

## WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK: *Service of Word and Prayer*

### GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

### DIALOGUE

The word is near you, **on your lips and in your heart.**

If you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord, **and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.**

Faith comes from what is heard,

**and what is heard comes through the word of Christ.**

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray: **Almighty God, your Son, our Savior suffered at human hands and endured the shame of the cross. Grant that we may walk in the way of his cross and find it the way of life and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. Amen.**

### READING

*A reading from Hebrews 12:1-3*

### PSALMODY

O Lord, I cry to you for help.

**In the morning my prayer comes before you.**

Give me the joy of your saving help again,

**and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.**

Let my mouth be full of your praise **and your glory all the day long.**

Every day will I bless you, **and praise your name forever and ever.**

Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness,

**O God of our salvation, O hope of all the ends of the earth  
and of the seas that are far away.**

Bless the Lord, O my soul,

**and all that is within me, bless his holy name.**

He redeems my life from the grave,  
**and crowns me with mercy and lovingkindness.**  
Lord, hear my prayer, **and let my cry come before you.**

#### CREED

Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith: *See back cover*

#### CONFESSION

Build yourselves up on your most holy faith; **pray in the Holy Spirit.**

Keep yourselves in the love of God;

**look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:

**Everything old has passed away; behold, everything has become new!**

God has given us the ministry of reconciliation. Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another. *Silence for self examination.*

Gracious God, **have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Amen**

The almighty and merciful Lord ✠ grant us pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all our sins. **Amen.**

#### THE PRAYERS: *The Lutheran Rosary*

*Pray on the thumb for those closest to us; the pointer finger for the environment and world around us; the middle finger for our leaders; the ring finger for the sick and suffering; the little finger for oneself.*

#### LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray: *See back cover*

#### BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless us now and forever.

**Amen.**

#### DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

