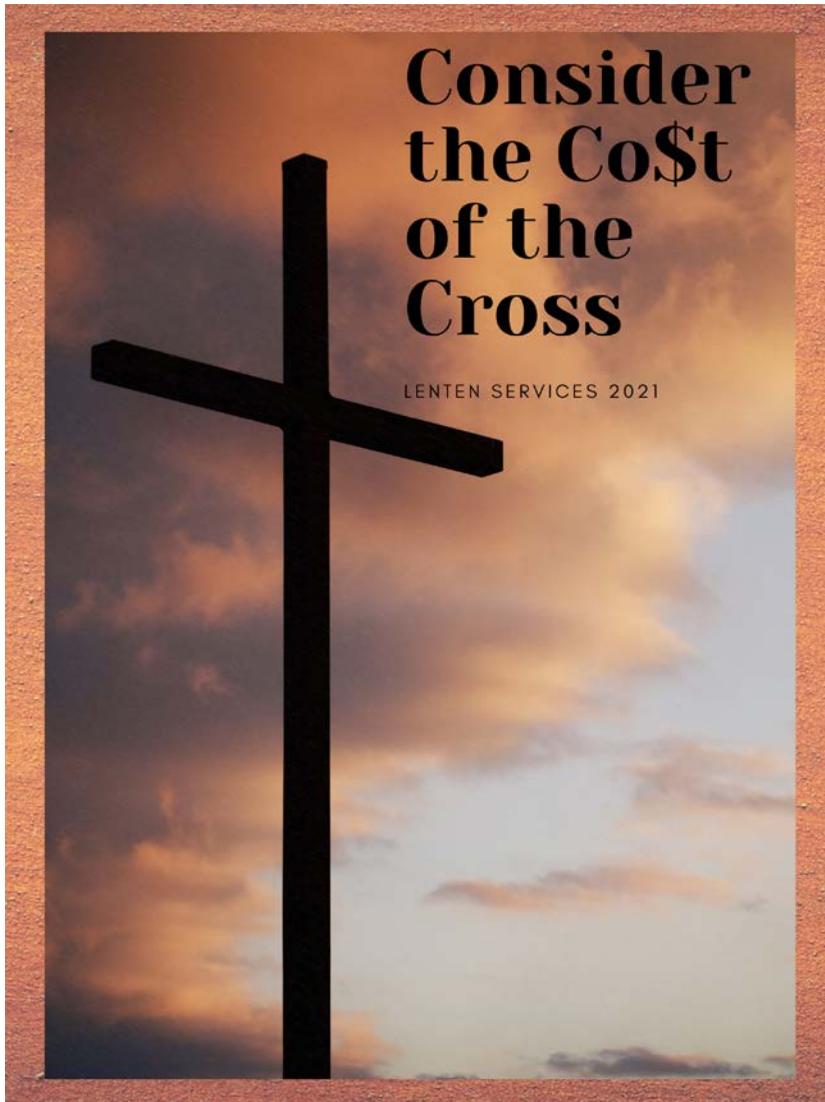


**Lent 3**

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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 3**

**Hymn 114, vv 1,2,6,7**

**Christ, The Life of All the Living**

**Christ, the Life of all the living, Christ, the Death of death, our foe,  
Who, thyself for me once giving To the darkest depths of woe --  
Through thy suff'rings, death, and merit I eternal life inherit.  
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, Dearest Jesus, unto thee.**

**Thou, ah, thou hast taken on thee Bonds and stripes, a cruel rod;  
Pain and scorn were heaped upon thee, O thou sinless Son of God!  
Thus didst thou my soul deliver From the bonds of sin forever.  
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, Dearest Jesus, unto thee.**

**Thou has suffered great affliction And hast borne it patiently,  
Even death by crucifixion, Fully to atone for me.  
Thou didst choose to be tormented That my doom should be prevented.  
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, Dearest Jesus, unto thee.**

**Then, for all that wrought my pardon, For thy sorrows deep and sore,  
For thine anguish in the garden, I will thank thee evermore,  
Thank thee for thy groaning, sighing, For thy bleeding and thy dying,  
For that last triumphant cry And shall praise thee, Lord, on high.**

**The Sermon**

**1 Peter 1:18-19**

**Jesus Was Able to Pay!**

**The Confession of Faith**

**Luther's Explanation to the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 345**

### **In The Cross of Christ I Glory**

**In the cross of Christ I glory,  
Tow'ring o'er the wrecks of time.  
All the light of sacred story  
Gathers round its head sublime.**

**When the woes of life o'ertake me,  
Hopes deceive and fears annoy,  
Never shall the cross forsake me;  
Lo, it glows with peace and joy.**

**When the sun of bliss is beaming  
Light and love upon my way,  
From the cross the radiance streaming  
Adds more luster to the day.**

**Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure  
By the cross are sanctified;  
Peace is there that knows no measure,  
Joys that through all time abide.**

## **Consider the Co\$t of the Cross**

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| 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!     |