

When Jesus had said these things, he departed and hid himself from them.  
<sup>37</sup>Though he had done so many signs before them, they still did not believe in him,  
<sup>38</sup>so that the word spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: “Lord, who has believed what he heard from us, and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?”

<sup>39</sup>Therefore they could not believe. For again Isaiah said, <sup>40</sup>“He has blinded their eyes and hardened their heart, lest they see with their eyes, and understand with their heart, and turn, and I would heal them.”

<sup>41</sup>Isaiah said these things because he saw his glory and spoke of him. <sup>42</sup>Nevertheless, many even of the authorities believed in him, but for fear of the Pharisees they did not confess it, so that they would not be put out of the synagogue; <sup>43</sup>for they loved the glory that comes from man more than the glory that comes from God.

<sup>44</sup>And Jesus cried out and said, “Whoever believes in me, believes not in me but in him who sent me. <sup>45</sup>And whoever sees me sees him who sent me. <sup>46</sup>I have come into the world as light, so that whoever believes in me may not remain in darkness. <sup>47</sup>If anyone hears my words and does not keep them, I do not judge him; for I did not come to judge the world but to save the world. <sup>48</sup>The one who rejects me and does not receive my words has a judge; the word that I have spoken will judge him on the last day. <sup>49</sup>For I have not spoken on my own authority, but the Father who sent me has himself given me a commandment—what to say and what to speak. <sup>50</sup>And I know that his commandment is eternal life. What I say, therefore, I say as the Father has told me.”

**Apostles’ Creed** (p. 192)

**Homily:** “The Foolishness of Our Faith” (1 Cor. 1:18-25)

*Offerings are not gathered this morning. While the pastor prepares the Table for the Holy Supper, you may spend time prayerfully preparing to receive the Blessed Sacrament (you may wish to read through Luther’s “Christian Questions . . .” on pp. 329-330).*

**Prayer of the Church**

**P** Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**Preface - Agnus Dei** (pp. 194-199)

**Distribution** (*Communicants are to be in full confessional fellowship with the LCMS*)

*After you have received the Blessed Sacrament, you may make the sign of the † cross and return to your pew. The dismissal (blessing) will be spoken after all have received.*

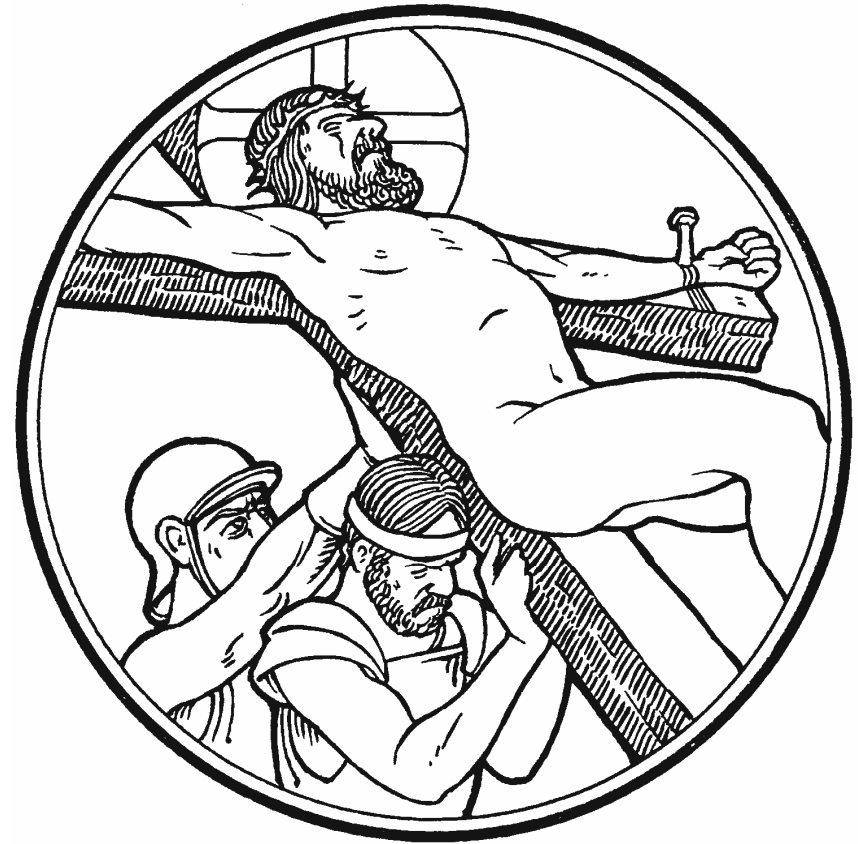
**Nunc Dimittis - Benediction** (pp. 199-202)

**The Congregation Departs in Silence**

*Soli Deo Gloria!*

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*(Upon entering the nave, silence should be observed to allow all the opportunity to prayerfully prepare for the presence of the Lord and the reception of His gifts)*

*Note: All elements of the Divine Liturgy are spoken, not chanted or sung, during our Daily Holy Week Services. The Gloria Patri (usually found within the Introit), the Gloria in Excelsis, the Alleluia and Verse, the Offertory, and all Hymns are Omitted.*

### Confession and Absolution (pp. 184-185)

**Introit** *Ps. 42:3, 9-10; antiphon: Ps. 42:5-6a*

Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me?

Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my salvation and my God.

**My tears have been my food day and night,**

**while they say to me continually, “Where is your God?”**

I say to God, my rock: “Why have you forgotten me?”

Why do I go mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?”

**As with a deadly wound in my bones, my adversaries taunt me,**

**while they say to me continually, “Where is your God?”**

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### Kyrie (p. 186)

#### Salutation and Collect of the Day (p. 189)

Almighty and everlasting God, grant us by Your grace so to pass through this holy time of our Lord’s passion that we may obtain the forgiveness of our sins; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

#### Old Testament Reading

*Isaiah 49:1-7*

<sup>1</sup>Listen to me, O coastlands, and give attention, you peoples from afar. The LORD called me from the womb, from the body of my mother he named my name. <sup>2</sup>He made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow; in his quiver he hid me away. <sup>3</sup>And he said to me, “You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified.” <sup>4</sup>But I said, “I have labored in vain; I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my right is with the LORD, and my recompense with my God.”

<sup>5</sup>And now the LORD says, he who formed me from the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him; and that Israel might be gathered to him—for I am honored in the eyes of the LORD, and my God has become my strength—<sup>6</sup>he says: “It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to bring back the preserved of Israel; I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.”

<sup>7</sup>Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nation, the servant of rulers: “Kings shall see and arise; princes, and they shall prostrate themselves; because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.”

#### Gradual

*Heb. 9:12a, c, 15a; Ps. 111:9a*

[Christ] entered once for all into the holy places, by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption.

**Therefore he is the mediator of a new covenant,**

**so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance.**

He sent redemption to his people;

he has commanded his covenant forever.

#### Epistle

*1 Corinthians 1:18-25*

<sup>18</sup>The word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. <sup>19</sup>For it is written, “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

<sup>20</sup>Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? <sup>21</sup>For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. <sup>22</sup>For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, <sup>23</sup>but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, <sup>24</sup>but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup>For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

#### Holy Gospel

*John 12:23-50*

<sup>23</sup>Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. <sup>24</sup>Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. <sup>25</sup>Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. <sup>26</sup>If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.

<sup>27</sup>“Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? ‘Father, save me from this hour?’ But for this purpose I have come to this hour. <sup>28</sup>Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven: “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” <sup>29</sup>The crowd that stood there and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” <sup>30</sup>Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not mine. <sup>31</sup>Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out. <sup>32</sup>And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” <sup>33</sup>He said this to show by what kind of death he was going to die. <sup>34</sup>So the crowd answered him, “We have heard from the Law that the Christ remains forever. How can you say that the Son of Man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of Man?” <sup>35</sup>So Jesus said to them, “The light is among you for a little while longer. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you. The one who walks in the darkness does not know where he is going. <sup>36</sup>While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light.”