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**ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH - (MISSOURI SYNOD)**

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Mission Statement

*“Empowered by God’s Word, we joyfully share the Love of Jesus with all people.”*

Vision Statement

*“We will be a vibrant, welcoming church serving the needs of our members, community, and missions by partnering with other churches and organizations while preaching and teaching the inspired Word of God and our Savior Jesus Christ.”*

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**SUNDAY MORNINGS (SEPTEMBER – MAY)**

- ✠ Divine Service w/Holy Communion:
  - 9:00 a.m. (also Facebook Live; and Radio 1170 AM/106.3 FM)
- ✠ Sunday School: 10:15 am and Adult Bible Study: 10:30 a.m.

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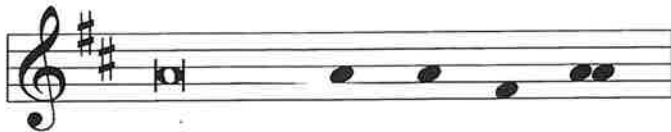
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## BE GRACIOUS TO ME!

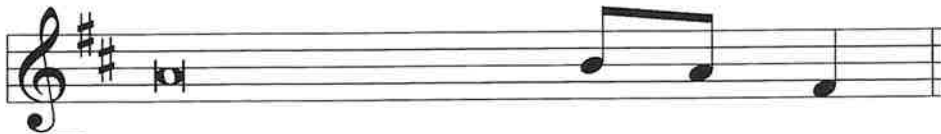
Nothing could be more natural in our sinful world than seeking revenge against one who has wronged you. Even the youngest child's untrained sense of fairness demands payback. God's children, however, are not to submit to human thinking but to the Word of God. What do the Scriptures say about our desire for revenge? When King David's enemies rose against him, the Holy Spirit inspired him to pray in Psalm 41:10: "But You, O LORD, be gracious to me, and raise me up, that I may repay them!" David prays for vengeance, and God ordains vengeance. Yet the Scriptures also tell us not to "resist the one who is evil," and that vengeance belongs to the LORD. What are we to make of this paradox? As with all matters of the faith, we must look to our Lord's crucifixion for the answer. For only by the cross is God gracious to you; only at the cross does He demand payment for every injustice.

*The congregation and pastor enter in silence.*

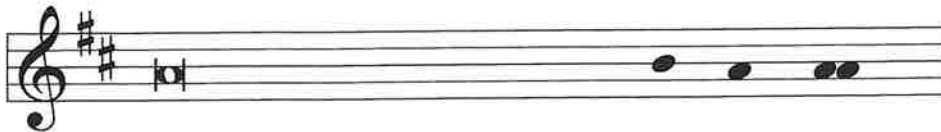
### Versicles



**L** O Lord, o - pen my lips,



**C** and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.



**L** Make haste, O God, to de - liv - er me;



**C** make haste to help me, O Lord.



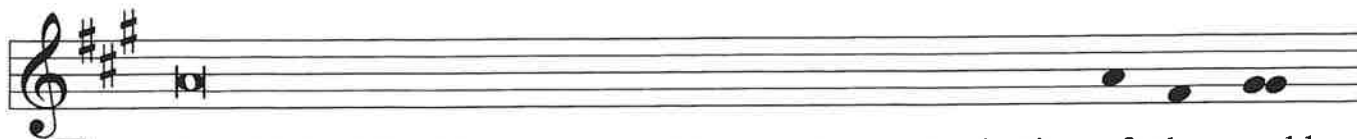
Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our sal - va - tion.



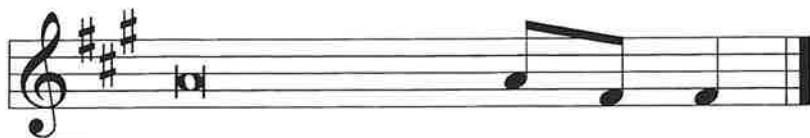
**<sup>10</sup>But you, O LORD, be gra- | cious to me,\*  
and raise me up, that I may re- | pay them!**

*The Cross is unveiled as the sentences and responses are sung.*

**Sentence and Response**

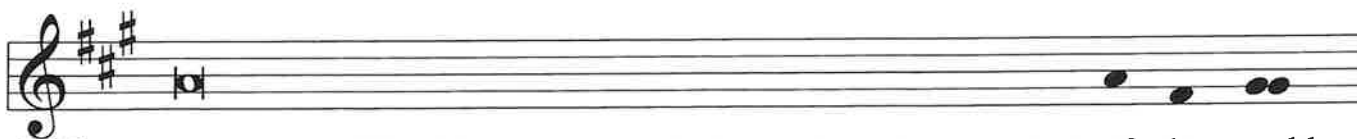


**P** Behold, the life-giving cross on which was hung the salvation of the world.

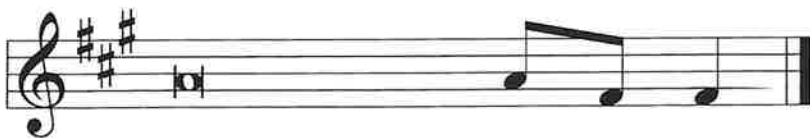


**C** O come, let us wor - ship Him.

*One side is unveiled.*

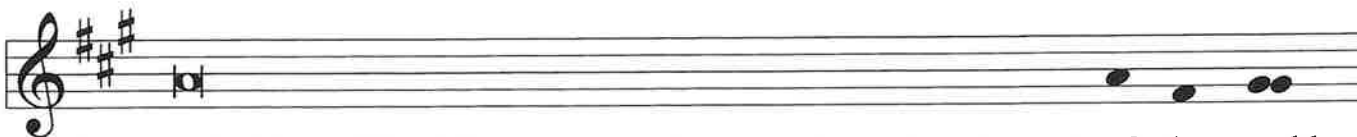


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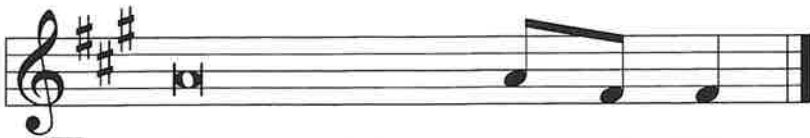


**C** O come, let us wor - ship Him.

*The other side is unveiled.*



**P** Behold, the life-giving cross on which was hung the salvation of the world.



**C** O come, let us wor - ship Him.

*The Cross is fully exposed.*

# Choir: When You Prayed Beneath the Trees

## The Seven Last Words of Christ

Luke 23:34

### The First Word: Forgiveness for Sinners

<sup>34</sup>And Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.” And they cast lots to divide his garments.

### Reading Response

- P** O Lord, be gracious to us.  
**C** Thanks be to God.

*A candle is extinguished.*

### Hymn: Jesus, in Your Dying Woes

LSB 447 sts. 1–3



1 Je - sus, in Your dy - ing woes, E - ven while Your  
2 Sav - ior, for our par - don sue When our sins Your  
3 Oh, may we, who mer - cy need, Be like You in



life - blood flows, Crav - ing par - don for Your foes:  
pangs re - new, For we know not what we do:  
heart and deed, When with wrong our spir - its bleed:



Hear us, ho - ly Je - sus.  
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## The Second Word: Promise of Paradise

Luke 23:43

<sup>43</sup>And he said to him, “Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise.”

### Reading Response

- P** O Lord, be gracious to us.  
**C** Thanks be to God.

*A candle is extinguished.*

### Hymn: Jesus, in Your Dying Woes

LSB 447 sts. 4–6

4 Je - sus, pit - y - ing the sighs Of the thief, who  
5 May we in our guilt and shame Still Your love and  
6 May our hearts to You in - cline And their thoughts Your

near You dies, Prom - is - ing him par - a - dise:  
mer - cy claim, Call - ing hum - bly on Your name:  
cross en - twine. Cheer our souls with hope di - vine:

Hear us, ho - ly Je - sus.  
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**The Third Word: Provision Provided**

<sup>26</sup>When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, “Woman, behold, your son!” <sup>27</sup>Then he said to the disciple, “Behold, your mother!” And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.

**Reading Response**

- P** O Lord, be gracious to us.
- C** Thanks be to God.

*A candle is extinguished.*

**Hymn: Jesus, in Your Dying Woes**

LSB 447 sts. 7-9

7 Je - sus, lov - ing to the end Her whose heart Your  
 8 May we in Your sor - rows share, For Your sake all  
 9 May we all Your loved ones be, All one ho - ly

sor - rows rend, And Your dear - est hu - man friend:  
 per - il dare, And en - joy Your ten - der care:  
 fam - i - ly, Lov - ing, since Your love we see:

Hear us, ho - ly Je - sus.  
 Hear us, ho - ly Je - sus.  
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## The Fourth Word: Forsaken for My Sake

Matthew 27:46

<sup>46</sup>And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, “Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?” that is, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”

### Reading Response

**P** O Lord, be gracious to us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*A candle is extinguished.*

### Hymn: Jesus, in Your Dying Woes

LSB 447 sts. 10–12



10 Je - sus, whelmed in fears un - known, With our e - vil  
11 When we seem in vain to pray And our hope seems  
12 Though no Fa - ther seem to hear, Though no light our



left a - lone, While no light from heav'n is shown:  
far a - way, In the dark - ness be our stay:  
spir - its cheer, May we know that God is near:



Hear us, ho - ly Je - sus.  
Hear us, ho - ly Je - sus.  
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**The Fifth Word: The Final Sip**

<sup>28</sup>After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), “I thirst.”

**Reading Response**

- P** O Lord, be gracious to us.
- C** Thanks be to God.

*A candle is extinguished.*

**Hymn: Jesus, in Your Dying Woes**

LSB 447 sts. 13–15

13 Je - sus, in Your thirst and pain, While Your wounds Your  
 14 Thirst for us in mer - cy still; All Your ho - ly  
 15 May we thirst Your love to know. Lead us in our

life - blood drain, Thirst - ing more our love to gain:  
 work ful - fill; Sat - is - fy Your lov - ing will:  
 sin and woe Where the heal - ing wa - ters flow:

Hear us, ho - ly Je - sus.  
 Hear us, ho - ly Je - sus.  
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## The Sixth Word: Prophecy Fulfilled

John 19:30

<sup>30</sup>When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, "It is finished," and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

### Reading Response

**P** O Lord, be gracious to us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*A candle is extinguished.*

### Hymn: Jesus, in Your Dying Woes

LSB 447 sts. 16–18



16 Je - sus, all our ran - som paid, All Your Fa - ther's  
17 Save us in our soul's dis - tress; Be our help to  
18 Bright - en all our heav'n - ward way With an ev - er



will o - beyed; By Your suf - f'ring per - fect made:  
cheer and bless While we grow in ho - li - ness:  
ho - lier ray Till we pass to per - fect day:



Hear us, ho - ly Je - sus.  
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**The Seventh Word:**


<sup>46</sup>Then Jesus, calling out with a loud voice, said, “Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!” And having said this he breathed his last.

**Reading Response**

- P** O Lord, be gracious to us.
- C** Thanks be to God.

LSB 255

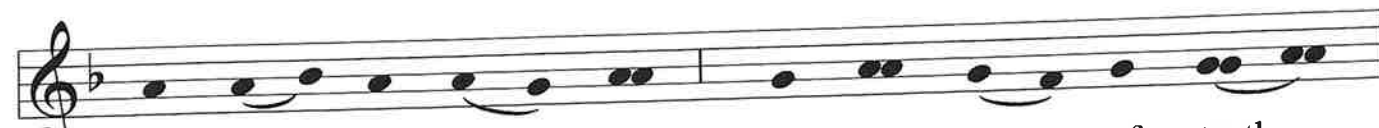
**Responsory**



**L** In-to Your hands, O Lord, I com - mend my spir - it.



**C** In-to Your hands I com - mend my spir - it.



**L** You have re - deemed me, O Lord, God of truth.



**C** In-to Your hands I com - mend my spir - it.

*A candle is extinguished.*

## Hymn: Jesus, in Your Dying Woes

LSB 447 sts. 19–21



19 Je - sus, all Your la - bor vast, All Your woe and  
20 When the death shades round us low'r, Guard us from the  
21 May Your life and death sup - ply Grace to live and



con - flict past, Yield - ing up Your soul at last:  
tempt - er's pow'r, Keep us in that tri - al hour:  
grace to die, Grace to reach the home on high:



Hear us, ho - ly Je - sus.  
Hear us, ho - ly Je - sus.  
Hear us, ho - ly Je - sus.

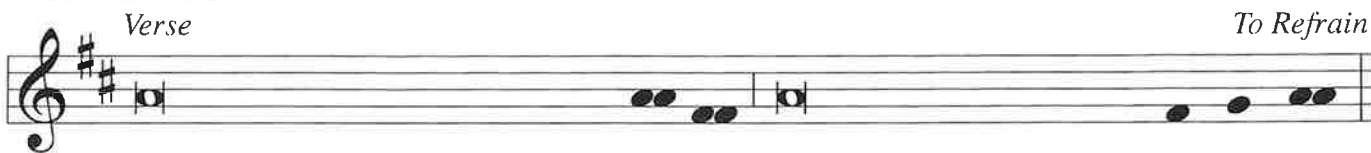
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## Responsory



- L** 1 We have an advocate with the Fa-ther; Jesus is the propitiation for our sins.  
2 Blessed is he whose  
transgression is for - giv - en and whose sin is put a - way.  
3 We have an advocate with the Fa-ther; Jesus is the propitiation for our sins.



**C** He was delivered up to death; He was delivered  
for the sins of the peo-ple.

Sit

# Office Hymn: Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle

LSB 454



1 Sing, my tongue, the glo - rious bat - tle; Sing the end - ing  
2 Tell how, when at length the full - ness Of the ap - point - ed  
3 Thus, with thir - ty years ac - com - plished, He went forth from  
4 Faith - ful cross, true sign of tri - umph, Be for all the  
△ 5 Un - to God be praise and glo - ry; To the Fa - ther



of the fray. Now a - bove the cross, the tro - phy,  
time was come, He, the Word, was born of wom - an,  
Naz - a - reth, Des - tined, ded - i - cat - ed, will - ing,  
no - blest tree; None in fo - liage, none in blos - som,  
and the Son, To the e - ter - nal Spir - it hon - or



Sound the loud tri - um - phant lay; Tell how Christ, the  
Left for us His Fa - ther's home, Blazed the path of  
Did His work, and met His death; Like a lamb He  
None in fruit thine e - qual be; Sym - bol of the  
Now and ev - er - more be done; Praise and glo - ry



world's re - deem - er, As a vic - tim won the day.  
true o - be - dience, Shone as light a - midst the gloom.  
hum - bly yield - ed On the cross His dy - ing breath.  
world's re - demp - tion, For the weight that hung on thee!  
in the high - est While the time - less a - ges run.

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## Sermon

## Offering: Choir - Calvary

*Kneel/Stand*

**Prayers**

**P** Lord, have mercy.

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** Christ, have mercy.

**C** Christ, have mercy.

**P** Lord, have mercy.

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**Lord's Prayer**

**C** Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

**Collect of the Day**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray. Almighty God, graciously behold this Your family for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed and delivered into the hands of sinful men to suffer death upon the cross; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

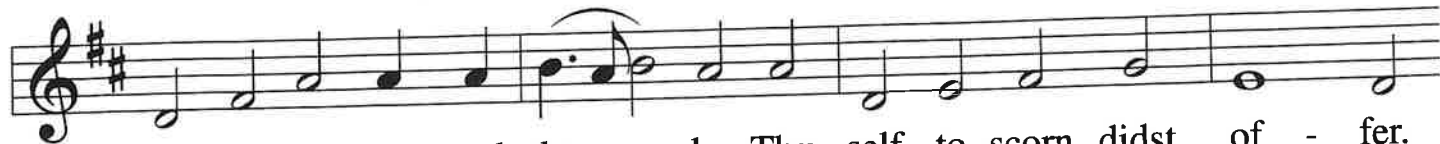
**Concluding Collect**

**P** Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, You willed that Your Son should bear for us the pains of the cross and so remove from us the power of the adversary. Help us so to remember and give thanks for our Lord's passion that we may receive forgiveness of sin and redemption from everlasting death; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** Amen.

**Hymn: Lamb of God, Pure and Holy**

1 Lamb of God, pure and ho - ly, Who on the cross didst suf - fer,  
 2 Lamb of God, pure and ho - ly, Who on the cross didst suf - fer,  
 3 Lamb of God, pure and ho - ly, Who on the cross didst suf - fer,



Ev - er pa - tient and low - ly, Thy - self to scorn didst of - fer.  
 Ev - er pa - tient and low - ly, Thy - self to scorn didst of - fer.  
 Ev - er pa - tient and low - ly, Thy - self to scorn didst of - fer.



All sins Thou bor - est for us, Else had de - spair reigned o'er us:  
 All sins Thou bor - est for us, Else had de - spair reigned o'er us:  
 All sins Thou bor - est for us, Else had de - spair reigned o'er us:



Have mer - cy on us, O Je - sus! O Je - sus!  
 Have mer - cy on us, O Je - sus! O Je - sus!  
 Thy peace be with us, O Je - sus! O Je - sus!

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*The Pascal Candle is extinguished.*

*The congregation leaves in silence and minimal light.*

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Good Friday, Tenebrae Vespers from Lutheran Service Book

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