



Jesus Died But, We Are NOT Forsaken

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Our Mission: Boldly and Joyfully Sharing The Good News of Jesus' Love and Forgiveness.







Confession and Absolution

L: In the name of our God, to whom all hearts are open and from whom no secrets are hidden. Amen.

O Lord, hear my prayer, listen to my cry for mercy, and in your faithfulness come to my relief. Do not bring your servant into judgment, for no one living is righteous before you. Answer me quickly, O Lord; my spirit fails. Do not hide your face from me, for I put my trust in you. Show me the way I should go, for to you I lift up my soul. Teach me to do your will, for you are my God.

- C: Almighty God, merciful Father, I, a troubled and repentant sinner, confess that I have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should. I am distressed and troubled by my sins. I confess that I am deeply sorry for them.
- L: We confess our private sins before you and ask you to hear us. (Pause)

Jesus says to us, his people, "If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven." His perfect life, innocent suffering and death paid for the guilt of your sins and the sins of the whole world. Do you believe this?

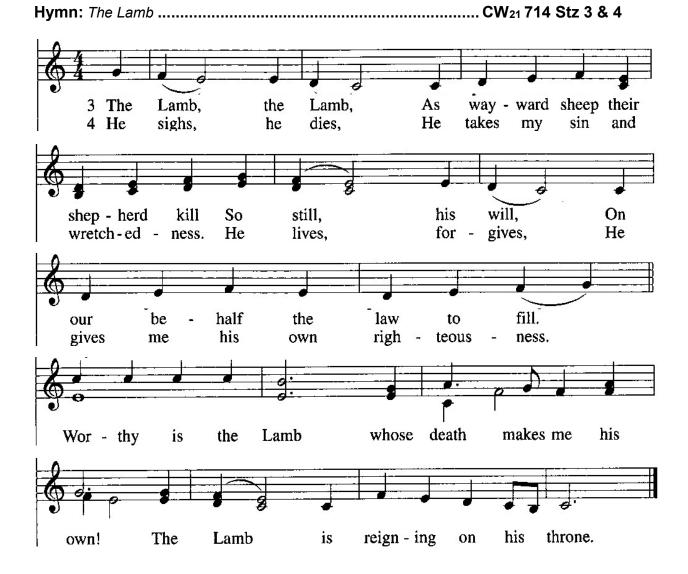
C: Yes, I believe that the work of Jesus alone saves me.

L: Through the promises of our Savior Jesus and upon your confession, I do forgive you all your sins. Be assured that you are a dear child of God and an heir of eternal life. His word empowers us to all go and sin no more.

Lord Jesus, you are the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

C: Amen.

Hymn: The Lamb CW₂₁ 714 Stz 3 & 4



First Lesson:

Long before the birth of Jesus, God allowed Isaiah to describe the person of Christ and some of the events on the Friday we call Good.

 2 He grew up before him like a tender shoot, and like a root out of dry ground. He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him. 3 He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering. Like one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

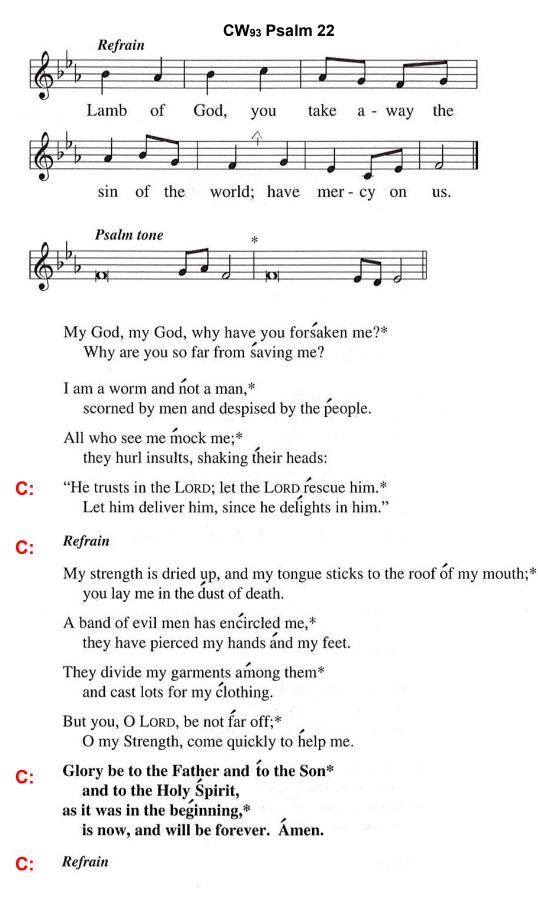
⁴ Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted. ⁵ But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed. ⁶ We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

⁷ He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; he was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. ⁸ By oppression and judgment he was taken away. And who can speak of his descendants? For he was cut off from the land of the living; for the transgression of my people he was stricken. ⁹ He was assigned a grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death, though he had done no violence, nor was any deceit in his mouth.

¹⁰ Yet it was the LORD's will to crush him and cause him to suffer, and though the LORD makes his life a guilt offering, he will see his offspring and prolong his days, and the will of the LORD will prosper in his hand. (The Promise of our God)

CW93 Psalm 22

Congregation Reads the Verses and Sings the Refrain marked with **C**:



Gospel:

L: So the soldiers took charge of Jesus. ¹⁷ Carrying his own cross, he went out to the place of the Skull (which in Aramaic is called Golgotha). ¹⁸ Here they crucified him, and with him two others—one on each side and Jesus in the middle.

¹⁹ Pilate had a notice prepared and fastened to the cross. It read: JESUS OF NAZARETH, THE KING OF THE JEWS. ²⁰ Many of the Jews read this sign, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and the sign was written in Aramaic, Latin and Greek. ²¹ The chief priests of the Jews protested to Pilate,

C: "Do not write 'The King of the Jews,' but that this man claimed to be king of the Jews."

L: ²² Pilate answered, "What I have written, I have written."

²³ When the soldiers crucified Jesus, they took his clothes, dividing them into four shares, one for each of them, with the undergarment remaining. This garment was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom.

C: ²⁴ "Let's not tear it," "Let's decide by lot who will get it."

L: This happened that the scripture might be fulfilled which said, "They divided my garments among them and cast lots for my clothing." So this is what the soldiers did.

²⁵ Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother, his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. ²⁶ When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, "Dear woman, here is your son," ²⁷ and to the disciple, "Here is your mother." From that time on, this disciple took her into his home.

²⁸ Later, knowing that all was now completed, and so that the Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, "I am thirsty." ²⁹ A jar of wine vinegar was there, so they soaked a sponge in it, put the sponge on a stalk of the hyssop plant, and lifted it to Jesus' lips. ³⁰ When he had received the drink, Jesus said, "It is finished." With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

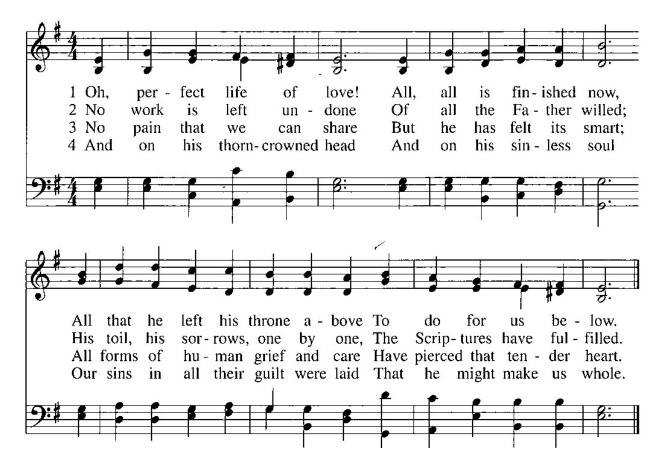
This is the Gospel of our Lord.

(together we read)

All we like sheep have gone astray, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. By his wounds, we are healed.

Hymn: Oh, Perfect Life of Love...... CW93 138 Stz 1–4

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Sermon:

Mark 15:33-34 (NIV 84)

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³³ At the sixth hour darkness came over the whole land until the ninth hour. ³⁴ And at the ninth hour Jesus cried out in a loud voice, *"Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?*"—which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

Prayer: Merciful God, tonight, we are reminded not only of your perfect justice, but your promises and your unfailing love. For you did not spare your own Son but gave him as a ransom for each one of us. Comfort us with the knowledge of your love and assure us of the peace that forgiveness of sins brings.

Lord Jesus, you are the promised Messiah. This evening in humble awe, in reverent silence, and in solemn trembling, we gather around your cross to remember that you offered yourself as the perfect sacrifice for the sins of all people for all time. Give us your peace and the courage to face death with confidence knowing that you have prepared an eternal home for your people in the kingdom of heaven. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

The Final Passion History Reading:

Mark 15:33–46

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³⁵ When some of those standing near heard this, they said, "Listen, he's calling Elijah." ³⁶ One man ran, filled a sponge with wine vinegar, put it on a stick, and offered it to Jesus to drink. "Now leave him alone. Let's see if Elijah comes to take him down," he said.

³⁷ With a loud cry, Jesus said, "It is finished." With that, Jesus breathed his last, he bowed his head, and gave up his spirit.

³⁸ The curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. ³⁹ And when the centurion, who stood there in front of Jesus, heard his cry and saw how he died, he said, "Surely this man was the Son of God!"

⁴² It was Preparation Day (that is, the day before the Sabbath). So as evening approached, ⁴³ Joseph of Arimathea, a prominent member of the Council, who was himself waiting for the kingdom of God, went boldly to Pilate and asked for Jesus' body. ⁴⁴ Pilate was surprised to hear that he was already dead. Summoning the centurion, he asked him if Jesus had already died. ⁴⁵ When he learned from the centurion that it was so, he gave the body to Joseph. ⁴⁶ So Joseph bought some linen cloth, took down the body, wrapped it in the linen, and placed it in a tomb cut out of rock.

Then he rolled a large stone against the entrance of the tomb And Went Away.

We leave in **Silence** as we contemplate the life and death of Jesus. Without the death of Jesus, there is no resurrection.

Easter Morning Celebration Services 7:30 and 10:00 Aм, Sunday, April 9. Come Celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus

He Is Not Here, He Is Risen!



Join us in person or on Facebook Live As we proclaim the resurrection of Jesus.

His empty tomb is our guarantee:

He is alive. All our sins are forgiven. We have peace with God. All our guilt has been removed.

Rejoice for Jesus promised, "Because I live, you too shall live."

Observation Control							
Date		Time	Streaming	Music	Usher #1	Comm.	
April							
Good Friday	<mark>7</mark>	7:00 PM	Dan	Jessica	Mark		
Easter Sun	<mark>9</mark>	<mark>7:30 AM</mark>	Mark	Jessica	Scott	Gil	
Easter Sun	<mark>9</mark>	10:00 AM	Megan	Sam	Bob P		
Sun Easter 2	<mark>16</mark>	9:30 AM	Audrey	Jessica	Gil		
Sun Easter 3	<mark>23</mark>	9:30 AM	Mark	Jessica	Cole	Scott	
Sun Easter 4	<mark>30</mark>	9:30 AM	Dan	Jessica	Scott		



<mark>Community Easter Egg Hunt</mark> Saturday, April 8th 10:00am – Noon 9:15am Volunteers should arrive to assist

Easter Morning Breakfast Signup

Breakfast Sun April 9th 8:45–9:45 AM

Sign-up in the Fellowship Hall for food you plan to bring.

April 2023, Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 6 Renae Schweitzer
- 11 Daniel Freeman
- 23 Jacob Stephen Backes

2023 Cleaning Volunteers for Both the Church and the Fellowship Hall Cleaning may be done any day or time during the week on or preceding the date indicated below. Thank you.

- April1Meister FamilyApril15K. Kellner, P. Taylor, C. RogersMay6Pieper Family and Schweitzer Family
- May 20 Kassebaum Family