

The Good Shepherd Lays Down His Life for the Sheep!

Luther's Explanation of the 2nd Article of the Apostles' Creed

St. Peter Lutheran Church

Stambaugh, Michigan

Calvary Lutheran Church

Marquette, Michigan

Lent 2023

OPENING PRAYER

OPENING HYMN: (Bulletin back)

THE ORDER OF VESPERS (The Lutheran Hymnal, Pg. 41)

Pastor: "O Lord, open Thou my lips."

Congregation (Sung): "And my mouth shall show forth Thy praise."

P: Make haste, O God, to deliver me.

C: (Sung) "Make haste to help me, O Lord."

All (Sung):

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen. Hallelujah!"

THE RESPONSIVE READING OF A PENITENTIAL PSALM (Insert)

THE PASSION HISTORY READING

P: But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

C: (Sung) "Thanks be to Thee, O Lord."

CONFESSION OF FAITH

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord;

Who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned creature, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent sufferings and death;

That I should be His own, and live under Him in His kingdom, and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness; even as He is risen from death, lives and reigns to all eternity.

This is most certainly true.

HYMN: (Bulletin back)

THE SERMON: (Text Bulletin back)

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1. He Redeemed Me, lost and condemned – Romans 5:12, 18
2. He Purchased and Won Me – Titus 2:13-14
3. He Set Me Free from all Sin – 1 John 1:7
4. He Saved Me from Death – Romans 6:23
5. He Rescued Me from the Devil's Power – Genesis 3:15
6. He Made Me His Own Forever – 1 John 3:1

THE OFFERINGS OF THANKFUL HEARTS

PRAYER(S)

THE KYRIE (Sung)

"Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ Have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us."

THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN: (Bulletin back)

THE COLLECT FOR PEACE: Pastor **CONGREGATION:** (Sung) "Amen."

P: Bless we the Lord.

C: (Sung) "Thanks be to God."

THE BENEDICTION: Pastor

CONGREGATION: (Sung) "Amen."

CLOSING HYMN: 558 – "All Praise to Thee My God this Night"

All praise to Thee, my God, this night For all the blessings of the light.
Keep me, oh, keep me, King of kings, Beneath Thy own almighty wings.

Forgive me, Lord, for Thy dear Son, The ill that I this day have done
That with the world, myself and Thee, I, ere I sleep, at peace may be.

Teach me to live that I may dread The grave as little as my bed.

Teach me to die that so I may Rise glorious at the awe-ful Day.

Oh, may my soul on Thee repose, And may sweet sleep mine eyelids close,
Sleep that shall me more vigorous make To serve my God when I awake.

When in the night I sleepless lie, My soul with heavenly thoughts supply;

Let no ill dreams disturb my rest, No powers of darkness me molest.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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ASH WEDNESDAY, WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 22, 2023

HYMNS: 140 (1-4) 369 154

RESPONSIVE PSALM 6

Romans 5:12 (NKJV) - ¹²Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned...¹⁸Therefore, as through one man's offense *judgment* came to all men, resulting in condemnation, even so through one Man's righteous act *the free gift came* to all men, resulting in justification of life.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1ST 2023

HYMNS: 141 278 165

RESPONSIVE PSALM 32

Titus 2:13-14 (NKJV) - ¹³looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, ¹⁴who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself *His* own special people, zealous for good works.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8TH, 2023

HYMNS: 155 371 (1-5) 375

RESPONSIVE PSALM 38

1 John 1:7 (NKJV) - ⁷But 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.

WEDNESDAY MARCH 15TH, 2023

HYMNS: 149 142: 2-3, 5 175

RESPONSIVE PSALM 51

Romans 6:23 (NKJV) - ²³For the wages of sin *is* death, but the gift of God *is* eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

WEDNESDAY MARCH 22ND, 2023

HYMNS: 144 148 (1-5) 178

RESPONSIVE PSALM 102

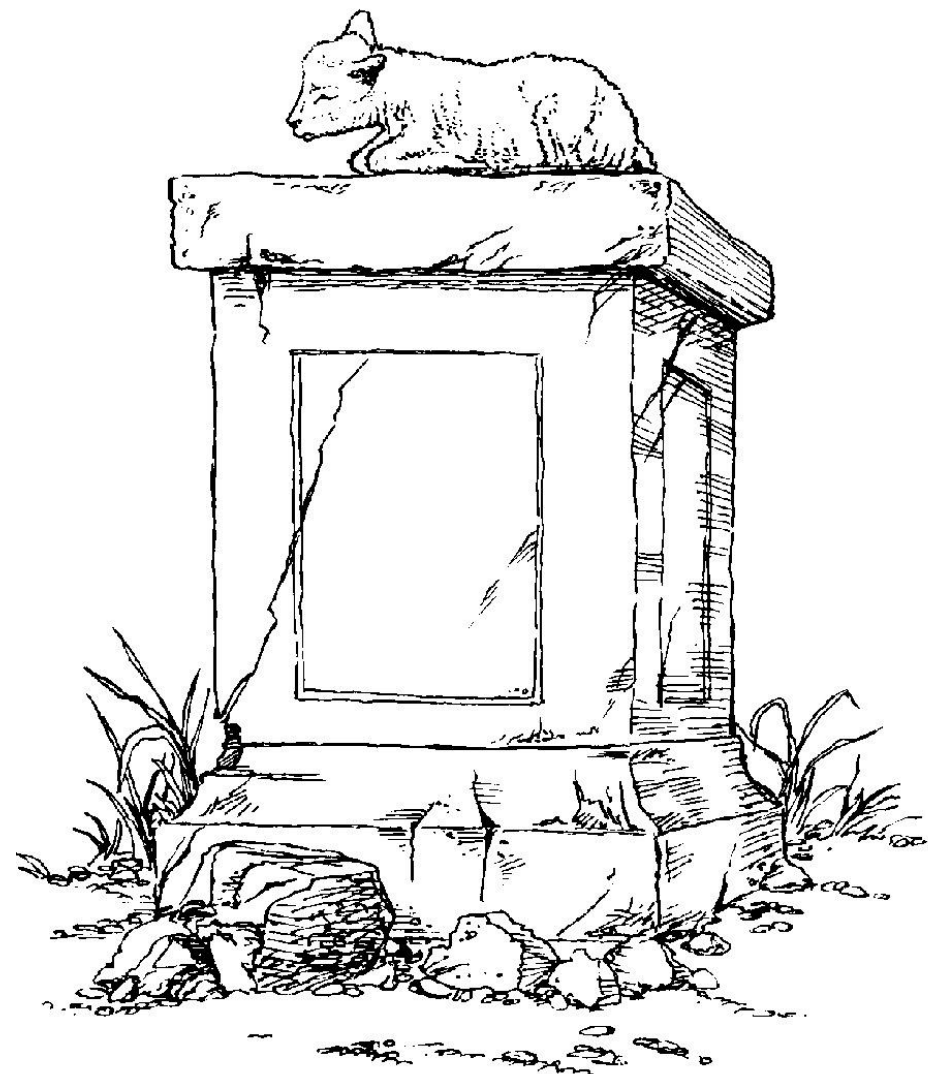
Genesis 3:15 (NKJV) - ¹⁵And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, And you shall bruise His heel."

WEDNESDAY MARCH 29TH, 2023

HYMNS: 173 334 364

RESPONSIVE PSALM 130

1 John 3:1 (NKJV) - Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God! Therefore the world does not know us, because it did not know Him.



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C: Return, O LORD, deliver me! Oh, save me for Your mercies' sake!

P: For in death *there is* no remembrance of You;

C: In the grave who will give You thanks?

P: I am weary with my groaning;

C: All night I make my bed swim; I drench my couch with my tears.

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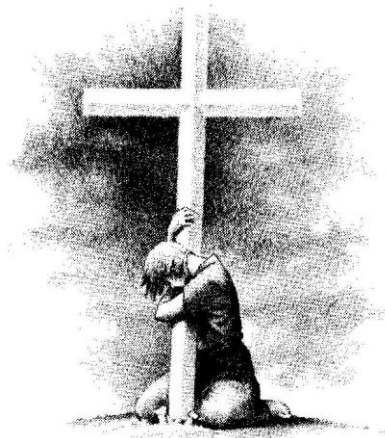
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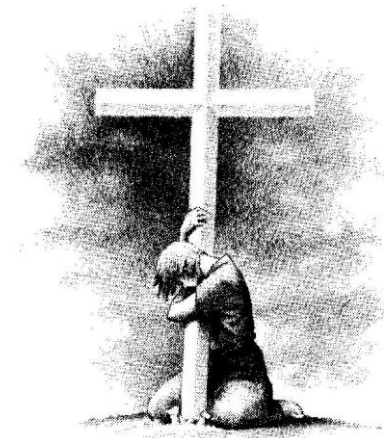
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P: Blessed *is* the man to whom the LORD does not impute iniquity,

C: And in whose spirit *there is* no deceit.

P: When I kept silent, my bones grew old Through my groaning all the day long.

C: For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me; My vitality was turned into the drought of summer. Selah

P: I acknowledged my sin to You, And my iniquity I have not hidden.

C: I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," And You forgave the iniquity of my sin. Selah

P: For this cause everyone who is godly shall pray to You In a time when You may be found;

C: Surely in a flood of great waters They shall not come near him.

P: You *are* my hiding place;

C: You shall preserve me from trouble; You shall surround me with songs of deliverance. Selah

P: I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go;

C: I will guide you with My eye.

P: Do not be like the horse *or* like the mule, *Which* have no understanding,

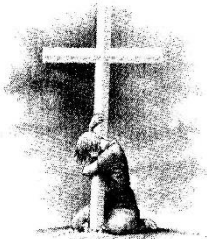
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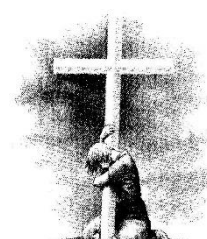
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C: And Your hand presses me down.

P: *There is* no soundness in my flesh Because of Your anger,

C: Nor *any* health in my bones Because of my sin.

P: For my iniquities have gone over my head;

C: Like a heavy burden they are too heavy for me.

P: My wounds are foul *and* festering Because of my foolishness.

C: I am troubled, I am bowed down greatly; I go mourning all the day long.

P: For my loins are full of inflammation,

C: And *there is* no soundness in my flesh.

P: I am feeble and severely broken;

C: I groan because of the turmoil of my heart.

P: Lord, all my desire *is* before You;

C: And my sighing is not hidden from You.

P: My heart pants, my strength fails me;

C: As for the light of my eyes, it also has gone from me.

P: My loved ones and my friends stand aloof from my plague,

C: And my relatives stand afar off.

P: Those also who seek my life lay snares *for me*;

C: Those who seek my hurt speak of destruction, And plan deception all the day long.

P: But I, like a deaf *man*, do not hear;

C: And *I am* like a mute *who* does not open his mouth.

P: Thus I am like a man who does not hear,

C: And in whose mouth *is* no response.

P: For in You, O LORD, I hope;

C: You will hear, O Lord my God.

P: For I said, "*Hear me*, lest they rejoice over me,

C: Lest, when my foot slips, they exalt *themselves* against me."

P: For I *am* ready to fall,

C: And my sorrow *is* continually before me.

P: For I will declare my iniquity;

C: I will be in anguish over my sin.

P: But my enemies *are* vigorous, *and* they are strong;

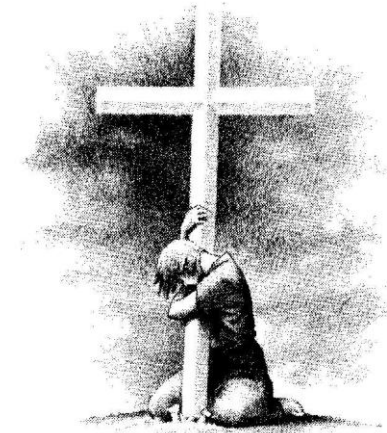
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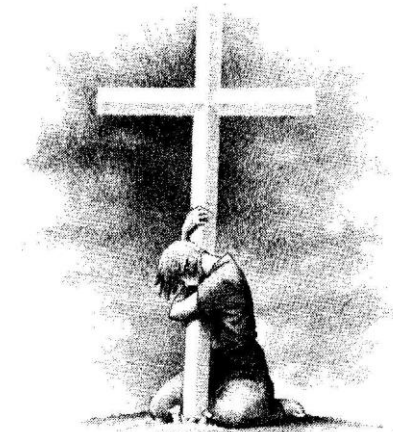
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P: Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
C: And cleanse me from my sin.

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C: That You may be found just when You speak, And blameless when You judge.

P: Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity,
C: And in sin my mother conceived me.

P: Behold, You desire truth in the inward parts,
C: And in the hidden part You will make me to know wisdom.

P: Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
C: Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

P: Make me hear joy and gladness,
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P: Hide Your face from my sins,
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P: Create in me a clean heart, O God,
C: And renew a steadfast spirit within me.

P: Do not cast me away from Your presence,
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P: Restore to me the joy of Your salvation,
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P: Deliver me from the guilt of bloodshed, O God, The God of my salvation,
C: And my tongue shall sing aloud of Your righteousness.

P: O Lord, open my lips,

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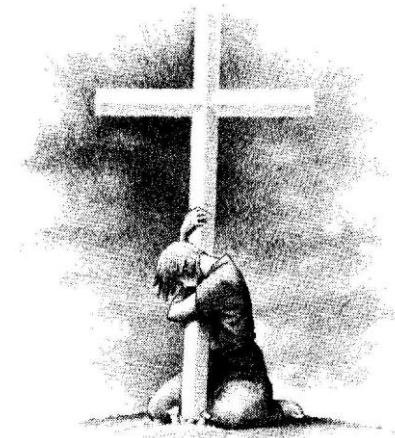
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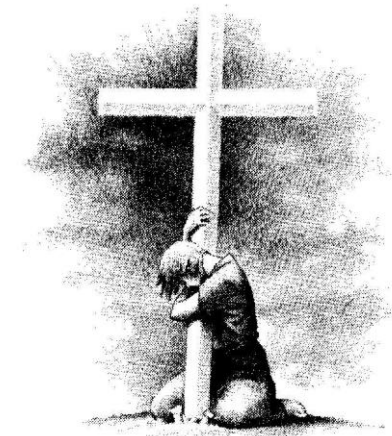
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P: For my days are consumed like smoke,

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P: My heart is stricken and withered like grass,

C: So that I forget to eat my bread.

P: Because of the sound of my groaning

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P: I am like a pelican of the wilderness;

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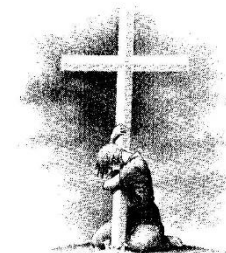
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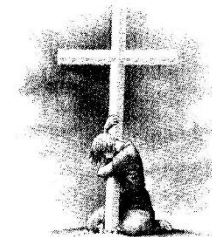
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Congregation: Let Your ears be attentive To the voice of my supplications.

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C: But *there is* forgiveness with You, That You may be feared.

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P: My soul *waits* for the Lord More than those who watch for the morning—

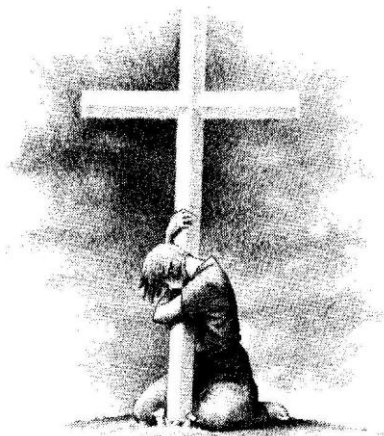
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THE RESPONSIVE READING OF PSALM 130

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