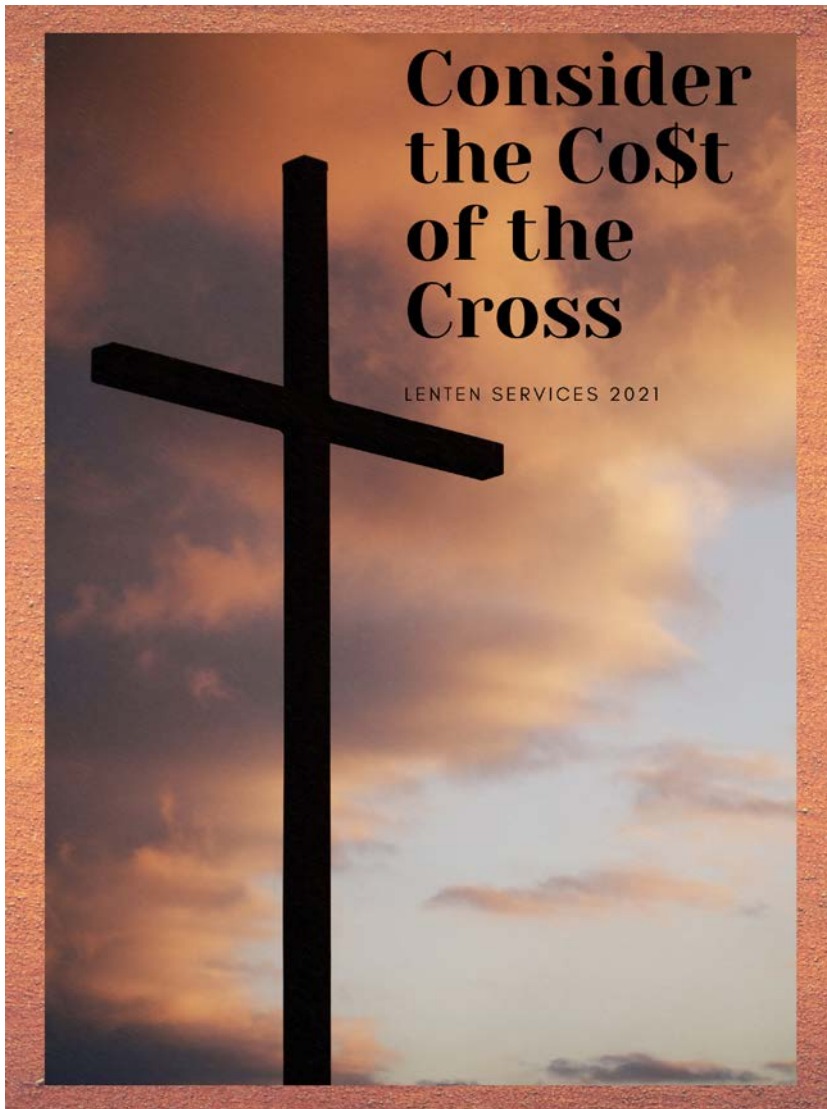


Lent 2

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Welcome

Lenten Sentences:

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.
Let us live this Lenten season - and always- with the cross before us.

C: Show us Your cross, Lord Jesus!

P: In times of prosperity, when success and comfort would draw us away from the way of the cross,

C: Show us Your cross, Lord Jesus!

P: In darker times of trial and worry when we feel alone and abandoned to wander in the valley of the shadow of fear or despair or death,

C: Help us see Your cross, Lord Jesus!

P: In the routine of each day, in the work we do, in our lives with family and friends, in the light of each day, and in our rest each night,

C: Help us see Your cross, Lord Jesus!

P: Heavenly Father, we sin against You and desperately need Your forgiveness won by Your Son. As a family of believers in this congregation, we pray that all we do together may be governed by your love for us in Christ.

C: Keep Christ's cross always before our eyes so that we are ever ready and eager to follow Him. Amen.

*♪ Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes;
Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies.
Heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me! (588:7)*

P: Let us confess our sins.

C: Lord Jesus, we confess that our sins caused you to suffer and die. Our pride, our selfishness, our greed, our lust and our unfaithfulness were placed on you. Lord, have mercy on us who have sinned in so many ways throughout our lives.

♪ *Thou on my head in early youth didst smile,
And though rebellious and perverse meanwhile,
Thou hast not left me oft as I left thee.
On to the close, O Lord, abide with me. (588:4)*

P: This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. Our many sins have been forgiven by his one perfect sacrifice. See his cross and there you see your Savior.

♪ *I fear no foe with thee at hand to bless;
Ills have no weight and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still if thou abide with me. (588:6)*

The Prayer: (in unison)

Jesus, bless me with your Spirit as I ponder your holy passion! The depth of my sin placed you in the pit of suffering. Because of my sin, I deserve wrath. Because of your tender mercy, I receive your forgiveness. Bless my observance of Lent to your glory and my eternal good as I see your cross and consider the price you paid to redeem me. Amen.

The Passion History Responsive Reading

Lesson 2

Hymn 102

Enslaved by Sin and Bound in Chains

**Enslaved by sin and bound in chains,
Beneath its dreadful tyrant sway,
And doomed to everlasting pains
We wretched, guilty captives lay.**

**Nor gold nor gems could buy our peace,
Nor all the world's collected store
Suffice to purchase our release;
A thousand worlds were all too poor.**

**Jesus, the Lord, the mighty God,
An all-sufficient ransom paid.
O matchless price! His precious blood
For vile, rebellious traitors shed.**

**Jesus the sacrifice became
To rescue guilty souls from hell;
The spotless, bleeding, dying Lamb
Beneath avenging justice fell.**

**Amazing goodness! Love divine!
Oh, may our grateful hearts adore
The matchless grace nor yield to sin
Nor wear its cruel fetters more!**

The Sermon

Romans 3:10-20

No Way for Us to Pay!

The Confession of Faith

Luther's Explanation to 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.

He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned creature, 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.

All this he did that I should be his own, and live under him in his kingdom, and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as he has risen from death and lives and rules eternally. This is most certainly true.

Response Hymn

**Consider, my dear soul, the cost of the cross!
God's justice demanded a price to be paid
For all the rebellion since Adam's sad loss,
For countless offenses when you disobeyed.**

**Reflect on, O lost soul, the debt of your sin!
How many the number, how heavy the weight!
How could you make payment? Where would you begin?
Despair of yourself, soul! The cost is too great!**

**Remember, redeemed soul, the love of your God!
Your Savior did not think the cost was too high.
He willingly suffered the wrath of God's rod;
To redeem you as His, was eager to die.**

**Rejoice in, my blessed soul, the gift of God's grace!
Christ, paying the full price, did heaven secure
And gives you this gift since He died in your place.
Rejoice in this treasure; salvation is sure!**

Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Closing Words of Encouragement & Blessing

P: Let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.

C: **Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith,**

P: Who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame

C: **And sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **Amen.**

Announcements (if any)

Hymn 389

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

**Rock of Ages, cleft for me, Let me hide myself in thee;
Let the water and the blood From thy riven side which flowed
Be of sin the double cure: Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.**

**Not the labors of my hands Can fulfill thy law's demands.
Could my zeal no respite know, Could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone; Thou must save and thou alone.**

**Nothing in my hand I bring, Simply to thy cross I cling;
Naked, come to thee for dress, Helpless, look to thee for grace.
Foul, I to the fountain fly -- Wash me, Savior, or I die!**

**While I draw this fleeting breath, When mine eyelids close in death,
When I soar to worlds unknown, See thee on thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me, Let me hide myself in thee!**

Consider the Co\$t of the Cross

Feb 17	Somebody Had to Pay!
Feb 24	No Way for Us to Pay!
March 3	Jesus Was Able to Pay!
March 10	Jesus Was Willing to Pay!
March 17	Jesus Did Pay!
March 24	We Never Have to Pay!