

Lent Service
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Calvary Lutheran Church

Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod

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God so loved the world...

John 3:14-21

<http://www.ncbuscc.org/nab/bible/john/john3.htm>

WELCOME: In the name of Our Lord Jesus Christ, welcome to Christian worship. If you are a visitor with us, please sign our guest register by the front door and fill out a worship card given to you by an usher.

Evening Prayer Service of Light (Hymnal Supplement 98)

Stand

Versicles (Lent)

P Now is the time of God's favor;
C now is the day of salvation.

P Turn us again, O God of our salvation,
C that the light of Your face may shine on us.

P May Your justice shine like the sun;
C and may the poor be lifted up.

O Light Whose Splendor

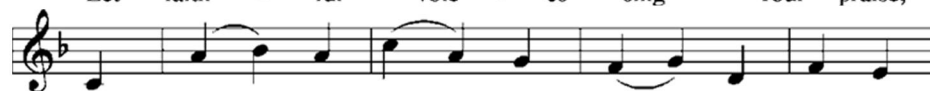
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1 O Light whose splendor thrills and gladdens
 2 As twilight hovers near at sunset,
 3 In all life's brilliant time less moments,



With radiance brighter than the sun,
 And lamps are lit, and children nod,
 Let faithful voices sing Your praise,



Pure gleam of God's unending glory,
 In evening hymns we lift our voices
 O Son of God, our Life bestower,



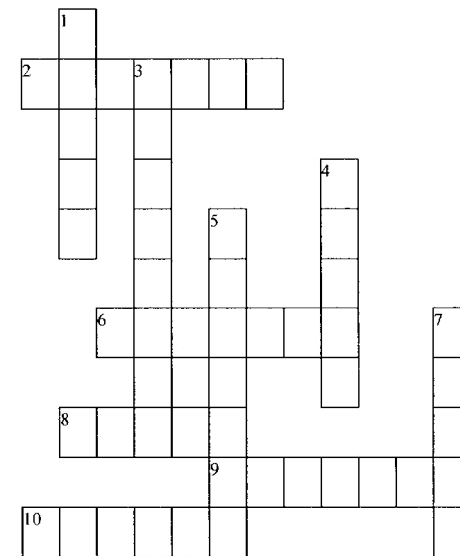
O Jesus, blest Anointed One;
 To Father, Spirit, Son: one God.
 Whose glory lights endless days.

Across

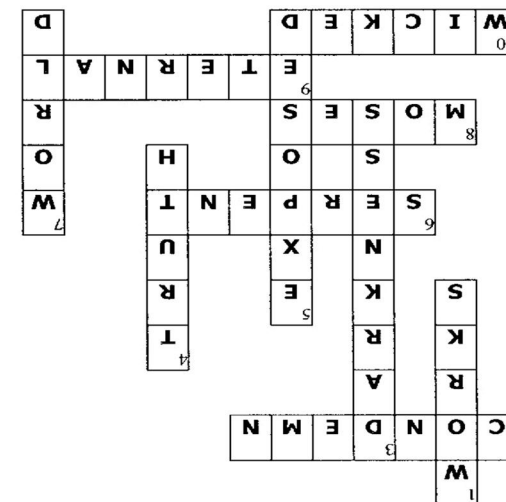
- God did not send Jesus for this.
- What did Moses lift up in the desert?
- He lifted up the serpent in the desert.
- Those who believe in Jesus will have _____ life.
- Everyone who does _____ things hates the light.

Down

- Why did people reject Jesus? Their _____ were evil.
- What people preferred to light.
- Whoever lives the _____ comes to the light.
- Why people do not come to the light: so their works may not be _____.
- For God so loved the _____ that he gave his only Son...



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Prayer

- P** Lord God, we thank You that You have taught us what You would have us believe and do. Help us by Your Holy Spirit, for the sake of Jesus Christ, to hold fast Your Word in hearts that You have cleansed that thereby we may be made strong in faith and perfect in holiness and be comforted in life and death; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C Amen.**

Benediction

- P** The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ☩ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.
- C Amen.**

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Midweek Lenten Services: Wednesday evening midweek services will be at 7:00 pm with a sandwich and salad meal served beforehand at 6:00 pm. If you are able to bring either a salad or some sandwiches to share, that would be great. However, if you are unable, that's okay too! There is always plenty of food and the fellowship is fantastic so come anyway! The Midweek Lenten Services will be as follows:
March 25th – Evening Prayer – The Mount of Triumph

Holy Week: Services will be at 7P.M.
Maundy Thursday-April 2nd:
Good Friday-April 3rd: Tenebrae Service

Easter: Services will be at Sunrise 6A.M., and at 9A.M. There will be a pancake breakfast in between services.
Easter-April 5th

- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Thanksgiving for Light

- P** Blessed are You, O Lord, our God, king of the universe, who led Your people Israel by a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night. Enlighten our darkness by the light of Your Christ; may His Word be a lamp to our feet and a light to our path; for You are merciful, and You love Your whole creation and we, Your creatures, glorify You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.**

Sit

Reading From Holy Scripture

John 3:14-21

- P** A reading from John, the fourth chapter.

14And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, 15that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.
16[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.
17For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. 18Whoever 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. 19And 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. 20For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. 21But 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 Word of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.
- P** In many and various ways, God spoke to His people of old by the prophets.
C But now in these last days, He has spoken to us by His Son.

Stand

Litany



L In peace let us pray to the Lord:



C Lord, have mercy.

- P** For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For [*names of synodical and district presidents*], for all pastors in Christ, for all servants of the Church, and for all the people, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For [*name of president or monarch*], for all public servants, for the government and those who protect us, that they may be upheld and strengthened in every good deed, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For those who work to bring peace, justice, health, and protection in this and every place, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For those who bring offerings, those who do good works in this congregation, those who toil, those who sing, and all the people here present who await from the Lord great and abundant mercy, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For favorable weather, for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For our deliverance from all affliction, wrath, danger, and need, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For the faithful who have gone before us and are with Christ, let us give thanks to the Lord:
- C** **Thanks be to God.**
- P** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Silence for individual prayer may follow.

P Rejoicing in the fellowship of the saints, let us commend ourselves, one another, and our whole life to Christ, our Lord:

C **To You, O Lord.**

P O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

P Taught by our Lord and trusting in His promises, we are bold to pray:

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.

Benedicamus

P Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Sit

Offering

Hymn "Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us" *LSB 851*

Sermon *The Mount of Sacrifice*

Stand