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“Sharing the
Love of
Jesus”

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Divine Worship
8:00 a.m.
Family Worship
10:30 a.m.

Sunday School &
Bible Class
9:15 a.m.

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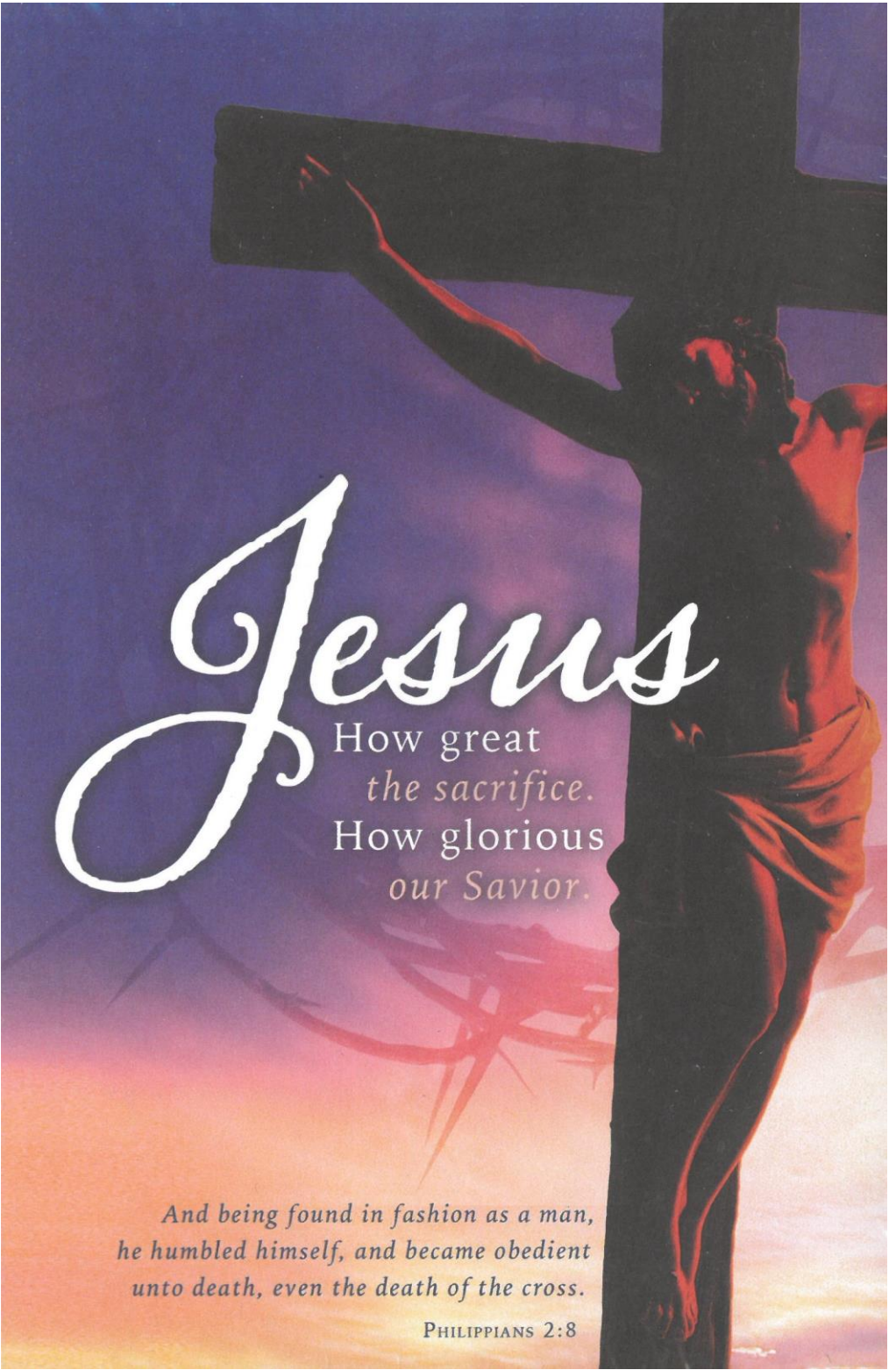
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Jesus

How great
the sacrifice.
How glorious
our Savior.

*And being found in fashion as a man,
he humbled himself, and became obedient
unto death, even the death of the cross.*

PHILIPPIANS 2:8

Good Friday

HYMN: LSB 435 “Come To Calvary’s Holy Mountain”

CALL TO WORSHIP

As we come to the mountain called Calvary, the prophet Isaiah foretells what we are to look for.

Holy Spirit, give us eyes that see, ears that hear, minds open for insight, and hearts that firmly believe the truth of our Father’s love and His Son’s obedience unto death for our salvation.

PROPHETIC PSALM (from Psalm 22)

My God, my God, why have You forsaken me? Why are You so far from saving me, from the words of my groaning?

O my God, I cry by day, but You do not answer, and by night, but I find no rest.

But I am a worm and not a man, scorned by mankind and despised by the people.

All who see me mock me; they make mouths at me; they wag their heads.

“He trusts in the Lord; let Him deliver Him;

let Him rescue Him, for He delight in Him!”

I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint; my heart is like wax; it is melted within my breast;

my strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to my jaws; You lay me in the dust of death.

For dogs encompass me; a company of evildoers encircles me; they have pierced by heads and feet –

I can count all my bones – they stare and gloat over me;

they divide my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots.

Glory be to You Lord Jesus, for enduring such shame and suffering.

Be glorified in our thoughts, words, and deeds, now and forever.

OLD TESTAMENT PROPHECY

Isaiah 52:13-53:12

¹³*Behold, my servant shall act wisely; he shall be high and lifted up, and shall be exalted.*

¹⁴*As many were astonished at you—his appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of the children of mankind—¹⁵so shall he sprinkle many nations; kings shall shut their mouths because of him; for that which has not been told them they see, and that which they have not heard they understand.*

¹*Who has believed what they heard from us? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed? ²For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, and no beauty that we should desire him. ³He was despised and rejected by men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief;*

and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. ⁴Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. ⁵But he was wounded for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his stripes we are healed. ⁶All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. ⁷He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth. ⁸By oppression and judgment he was taken away; and as for his generation, who considered that he was cut off out of the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people? ⁹And they made his grave with the wicked and with a rich man in his death, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth. ¹⁰Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him; he has put him to grief; when his soul makes an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; the will of the Lord shall prosper in his hand. ¹¹Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. ¹²Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong, because he poured out his soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors.

HYMN: LSB 449 “O Sacred Head Now Wounded”

EPISTLE:

Hebrews 5:7-9

⁷In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. ⁸Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. ⁹And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him.

PASSION HISTORY (according to the Four Gospels)

CREED: The Meaning of the 2nd Article

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 person, 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 suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity.

This is most certainly true.

HYMN: LSB 427 “In the Cross of Christ I Glory”

SERMON: “What If?”

Pastor William Zeige

HYMN: LSB 456, vs. 1-3 “Were You There”

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Let us now stand in that place – at the cross – to confess our sins, stand with our Savior, and receive His mercy and grace.

You know, Lord, how many times I have betrayed You. You know the times I have chosen evil over good. Guilt lies upon me like an iron cloak. My soul is heavy – my burden hard.

(pause for silent reflection)

In the act of death Jesus absorbs our sins. In love, He forgives our failures. In the act of resurrection He gives the promise of acceptance, the assurance of forgiveness, the affirmation of eternal life. “Your sins are forgiven,” He said, “Go and sin no more.”

Through Your love, I am made whole, through Your death, I have found new life. You are my shield, my Redeemer, and my hope. My sins are forgiven! I thank You, Lord, for Your great sacrifice.

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH (introduced by Hebrews 4:14-16)

¹⁴Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. ¹⁵For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

THE LORD’S PRAYER

THE BENEDICTION

HYMN: “The Old Rugged Cross”

On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,
The emblem of suffering and shame;
And I love that old cross where the dearest and best,
For a world of lost sinners was slain.
So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,
Till my trophies at last I lay down,
I will cling to the old rugged cross,
And exchange it someday for a crown.

Oh, that old rugged cross, so despised by the world,
Has a wondrous attraction for me;
For the dear Lamb of God left His glory above,
To bear it to dark Calvary.
So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,
Till my trophies at last I lay down,
I will cling to the old rugged cross,
And exchange it someday for a crown.

In the old rugged cross, stained with blood so divine
Such a wonderful beauty I see
For 'twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and died
To pardon and sanctify me.
So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,
Till my trophies at last I lay down,
I will cling to the old rugged cross,
And exchange it someday for a crown.

To the old rugged cross I will ever be true,
It's shame and approach gladly bear;
Then He'll call me someday to my home far away,
Where His glory forever I'll share.
So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,
Till my trophies at last I lay down,
I will cling to the old rugged cross,
And exchange it someday for a crown.