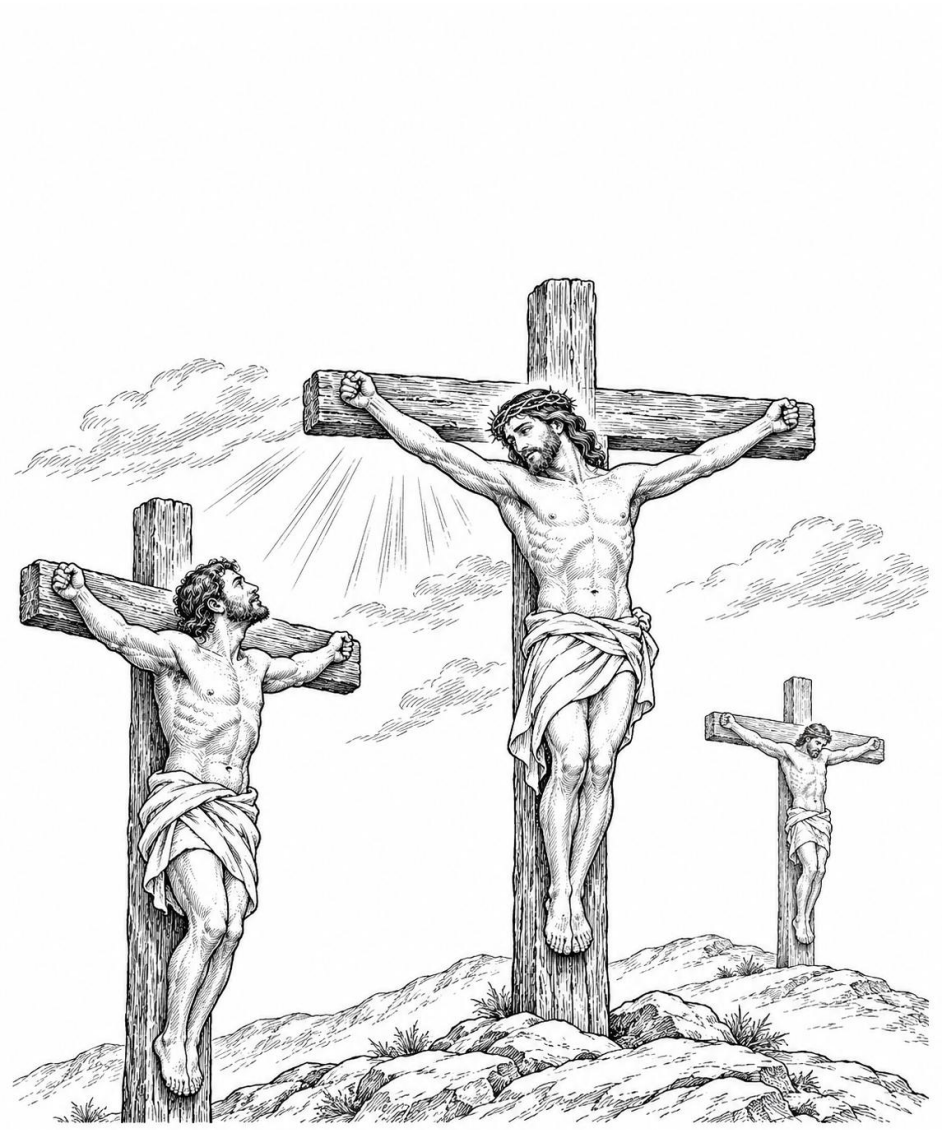
The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. 34 And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." And they cast lots to divide his garments. 35 And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!" 36 The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine 37 and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" 38 There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews." 39 One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!" 40 But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? 41 And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong." 42 And he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." 43 And he said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise.""

Sermon Theme: Happily Ever After in Paradise

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Kinship Sponsors Needed - After the CLC declared fellowship with the Bangladesh Lutheran Church Mission (BLCM) in 2020, the CLC Board of Missions has been working together with the BLCM to establish a local seminary for pastoral training. There is currently one BLCM pastor serving 1,715 souls across 19 congregations and 14 preaching stations in a country that is 95% Muslim. However, this January, 14 men will begin their pastoral training as the inaugural seminary class of the BLCM. Sponsors are needed to help these men receive their training so that they may join in the abundant work in Bangladesh. The cost of a sponsorship will be $60 per month. To begin a sponsorship or for more information, please text, call, or email Dan Roehl. (Cell: 507-381-2042; Email: danroehl@hotmail.com)
- CALL NEWS Pastor Wayne Eichstadt of Gethsemane Lutheran Church, Spokane, WA, has received the call to Holy Cross Ev. Lutheran Church, Phoenix, AZ. <> Pastor Michael Wilke of Gethsemane Lutheran Church, Saginaw, MI, has returned the call to Gift of God Lutheran Church, Mapleton, ND, and to St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Ponsford, MN. <> Pastor Neal Radichel of Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI, has returned the call to Holy Cross Ev. Lutheran Church, Phoenix, AZ.

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HYMNS

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PSALM OF THE DAY

L: God is our refuge and strength,

C: A very present help in trouble.

L: Therefore we will not fear, Even though the earth be removed,

C: And though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea;

L: Though its waters roar and be troubled,

C: Though the mountains shake with its swelling. Selah

L: There is a river whose streams shall make glad the city of God,

C: The holy place of the tabernacle of the Most High.

L: God is in the midst of her, she shall not be moved;

C: God shall help her, just at the break of dawn.

L: The nations raged, the kingdoms were moved;

C: He uttered His voice, the earth melted.

L: The Lord of hosts is with us;

C: The God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah (Psalm 46)

THE COLLECT

Lord Jesus Christ, from the cross You prayed for sinners and promised paradise to the dying thief. Grant us repentance and faith, that when our sins accuse us and death draws near, we may cling to Your word of forgiveness and rejoice that we will be with You in paradise. You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Malachi 3:13-18

[13] "Your words have been harsh against Me," Says the Lord, "Yet you say,
'What have we spoken against You?'

[14] You have said, 'It is useless to serve God; What profit is it that we have kept His ordinance, And that we have walked as mourners Before the Lord of hosts? [15] So now we call the proud blessed, For those who do wickedness are raised up; They even tempt God and go free.' "

[16] Then those who feared the Lord spoke to one another, And the Lord listened and heard them; So a book of remembrance was written before Him For those who fear the Lord And who meditate on His name.

[17] "They shall be Mine," says the Lord of hosts, "On the day that I make them My jewels. And I will spare them As a man spares his own son who serves him." [18] Then you shall again discern Between the righteous and the wicked, Between one who serves God And one who does not serve Him.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Colossians 1:13-20

[13] He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, [14] in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins.

[15] He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. [16] For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. [17] And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist. [18] And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence.

[19] For it pleased the Father that in Him all the fullness should dwell, [20] and by Him to reconcile all things to Himself, by Him, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross.

THE SERMON

Sermon Text: Luke 23:27-43 ESV

"And there followed him a great multitude of the people and of women who were mourning and lamenting for him. 28 But turning to them Jesus said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. 29 For behold, the days are coming when they will say, 'Blessed are the barren and the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed!' 30 Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us,' and to the hills, 'Cover us.' 31 For if they do these things when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?" 32 Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. 33 And when they came to the place that is called