

MIDWEEK LENT 2023

VOCABULARY OF  
THE CROSS



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# 2023 Midweek Lenten Worship



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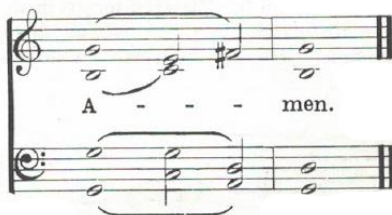
## Opening Prayer

## Opening Hymn

## Invocation

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

**C**



## Confession and Absolution

*TLH pg 41*

**P** God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.

**C** **If we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ, His Son, cleanses us from all sin.**

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

**C** **If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

**P** Let us pray:

**C** **Almighty God, merciful Father, we are sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. But we are sorry for our transgressions and pray You, of Your bountiful mercy, to be gracious and merciful unto us. Forgive us for Jesus' sake, renew us by Your Spirit, and lead us in the way everlasting.**

**P** Jesus Christ is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. We are forgiven. With boldness and confidence, we may approach the throne to find grace to help in time of need.

**P** Pastor sings:

Pastor: With bro-ken heart and con-trite sigh, a trem-bling sin-ner, Lord, I cry. Your  
par-'ning grace is rich and free; O God, be mer-ci-ful to me.

**C** Congregation responds:

A - maz - ing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!  
The Lord has pro - mised good to me, His Word my hope se - cures.  
Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I have al - ready come;  
— I once was lost, but now am found, was blind but now I see.  
— He will my shield and por - tion be as long as life en - dures.  
— His grace has brought me safe thus far, His grace will lead me home.

**Passion History Reading**



**Cong. Response** *TLH 144 Jesus Grant that Balm and Healing (vv. 1, 4)*

**Jesus grant that balm and healing  
In Thy holy wounds I find,  
Ev'ry hour that I am feeling  
Pains of body and of mind.  
Should some evil tho't within  
Tempt my treach'rous heart to sin,**

Show the peril, and from sinning  
Keep me ere it's first beginning.

Ev'ry wound that pains or grieves me,  
By Thy stripes, Lord, is made whole;  
When I'm faint, Thy cross revives me,  
Granting new life to my soul.  
Yea, Thy comfort renders sweet  
Ev'ry bitter cup I meet;  
For Thy all-atoning Passion  
Has procured my full salvation



### Passion History Reading (cont.)

#### Confession of Faith

*Adapted the Smalcald Articles part II article I. Scripture quotes are italicized.*

**P** The first chief article of our faith is this:

**C** That Jesus Christ, our God and Lord, died for our sins, and was raised again for our justification. He alone is *the Lamb of God Who takes away the sins of the world*, and God has laid upon Him the iniquities of us all.

Likewise, *all have sinned and are justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus. This is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast.*

Since it is necessary to believe this, and it cannot be otherwise acquired or gained by any work, law, or merit, it is clear and certain that this faith alone justifies us, *for we conclude that a man is justified by faith, without the deeds of the Law.* And again, *That He might be just, and the Justifier of him who believes in Christ.*

Nothing of this article can be yielded or surrendered, nor can anything be granted or permitted which is contrary to it, even though heaven and earth should sink to ruin. *For there is no other name under heaven, given among men, whereby we must be saved. And by His stripes we are healed.* And upon this article all things depend which we teach and practice in opposition to all false teachers, the devil, and the world.

Therefore, we can be sure concerning this doctrine, and not doubt, *for He who promised is faithful.*

Hymn

Sermon

**P** The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. Amen.

Offertory

*TLH 179 On my Heart Imprint Thine Image*

On my heart imprint Thine image,  
Blessed Jesus, King of grace,  
That life's riches, cares, and pleasures  
Have no pow'r Thee to efface.  
This the superscription be:  
Jesus, crucified for me,  
Is my life, my hope's foundation,  
and my glory and salvation.

Lord's Supper (*only Ash Wednesday - February 22<sup>nd</sup>*)

Offering

Prayer & the Lord's Prayer

Benediction

**C**



**C** A-men, a-men, a - men.

Closing Hymn

Silent Prayer



# Vocabulary of the Cross

## **2/22: GRACE**

**Pre-service meditation:** Psalm 102 (TLH pg. 144)

**Hymns:** 140 (vv. 1-3), 155, 140 (vv. 4-6)

**Text:** Isaiah 54:10

*For the mountains shall depart  
And the hills be removed,  
But My kindness shall not depart from you,  
Nor shall My covenant of peace be removed,"  
Says the Lord, who has mercy on you.*

## **3/1: JUSTIFICATION**

**Pre-service meditation:** Psalm 51 (TLH pg. 134)

**Hymns:** 721, 371, 388

**Text:** Isaiah 53:11

*He shall see the labor of His soul, and be satisfied.  
By His knowledge My righteous Servant shall justify many,  
For He shall bear their iniquities.*

**(Preaching: Pastor Dave Naumann)**

## **3/8: ATONEMENT**

**Pre-service meditation:** Psalm 143 (TLH pg. 155)

**Hymns:** 142 (vv. 1-3), 156, 142 (vv. 4-6)

**Text:** Isaiah 53:10

*Yet it pleased the Lord to bruise Him;  
He has put Him to grief.  
When You make His soul an offering for sin,  
He shall see His seed, He shall prolong His days,  
And the pleasure of the Lord shall prosper in His hand.*

### **3/15: RECONCILIATION**

**Pre-service meditation:** Psalm 6 (TLH pg. 124)

**Hymns:** 2, 375, 723

**Text:** Isaiah 53:5

*But He was wounded for our transgressions,  
He was bruised for our iniquities;  
The chastisement for our peace was upon Him,  
And by His stripes we are healed.*

### **3/22: REDEMPTION**

**Pre-service meditation:** Psalm 130 (TLH pg. 153)

**Hymns:** 155, 153, 558

**Text:** Isaiah 52:3

*For thus says the Lord:  
“You have sold yourselves for nothing,  
And you shall be redeemed without money.”*  
**(Preaching: Pastor Wayne Eichstadt)**

### **3/29: VICARIOUS**

**Pre-service meditation:** Psalm 38 (TLH pg. 132)

**Hymns:** 149, 154, 654

**Text:** Isaiah 53:6

*All we like sheep have gone astray;  
We have turned, every one, to his own way;  
And the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.*  
**(Preaching: Pastor Wayne Eichstadt)**

