

*Newark Lutheran Church*  
*March 15<sup>th</sup> 2023*  
*Lent Service*

*Opening~ Hymn #71*

*“Jesus, Keep Me near the Cross”*

Jesus, keep me near the Cross,  
There a precious fountain  
Free to all—a healing stream,  
Flows from Calv’ry’s mountain.

**Refrain:**

**In the Cross, in the Cross,  
Be my glory ever;  
Till my raptured soul shall find  
Rest beyond the river.**

Near the Cross, a trembling soul,  
Love and mercy found me;  
There the bright and morning star  
Shed its beams around me. **(Refrain)**

Near the Cross! O Lamb of God,  
Bring its scenes before me;  
Help me walk from day to day,  
With its shadow o’er me. **(Refrain)**

Near the Cross I’ll watch and wait,  
Hoping, trusting ever,  
Till I reach the golden strand,  
Just beyond the river. **(Refrain)**

*Call to Worship and Prayer*

*Confession of Sin:*

P: Let us confess our sins

**C: Dear Heavenly Father, we come before You to confess to  
You that we have grievously sinned and fallen short of Your**

**glory. We have not loved You above all things or our  
neighbors as ourselves. We confess these and other sins to  
You in order to receive Your forgiveness and cleansing.  
Grant to us Your mercy and grace and help us to live our  
lives in the way that honors You most. We pray this in the  
name of Jesus, Amen.**

*Absolution:*

Almighty God, the Father of all mercies cleanses us from our  
sins, and restores us in his image to the praise and glory of his  
name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

P: The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

*Lesson: John 6:5-14*

Lifting up his eyes, then, and seeing that a multitude was coming to  
him, Jesus said to Philip, “How are we to buy bread, so that these  
people may eat?” This he said to test him, for he himself knew what  
he would do. Philip answered him, “Two hundred denarii would not  
buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.” One of his  
disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, said to him, “There is a lad  
here who has five barley loaves and two fish; but what are they among  
so many?” Jesus said, “Make the people sit down.” Now there was  
much grass in the place; so the men sat down, in number about five  
thousand. Jesus then took the loaves, and when he had given thanks,  
he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much  
as they wanted. And when they had eaten their fill, he told his  
disciples, “Gather up the fragments left over, that nothing may be  
lost.” So they gathered them up and filled twelve baskets with  
fragments from the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten.  
When the people saw the sign which he had done, they said, “This is  
indeed the prophet who is to come into the world!”

*This is the Word of the Lord ~Thanks Be To God!*

*Apostles Creed:*

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into Hell; The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and is seated on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From where He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Christian Church, the Communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

### ***Pulpit***

*“You’re the Word of God the Father”*

You’re the Word of God the Father from before the world began;  
Every star and every planet has been fashioned by your hand.  
All creation holds together by the power of your voice.  
Let the sky declare your glory; let the lands and seas rejoice.

**(Chorus)**

**You’re the Author of creation, You’re the Lord of every man,  
And Your cry of love rings out across the lands.**

Yet You left the gaze of angels; came to seek and save the lost  
And exchange the joy of heaven for the anguish of a cross.  
With a prayer you fed the hungry, with a word you calmed the sea;  
Yet how silently you suffered, that the guilty may go free.

**(Chorus)**

With a shout you rose victorious, wresting victory from the grave  
And ascended into Heaven, leading captives in Your way.  
Now You stand before the Father, interceding for Your own;  
From each tribe and tongue and nation You are leading sinners home.

**(Chorus)**

***Message: Pastor Jon Benson***

***“Feeding the 5,000”***

### ***Offertory***

*“Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness”*

Praise the One who breaks the darkness

With a liberating light;  
Praise the One who frees the prisoners,  
Turning blindness into sight.  
Praise the One who preached the gospel,  
Healing every dread disease,  
Calming storms and feeding thousands  
With the very bread of peace.

Praise the One who blessed the children  
With a strong yet gentle word;  
Praise the One who drove out demons  
With a piercing two-edge sword.  
Praise the One who brings cool water  
To the desert’s burning sand;  
From this well comes living water  
Quenching thirst in every land.

Praise the one true love incarnate:  
Christ, who suffered in our place;  
Jesus died and rose for every one  
That we may know God by grace.  
Let us sing for joy and gladness,  
Seeing what our God has done.  
Praise the one redeeming glory;  
Praise the One who makes us one.

### ***Offertory Response***

### ***Lord’s Prayer & Benediction***

### ***Closing***

*“When I Behold Jesus Christ”*

When I behold Jesus Christ, True God who died for me,  
I wonder much at His love As He hung on the tree.  
What kind of love is this? What kind of love is this?  
You showed Your love, Jesus, there To me on Calvary.  
What kind of love is this? What kind of love is this?  
You showed Your love, Jesus, there To me on Calvary.

For me You gave all Your love, For me You suffered pain.  
I find no words, nothing can Your selflessness explain.  
What kind of love is this? What kind of love is this?  
You showed Your love, Jesus, there To me on Calvary.  
What kind of love is this? What kind of love is this?  
You showed Your love, Jesus, there To me on Calvary.

You had no sin, holy Lord, But You were tortured, tried;  
On Golgotha there for all My sins You bled and died.  
What kind of love is this? What kind of love is this?  
You showed Your love, Jesus, there To me on Calvary.  
What kind of love is this? What kind of love is this?  
You showed Your love, Jesus, there To me on Calvary.

What love is this? Greater love No one has ever known.  
My life with God this I owe To You, and You alone.  
What kind of love is this? What kind of love is this?  
You showed Your love, Jesus, there To me on Calvary.  
What kind of love is this? What kind of love is this?  
You showed Your love, Jesus, there To me on Calvary.

*Thank you for worshiping with us tonight.  
May you be strengthened for His works this week.*



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