest men. Your servants have never been spies."**
- P** *He said to them, "No, it is the nakedness of the land that you have come to see." And they said,*
- C** **"We, your servants, are twelve brothers, the sons of one man in the land of Canaan, and behold, the youngest is this day with our father, and one is no more."**

**P** But Joseph said to them, "It is as I said to you. You are spies. By this you shall be tested: by the life of Pharaoh, you shall not go from this place unless your youngest brother comes here. Send one of you, and let him bring your brother, while you remain confined, that your words may be tested, whether there is truth in you. Or else, by the life of Pharaoh, surely you are spies." And he put them all together in custody for three days. On the third day Joseph said to them, "Do this and you will live, for I fear God: if you are honest men, let one of your brothers remain confined where you are in custody, and let the rest go and carry grain for the famine of your households, and bring your youngest brother to me. So, your words will be verified, and you shall not die." And they did so. Then they said to one another,

**C** "In truth we are guilty concerning our brother, in that we saw the distress of his soul, when he begged us and we did not listen. That is why this distress has come upon us."

**P** And Reuben answered them, "Did I not tell you not to sin against the boy? But you did not listen. So now there comes a reckoning for his blood." They did not know that Joseph understood them, for there was an interpreter between them. Then he turned away from them and wept. And he returned to them and spoke to them. And he took Simeon from them and bound him before their eyes.

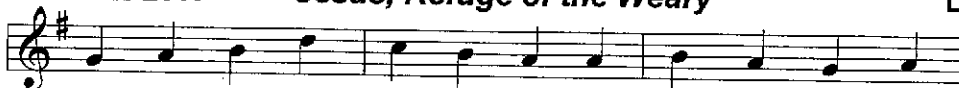
**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

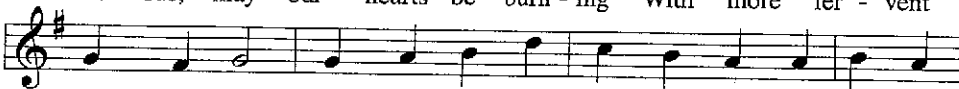
## HYMN OF THE DAY

## Jesus, Refuge of the Weary

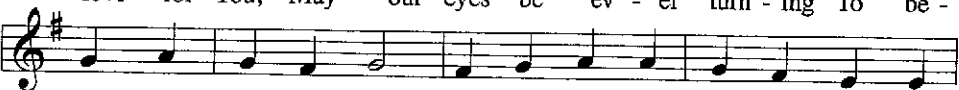
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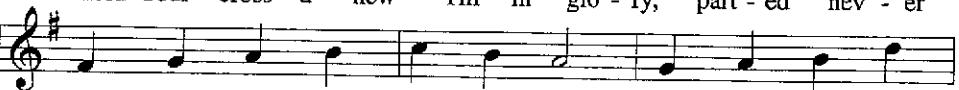
1 Je - sus, ref - uge of the wea - ry, Blest Re - deem - er,  
 2 Do we pass that cross un - heed - ing, Breath - ing no re -  
 3 Je - sus, may our hearts be burn - ing With more fer - vent



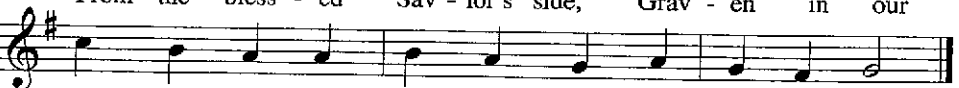
whom we love, Foun - tain in life's des - ert drea - ry, Sav - ior  
 pen - tant vow, Though we see You wound - ed, bleed - ing, See Your  
 love for You; May our eyes be ev - er turn - ing To be -



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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## SERMON

## CHASED BY A DIRTY CONSCIENCE

### ✠ 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

### ✠ PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

*Psalm 51:10*

**P** *Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. Heavenly Father, we see with Joseph's brothers what a guilty conscience does to selves and relationships. As we journey with him and look to the cross of Christ through it all, we thank You for the invitation to confess our sins and through Your Son to receive forgiveness and grace. Create in me a clean heart, O God,*

**C** **and renew a right spirit within me.**

**P** *Bless us in this Lenten season in all we do, serving You in our respective vocations, families, homes, and relationships with others. Give us strength and courage as we live as Your witnesses and speak Your truth in love. Create in me a clean heart, O God,*

**C** **and renew a right spirit within me.**

**P** *Be with those whose hearts are far from You, that their guilt be relieved, doubts be conquered, fears be given peace, dread given joy, and hopelessness given faith and trust in You. Be especially with those who request our prayers, and all who face struggles in their earthly journeys. Create in me a clean heart, O God,*

**C** **and renew a right spirit within me.**

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

**C** **Amen.**

### CATECHISM

*The Fifth Petition*

**P** *We pray in the fifth petition of the Lord's Prayer:*

**C** **And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**P** *What does this mean?*

**C** **We pray in this petition that our Father in heaven would not look at our sins, or deny our prayer because of them. We are neither worthy of the things for which we pray, nor have we deserved them, but we ask that He would give them all to us by grace, for we daily**

sin much and surely deserve nothing but punishment. So, we too will sincerely forgive and gladly do good to those who sin against us.

## 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** *If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.*

**C** But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

## 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

### *Not All the Blood of Beasts*

LSB 431



1 Not all the blood of beasts On Jew - ish al - tars slain  
2 But Christ, the heav'n - ly Lamb, Takes all our sins a - way;  
3 My faith would lay its hand On that dear head of Thine,  
4 My soul looks back to see The bur - den Thou didst bear  
5 Be - liev - ing, we re - joice To see the curse re - move;



Could give the guilt - y con - science peace Or wash a - way the stain.  
A sac - ri - fice of no - bler name And rich - er blood than they.  
While as a pen - i - tent I stand, And there con - fess my sin.  
When hang - ing on the curs - ed tree; I know my guilt was there.  
We bless the Lamb with cheer - ful voice And sing His bleed - ing love.

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# POSTLUDE

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

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Greeter ..... Teri Cueva  
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