



# Drawing Nearer to Jesus

2023 LARC Lenten Worship

Corpus Christi Roman Catholic,  
First Lutheran, Solomon's Lutheran  
Trinity Episcopal, and Trinity Lutheran



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## PRELUDE AND PROCESSION

### PRESENTATION OF LARC CROSS

#### Lay Representative Presenting the Cross:

Grace and peace to you from our Lord Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us, who forgives our sin, and whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

#### Clergy Leader:

Almighty and everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear our prayers. Grant unto (name of host congregation) all things that are needful. Strengthen their faith, equip and encourage them for their life long journey of discipleship, bless and protect the children, heal the sick, and nurture them in the faith. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

#### Lay Representative of Host Parish:

We will glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
In whom is our salvation, our life, and our resurrection.  
We praise you for the gift of your Son.

**Strengthen us to follow the way of the cross. Amen.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

## GREETING

We gather in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
Throughout the world the holy Church acclaim you:

**Father, of majesty unbounded,  
true Son of God, worthy of all worship,  
And Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.**

# Gathering Hymn

## OPENING LITURGY

You, O Christ, are the king of glory,  
**the eternal Son of the Father.**

When you became human to set us free  
**you chose to be born of the virgin Mary.**

You overcame the sting of death,  
**and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.**

You are seated at God's right hand in glory.  
**We believe that you will come, and be our judge.**

Come then, Lord, and help us, your people,  
bought with the price of your own blood.  
**Bring us with your saints to glory everlasting.**

Save your people, O Lord, and bless our inheritance.  
**Govern and uphold us now and always.**

Day by day we bless you.  
**We praise your name forever.**

Keep us today, Lord, from all sin.  
**Have mercy on us.**

Lord, show us your love and mercy;  
**for we put our trust in you.**

In you, Lord, is our hope:  
**and we shall never hope in vain.**

## **KYRIE**

Jesus, you are the Word made Flesh, Emmanuel, **have mercy on us.**

Jesus, you are the Beloved Son of God, **have mercy on us.**

Jesus, you are the Rabbi, Teacher, Good Shepherd, **have mercy on us.**

Jesus, you are the Suffering Servant, **have mercy on us.**

Jesus, you are the Lamb of God, **have mercy on us.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, merciful Lord. **Amen.**

## **PRAYER OF THE EVENING**

Jesus, our Emmanuel, you are ever present in our daily lives.

**Thank you for being with us always.**

Heavenly Father,

we praise you for sending your beloved Son to save us from our sin.

**Rabbi, we appreciate your teaching us about the kingdom of God and God's everlasting love.**

As a suffering servant you suffered on our behalf  
and humbled yourself to carry our transgressions to the cross.

**For this painful and grueling act, we are eternally grateful.**

And as the Lamb of God, you were crucified  
so we may have eternal salvation and life with you.

**Help us to be continually aware of our need for your saving grace.**

Holy Spirit, open our ears this evening as we come to hear your word proclaimed  
**and open our hearts to live out your gospel message in our daily lives,  
so your name may be glorified in all we say and do.**

In your Holy Name we pray. **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

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<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Theme</b>	<b>Speaker</b>
2/21	Trinity Lutheran	Emmanuel <i>Matthew 1:20b-23 and Luke 2:5-7</i>	Pastor Mike Allwein
2/28	Corpus Christi Roman Catholic	Beloved Son <i>Matthew 3:13-17, 17:1-5</i>	Pastor Jane Nicholson
3/6	Trinity Episcopal	Rabbi/Teacher <i>Matthew 11:28-30</i>	Pastor Barbara Barry
3/13	First Lutheran	Suffering Servant <i>Isaiah 53:1-9</i>	Mother Patricia Dickson
3/20	Solomon's Lutheran	Lamb of God <i>John 1:24-39</i>	Father Allan Wolfe

## Hymn or Special Music

### **OFFERING**

*Offerings received during LARC Lenten Worship will be donated to NETWork Ministry. NETWork Ministry is an urban youth ministry for children and teens in Chambersburg. Since 1993, they have been committed to sharing the love of Christ with those who are most vulnerable in our community. Their desire is to minister to the whole person with the gospel of Jesus. They especially seek to equip children and young adults with the skills necessary for these four areas of focus: spiritual growth, academic achievement, life management, and Christian leadership. This is accomplished through a variety of after school and summer opportunities for youth. Checks may be made payable to LARC.*

## PRAYERS OF THE CHUCH

Most High and Holy God, pour out upon us your unifying Spirit.  
We give thanks for this time together with our Lutheran, Anglican,  
and Roman Catholic brothers and sisters in Christ.  
Awaken the whole church to a holy hunger and thirst for unity in you.  
Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of Guidance, throughout this season of Lent,  
we pray that you will enrich us spiritually through the Lenten Disciplines.  
Place desire in our hearts to share our blessings with the poor.  
We especially remember NETWork Ministry;  
the children, their families and the staff.  
Help them to grow and be healthy in body, mind, and spirit.  
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Open our hearts in prayer so that even when we are without words,  
your Spirit will intercede on our behalf.  
Inspire us in our sacrifices of fasting  
to more fully appreciate all that you have sacrificed for us.  
Arouse compassion and love within us  
to serve our neighbors throughout the community of Chambersburg.  
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious Father, we pray for your holy catholic church;

- **as we grow in working and witnessing together**
- **as we grow in serving together,**
- **as we grow in learning and living together.**

Pour your Holy Spirit of love into our hearts that we will together become  
instruments of your peace in this world,  
through Jesus Christ who taught us to pray...

**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.**

## **EVENING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION**

Be our Light in the darkness, O God,  
and in your great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night.  
Keep watch with those who work or watch or weep.  
tend the sick, give rest to the weary,  
bless the dying, soothe the suffering,  
comfort the afflicted, shield the joyous;  
for the love of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ.  
**Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Almighty and merciful God, Father (+) Son, and Holy Spirit,  
bless and keep us, this night and forever more. **Amen.**

## *Sending Hymn*

*Please return your bulletin to the entrance of our worship space  
or take it with you and bring it back next week. Thank you.*