

SIXTH WEDNESDAY OF LENT

April 5, 2017

Calvary Lutheran Church Topeka, KS

SERVICE OF PRAYER AND PREACHING *Lutheran Service Book P. 260–267*

**Indicates to Stand*

ANNOUNCEMENTS, *SHARING OF THE PEACE, *OPENING PRAYER

OPENING HYMN: *“Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”* # 528

*OPENING VERSICLES: *(for Lent)* P. 260

*OLD TESTAMENT CANTICLE P. 261–262

***PSALM 27**

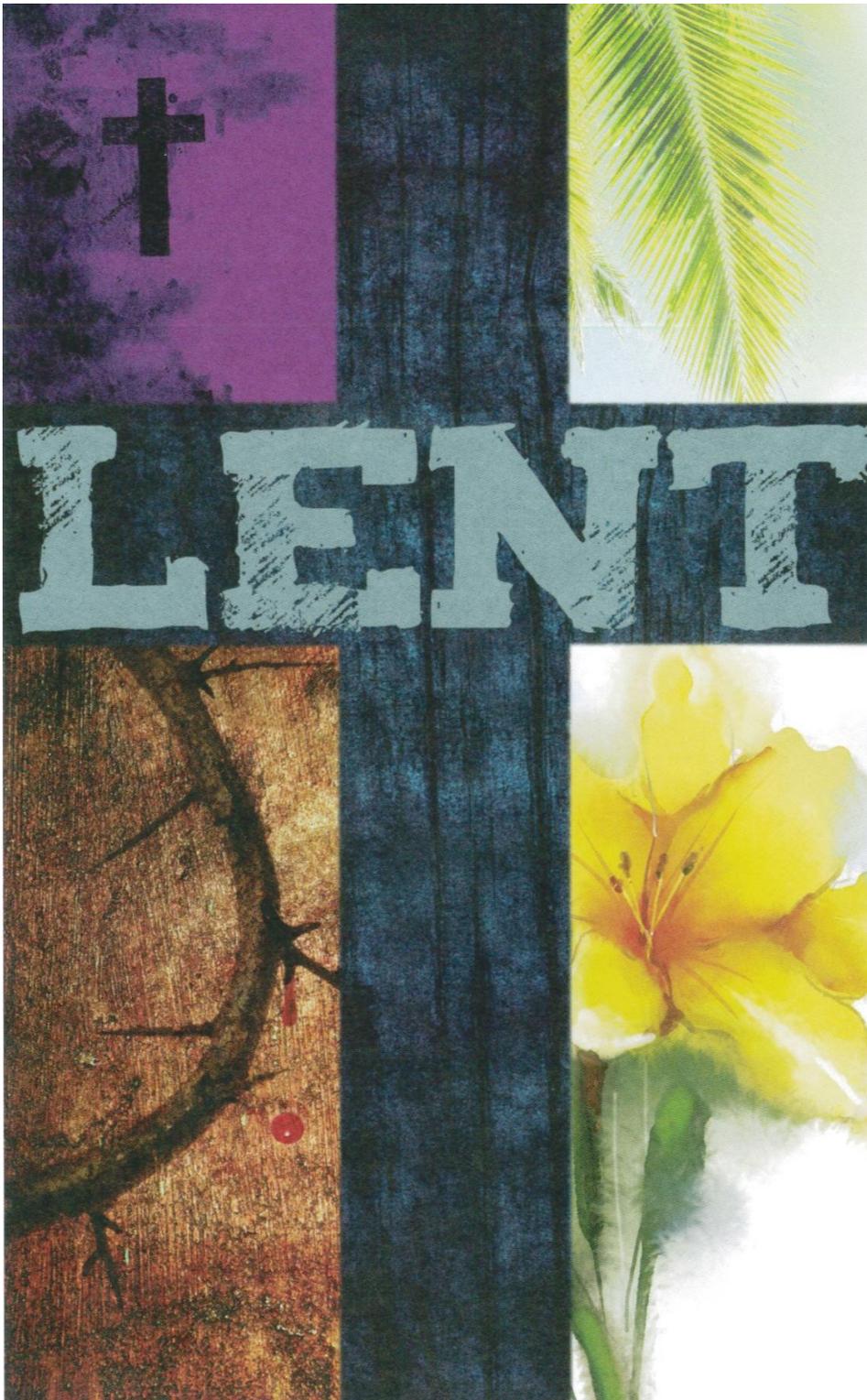
P: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

C: **When evildoers assail me to eat up my flesh, my adversaries and foes, it is they who stumble and fall.**

P: Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war arise against me, yet I will be confident.

C: **One thing have I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to inquire in His temple.**

P: For He will hide me in His shelter in the day of trouble; He will conceal me under the cover of His tent; He will lift me high upon a rock.



C: And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me, and will offer in His tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the Lord.

P: Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud; be gracious to me and answer me!

C: You have said, "Seek My face." My heart says to You, "Your face, Lord, do I seek."

P: Hide not Your face from me. Turn not Your servant away in anger, O You who have been my help. Cast me not off; forsake me not, O God of my salvation!

C: For my father and my mother have forsaken me, but the Lord will take me in.

P: Teach Me your way, O Lord, and lead me on a level path because of my enemies.

C: Give me not up to the will of my adversaries; for false witnesses have risen against me, and they breathe out violence.

P: I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living!

C: Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!

All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Numbers 21:4–9

P: From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom. And the people became impatient on the way. And the people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have You brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we loathe this worthless food." Then the Lord sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. And the people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned, for we have spoken against the Lord and against you. Pray to the Lord, that He take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. And the Lord said to Moses, "Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live." So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.

EPISTLE READING: Ephesians 2:1–10

P: And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience—among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

Choir: *"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"*

HOLY GOSPEL: John 3:14–21

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the third chapter:

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

P: And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. Jesus said: "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their deeds were evil. For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his deeds have been carried out in God."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

***RESPONSORY:** (for Lent) P. 263

***TEN COMMANDMENTS, *APOSTLES CREED, *LORD'S PRAYER** P. 264
(spoken together by all)

CATECHETICAL INSTRUCTION P. 265
"The Seventh Commandment"

P: You shall not steal. What does this mean?

C: **We should fear and love God so that we do not take our neighbor's money or possessions, or get them in any dishonest way, but help him to improve and protect his possessions and income.**

"The Eighth Commandment"

P: You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.
What does this mean?

C: **We should fear and love God so that we do not tell lies about our neighbor, betray him, slander him, or hurt his reputation, but defend him, speak well of him, and explain everything in the kindest way.**

P: We pray together. . .

All: Lord God, I have indeed transgressed Your commandments. I have been impatient in reverses and trials. I am unsympathetic and unmerciful. I do not help my neighbor. I am unable to resist sin. I do not tire of doing wrong. Dear Lord, pour out Your grace to me and give me Your Holy Spirit so that I may be obedient and keep each of Your commandments. Help me to be at odds with the world and to give my heart and soul to You.

HYMN OF THE DAY: "Cross of Jesus, Cross of Sorrow" # 428

A BRIEF EXPOSITION

OFFERING: (as the offerings are being gathered to glorify our Lord, please sign and pass the red attendance booklet found in the pew)

***OFFERTORY:** "What Wondrous Love Is This" # 543 v. 1

***PRAYER** P. 265

***COLLECT FOR THE WORD – *EVENING PRAYER** P. 265–266

***CANTICLE HYMN:** "Glory Be to Jesus" # 433

***BLESSING** P. 267

***CLOSING HYMN:** "God Loved the World So That He Gave" # 571