



**CHRIST OUR REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**CHRIST AT THE CROSSROADS**  
**The Crossroad of Confrontation**

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**Lent 2 - March 12, 2017**

**Invocation**

**P:** In bringing many to glory, it was fitting that God should make the author of our salvation perfect through suffering. Therefore:

**C:** Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Hebrews 12:2

**The Confession of Sins and Absolution based on Exodus**

P: For having other gods before you, for indifference to your might and power, for thinking that security lies in me rather than in you:

**C: Let me remember and turn to you and trust in you, O Lord.**

P: For using your name without respect, for cursing and swearing without thinking, for the lack of prayer and praise in my life:

**C: Do not let me ever forget that your name is holy, Lord.**

P: For ignoring the meaning of the Sabbath, for forsaking the assembly of the believers, for honoring you with my lips and not with my life:

**C: Forgive me for saying one thing and doing another Lord.**

P: For not honoring those who are over me, for my lack of concern for my parents, for evading my responsibility as a citizen:

**C: Help me to see through rationalizations and excuses, and to give honor to whom honor is due, Lord.**

P: For the ways I cheapen human life and mistreat my own body, for the desire to get even when I have been wronged, for nourishing hatred and allowing it to grow:

**C: Let me never hurt someone intentionally or cause them physical harm.**

P: For making light of the marriage bond, for nourishing impure and lustful thoughts:

**C: Help me to control myself, O God, and give me the desire to want to be pure.**

P: For my lack of concern for my neighbor’s needs, for the poor use I make of my time, abilities, and possessions, for stealing and calling it something else:

**C: Let me treat others as I want to be treated.**

P: For careless words that can damage someone else’s reputation, for making fun of others, for talking unkindly about other people:

**C: Let me learn to speak the truth in love.**

P: For trying to get what someone else has, for thinking that happiness lies in material things, for jealousy which eats away at contentment:

**C: Teach me what the most important things in life are.**

**Response:**

Tune: Abide With Me – 588CW – Tune Public

Cre - ate in me, O God, a spot - less heart,  
Domain

Re - new in me a spir - it that is right,

And from your pres - ence nev - er make me part

Or take your Ho - ly Spir - it from my sight.

P: If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. Be of good cheer: your sins are forgiven. The blood of Jesus Christ, his Son, purifies us from every sin. In the joy of forgiveness let us praise the Lord!

**Sing:**

**Restore to me salvation's joy, O Lord;  
Give me a willing spirit; keep me true.  
Then I will teach transgressors in your Word,  
and many sinners will turn back to you.**

**Prayer of the Day**

P: Almighty God, you see that we have no power to defend ourselves. Guard and keep us both outwardly and inwardly from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**Musical Selection – Junior Choir**

***"How Beautiful"***

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# The Word

## *Christ at the Crossroads*

### John 4:5-26

P: <sup>4</sup>Now he had to go through Samaria. <sup>5</sup>So he came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of ground Jacob had given to his son Joseph. <sup>6</sup>Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. <sup>7</sup>When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, "Will you give me a drink?" <sup>8</sup>(His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.)

**C: <sup>9</sup>The Samaritan woman said to him, "You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?" (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans. )**

P: <sup>10</sup>Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." <sup>11</sup>"Sir," the woman said, "you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water? <sup>12</sup>Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did also his sons and his flocks and herds?" <sup>13</sup>Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, <sup>14</sup>but whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

**C: <sup>15</sup>The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water so that I won't get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water."**

P: <sup>16</sup>He told her, "Go, call your husband and come back." <sup>17</sup>"I have no husband," she replied. Jesus said to her, "You are right when you say you have no husband. <sup>18</sup>The fact is, you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband. What you have just said is quite true."

**C: <sup>19</sup>"Sir," the woman said, "I can see that you are a prophet. <sup>20</sup>Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem."**

P: <sup>21</sup>Jesus declared, "Believe me, woman, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. <sup>22</sup>You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews. <sup>23</sup>Yet a time

is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. <sup>24</sup>God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in spirit and in truth."

**C:** <sup>25</sup>The woman said, "I know that Messiah" (called Christ) "is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us." <sup>26</sup>Then Jesus declared, "I who speak to you am he."

**P:** This is the Gospel of Christ.

**C:** Thanks be to God.

**Sermon Hymn – “Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness”**

**CW 353**

## **Sermon – *The Crossroad of Confrontation***

**Based on the Gospel Lesson**



### **Confession of Faith - Apostle's Creed**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe 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 is seated 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 and Signing of Friendship Register**

**Hymn of the Day – “Enslaved by Sin and Bound in Chains”**

**CW 102**

### **Children’s Lesson**

### **Prayer of the Church**

## 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

## Blessing

### Closing Hymn - "On My Heart Imprint Your Image"

CW 319

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On my heart im - print *your* im - age, Bless - ed Je - sus, King of grace,  
That life's rich - es, cares and plea - sures Have no pow'r to hide your face.  
This the su - per - scrip - tion be; Je - sus, cru - ci - fied for me,  
Is my life, *my* hope's foun - da - tion, And my glo - ry and sal - va - tion.

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