

Lent 5
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Christ Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

Christ at the Crossroads

Found in Christian
Worship, the red
book in the rack

OPENING HYMN

"On Eagles' Wings"

CW 440

This service begins
with the words that
began our life with
God - the words
spoken at Baptism.
The sign of the
cross, traced over
us at Baptism,
marks us as those
redeemed by Christ.

INVOCATION – Matthew 28:19

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

C: Amen.

The Bible
encourages us to
acknowledge and
confess our sins.
God promises to
respond with his gift
of forgiveness.

CONFESSION – 1 John 1:8-9

P: Let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, reflecting on the times we have neglected the mission he has given us. Let us ask him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to forgive us.

C: **Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin. For faithless worrying and selfish pride, for sins of habit and sins of choice, for the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do, you should cast me away from your presence forever. O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.**

Because Jesus took
away the guilt of
the world, he
authorizes his
followers to
announce his
forgiveness to all
who are sorry for
their sins.

ABSOLUTION – John 1:29 & 20:23

P: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the Word of Christ through his called servant: I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

LORD, HAVE MERCY – Mark 10:47

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord. For the well being of all people everywhere, that they may receive from you all that they need to sustain body and life, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the spread of your life-giving Gospel through the world, that all who are lost in sin may be brought to faith in you, hear our prayer, O Christ.

C: Christ, have mercy.

P: For patience and perseverance in this life, that we may not lose the hope of heaven as we await your return, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Lord of life, live in us that we may live for you.

C: Amen.

The expression “Lord, have mercy” is one of the oldest worship responses in the Christian Church.

GLORY BE TO GOD – Luke 2:14



All Glo - ry be to God on high! Your name, O Lord, we
Our grate - ful thanks to you we bring. For your great glo - ry,



glo - ri - fy; We praise you for your peace and grace, Your
heav - 'nly King, For all, O Fa - ther, you have done Through



fa - vor toward our fall - en race.
Je - sus Christ, your on - ly Son.

Christians praise God by proclaiming the great things he has done to accomplish our rescue from sin. “Glory to God in the Highest” has been a Christian song of worship since the 4th Century.

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THE WORD

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

**Christ at the
Crossroad of
Death**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray,

Eternal God and Father, help us to remember Jesus, who obeyed your will and bore the cross for our salvation that through his anguish, pain and death we may receive forgiveness of sins and inherit eternal life; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever

C: Amen.

**Dry bones
become
living bodies**

OLD TESTAMENT – Ezekiel 37:1-6

¹The hand of the LORD was upon me, and he brought me out by the Spirit of the LORD and set me in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. ²He led me back and forth among them, and I saw a great many bones on the floor of the valley, bones that were very dry. ³He asked me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" I said, "O Sovereign LORD, you alone know." Then he said to me, "Prophesy to these bones and say to them, 'Dry bones, hear the word of the LORD! This is what the Sovereign LORD says to these bones: I will make breath enter you, and you will come to life. I will attach tendons to you and make flesh come upon you and cover you with skin; I will put breath in you, and you will come to life. Then you will know that I am the LORD.'"



VERSE OF THE DAY

P: The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

Mark 10:45

GOSPEL – John 11:17-27

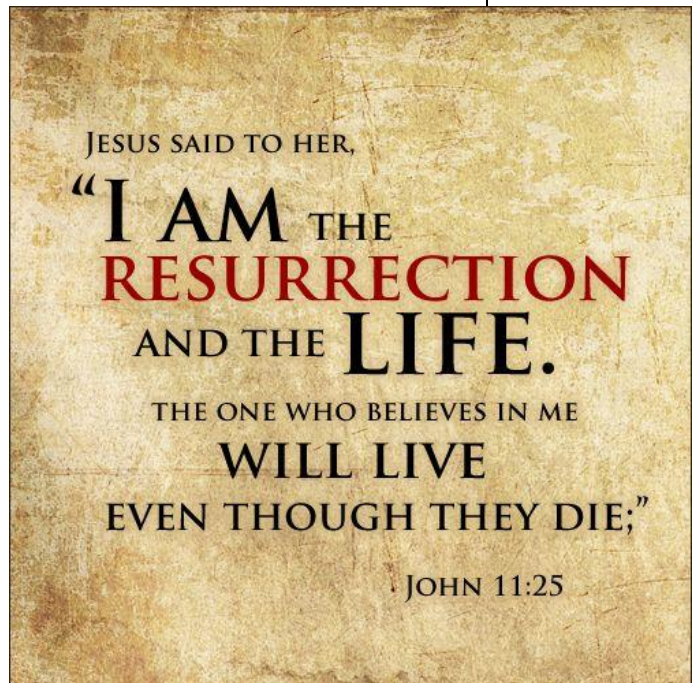
¹⁷On his arrival, Jesus found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. ¹⁸Bethany was less than two miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁹and many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them in the loss of their brother. ²⁰When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went out to meet him, but Mary stayed at home. ²¹"Lord," Martha said to Jesus, "if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²²But I know that even now God will give you whatever you ask."

²³Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." ²⁴Martha answered, "I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day." ²⁵Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; ²⁶and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" ²⁷"Yes, Lord," she told him, "I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who was to come into the world."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ.

**Jesus is the bridge
from live on earth
to life in heaven**



SERMON HYMN

"I Know of a Sleep in Jesus' Name"

CW 211

SERMON

Based on Old
Testament and
Gospel Lessons

The Crossroad of Death

Public
confession is
faith's
response to
God's saving
Word.

THE CONFESSION OF FAITH – Third Article and Meaning

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.

I believe that I cannot by my own thinking or choosing believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to him.

But the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with his gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way he calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

In this Christian church he daily and fully forgives all sins to me and all believers.

On the Last Day he will raise me and all the dead and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true.

Following the
offering we
pray for the
church.

OFFERING AND SIGNING OF FRIENDSHIP REGISTER

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH AND 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.

THE SACRAMENT

Our church practices membership communion.

We ask that only members of our church body, the Wisconsin Lutheran Synod

Partake of the sacrament.

PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

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

C: It is good and right so to do.

P: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who willingly died under the curse of this world's sin so that we may live forever in the light of God's blessing. Therefore with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (Sanctus) – Isaiah 6:1-3

O Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord God of pow'r and might, Your glo-ry, earth and heav-en In count-less ways re-cite. Ho-san-na! Come and save us, Lord God of hosts on high, And in your grace and mer-cy Re-ceive our fer-vent cry.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION Matthew 26:26-28, 1 Corinthians 11:24-25

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

The words of the Preface mark the beginning of the Communion section of the service and lift the worshipers' hearts in praise. The opening sentences are among the oldest in the Christian liturgy.

In this song we praise God, who is present with us in his Supper.
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Jesus is God's Lamb, who was offered as a sacrifice for sin once for all.

LAMB OF GOD - John 1:29

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us your peace. A - men.

DISTRIBUTION & HYMN

"Jerusalem the Golden"

CW 214

The celebration of the Lord's Supper connects us intimately with Christ and with one another as Christians who are united around a common confession of faith.

SONG OF SIMEON

O Lord, now let your ser-vant De - part in peace, as - sured:
For I have seen your prom-ised in - car-nate, sav-ing Word-
A Light that will en-light-en All gloom, where Gen-tiles dwell;
The bril-liant, crown-ing glo-ry Of those in Is-ra-el!

P: We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet that you have given us to eat and to drink in this sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit help us live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BLESSING - Numbers 6:24-29

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN "Then the Glory"

CW 218



Then the glo-ry Then the rest Then the Sab-bath peace un-bro-ken



Then the gar-den Then the throne Then the crys-tal riv - er flow-ing



Then the splen-dor Then the life Then the new cre-a - tion sing-ing



Then the mar-riage Then the love Then the feast of joy un-end-ing



Then the know-ing Then the light Then the ul-ti - mate ad-ven-ture



Then the Spir - it's har - vest gath - ered Then the Lamb in maj - es - ty



Then the Fa-ther's A-men Then Then Then.

The blessing of Aaron has been spoken over God's people for over 3,500 years. The Lord said, "So they will put my name on (them), and I will bless them."

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