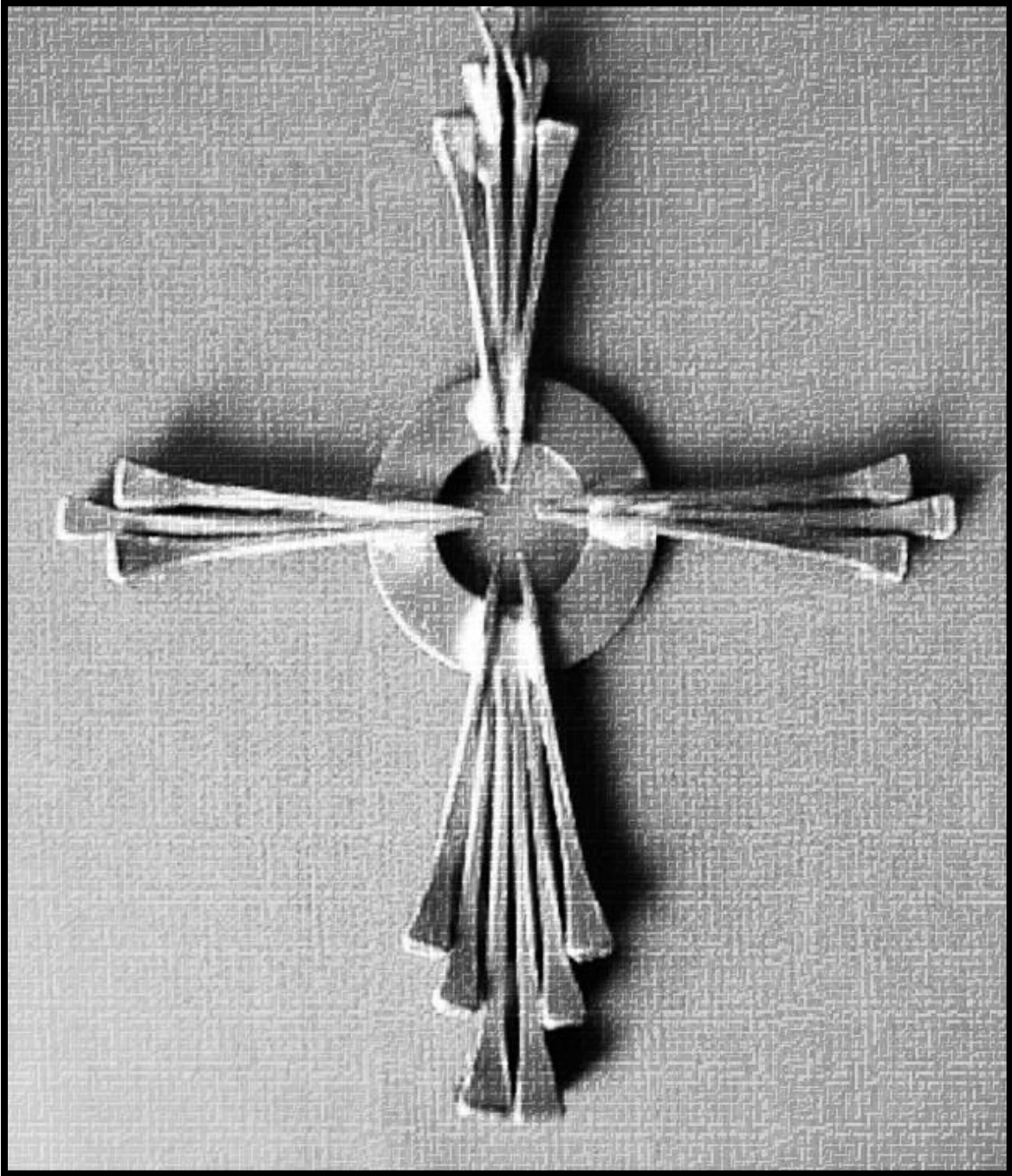


THE 5TH SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 17, 2024



CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH – ST. CATHARINES, ON

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A recording of Sunday's service will be uploaded to YouTube at:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCpING_TKT!9c_OIBbMqGwLw

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Seminarian Vijay Samuel, Concordia Lutheran Theological Seminary Student Fieldworker
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COVER ART: "The Nail cross" depicts our Lord's death with the materials pinning him to the wood on Calvary. A vivid yet glorious reminder of our Saviour's suffering for us.

WELCOME to Christ Lutheran Church! We're glad you are worshipping with us!
Please be aware that our Worship Services are *recorded and posted on YouTube and Facebook*.
There is, although very slight, a possibility that your image might be posted. If you have any concerns, please either speak to the Elder on duty or alternatively seat yourself more towards the back of the sanctuary or along either of the outside aisles. May our gracious and loving Lord bless you as you worship Him.

We pray you and the family of Christ Lutheran remain safe and healthy.

Prayer as you enter for worship:



On the cross of Calvary, dearest Lord, You died for me. Help me, Lord, my sins forgive, teach me, Lord, like You to live. Amen.

[Lutheran Sunday School prayer]

A happy & blessed St. Patrick's Day is wished to all who gather this day!

DAILY SCRIPTURE MEDITATIONS:

Monday: Luke 15:1-10	Wed.: Luke 17:1-19	Friday: Luke 17:20-37
Tuesday: Ruth 1:15-22	Thurs: Ruth 2:14-23	Saturday: Luke 18:1-17

Musicians – Praise Band + **Reader** – Noel Richards + **Greeters** – Ralph & Mary Muller

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Today:	9:00 - 9:50 a.m. – Sunday School & Coffee Hour
	10:00 a.m. – Worship – Scripture & Song – Praise Band
Monday:	10:00 -11:00 a.m. – Luther Manor Bible Study
	7:30 p.m. – Choir
Tuesday:	9:30 - 11:00 a.m. – Precious Moments
Wednesday:	7:00 p.m. –Lenten Study
Thursday:	10:00 -11:30 a.m. –SOUL



YOU ARE INVITED!! EVERY SUNDAY!!

Hope to see you downstairs for

COFFEE, TEA & TREATS !

9:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.
(during Sunday School & CHAT)

Anyone willing to help serve or bring treats, please contact: Judy Mason



LWML-C/MARY MARTHA EVENTS:

- Tuesday, March 19, 7:00 p.m.:** Cooking Demonstration. "How to make Phyllo Pastry Hor d'Oeuvres" by Derrick Smith.
- Tuesday, April 16, 7:00 p.m.:** Mission Service night – Quilt Tying and cutting stamps.
- Tuesday, May 21, 7:00 p.m.:** Speaker / TBA.
- Tuesday, June 18, 5:30 pm:** Summer Pot Luck. More details to follow!

CONCORDIA ROCKS BONSPIEL: Calling all curlers (and the curling curious)! Register for the first ever **Concordia Rocks Bonspiel** on **Saturday, March 23, 2024** at the **Williamsford Community Center** (close to Owen Sound, ON). 2 games, 2 draws, lunch, refreshments, prizes, and a whole pile of fun. Draw 1 @ 8:30 and Draw 2 @10:00. All proceeds go to the Student Aid Fund of Concordia Lutheran Theological Seminary in St. Catharines. Registration \$50.00. Limited to the first 32 curlers. For more info visit: www.concordia-seminary.ca. To pre-register, email Carol at carollc1952@gmail.com or text 226-668-4353.



EASTER PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Sunday, March 31st at 11:30 a.m.

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Please join us in the Church basement.

Breakfast includes:
pancakes, sausages, hot
cross buns, coffee and
orange juice.



free-will offering collected to enable the Fellowship Committee to cover costs

As it is the custom for the men of the congregation to do the cooking and serving, we are once again asking the gentlemen to sign up on forms located in the Narthex

CLTS CALL SERVICE: Saturday, May 25, 3:00 pm here at Christ. Followed by a reception.

12th Regular Convention of Lutheran Women's Missionary League--Canada: July 11-14, 2024, at the Four Points by Sheraton in London, ON.

The convention theme is based on Psalm 149:1 'Sing to the Lord a new song'

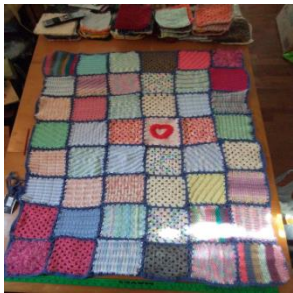
Keynote Speaker will be Deb Burma who is a Christian author and LWML seminar leader. Special Interest Speakers will also tell of their cross-cultural ministry with the use of singing and music.

The mites gathered throughout the past three years provided such great blessings to people around the world, from local support for a Bethlehem Walk in BC to International support of deaconesses in Nicaragua and Cambodia. Rev. Mark Smith will bring news of the work that is happening through those missions. Mission Grants for the next triennium will be voted on.

If you would be interested in attending, either in person or online, speak to Lorraine Kaija.

Registration forms will be available in the coming months. You can also check out the LWML web site lutheranwomen.ca

2023 ANNUAL REPORT: The Church Council would like to distribute an Annual Report this year. If you are in charge of a committee, group or event, please send your report for 2023 (in MS Word format) to: secretary@christlutheransc.ca



Granny Squares still needed: This is an ongoing project we will gratefully accept more completed 6 inch knitted or crocheted Granny Squares in any pattern or colour. We would also appreciate any yarn that you may have, leftover yarn or full balls of yarn. In the narthex there is a white cube with yarn and hooks that you are welcome to take (or donate). There is another basket for completed squares. It has been about 6 months that we have been able to show Christ's love in our Caring Squares blankets. (23 blankets to date!) Thank you for donating yarn or completed squares as we continue with this project! Praise

God! If you have any questions, call Lorraine at 905 964 5837)

EASTER LILIES: If you would like to purchase a lily for Easter, please sign your name at the back of the church and you can take it home after the service on March 31st. The cost is \$10.00 per plant. Please add if in memory of someone or someone you are thankful for and we will add it to the Easter Sunday bulletin.

USED STAMPS: Start saving and collecting your used stamps now! They will be gathered at the LWML-C Convention and donated to a charity who will in turn use them to purchase spiritual resources like Bibles.

SCRIPTURE & SONG SERVICE

THE 5TH SUNDAY IN LENT & ST. PATRICK'S DAY

March 17, 2024 + 10 AM Worship

FIRST SONG

"Christ Beside Me" St. Patrick's Breastplate

www.hymnary.org

1. Christ be - side me, Christ be - fore me, Christ be -
2. Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand, Christ all a -
3. Christ be in all hearts think - ing a - bout me, Christ be on

hind me - king of my heart; Christ with - in me,
round me - shield in the strife; Christ in my sleep - ing,
all tongues tell - ing of me; Christ be the vi - sion

Christ be - low me, Christ a - bove me - nev - er to part.
Christ in my sit - ting, Christ in my ris - ing - light of my life.
in eyes that see me, in ears that hear me Christ ev - er be.

WORDS: Adapt. James Quinn, 1969, alt.; from *Sr. Patrick's Breastplate*

MUSIC: Traditional Gaelic melody; arr. David Evans, 1927

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BUNESSAN
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WE BEGIN IN GOD'S NAME

In the name of the Father, and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

I was glad when they said to me,

Let us go to the House of the Lord!

Unless the Lord builds the House,

In vain do the builders labour.

Surely the Lord is in this place.

This is the House of God, this is the Gate of Heaven!

You are gracious and merciful, O God,

Slow to anger, rich in love.

Receive our prayers and worship as You have promised

And uphold us by Your Spirit,

Until all things, mended by Your mercy,

Are made whole and well in You,

Through Jesus Christ

Our healer and our hope. Amen.

KYRIE--PRAYING FOR MERCY

John Newton, 1779

arr. Edwin O. Excell (1851-1921), alt.



Have mer - cy on Your peo -- ple, Lord; have



mer - cy Je -- sus Christ; have mer --- cy on Your



peo --- ple, Lord; have mer - cy grant us peace.

Text: Kyrie text; A. Meade, 1975 © Creative Communications for the Parish

Music: Amazing Grace <https://www.semanticscholar.org/paper/An-Analysis-of-'-Amazing-Grace-'-By-Stever-Thornely-Thornely/d3498a752ca06c27e107c07d837494c05cda12b0>

CONFESSION OF SINS & FORGIVENESS

To You, O Lord God,

All hearts are open, to You all desires are fully known. We come to You, moved by Your Word and Spirit, as sinners, confessing our sins. Forgive us in Your mercy. Remember us in Your love. Show us Your way, teach us Your path, lead us in truth and faithfulness, for the sake of our neighbour and for Your sake, O Lord God, in the hope of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

By water, Word and Spirit, our God gives you new birth and through the death and resurrection of His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, in His name and in His stead, I forgive you all of your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

When the Son sets you free, you are free indeed!

Praise be to God!

LENTEN PRAISE SONG

"I Need Thee Ev'ry Hour"

www.hymnary.org This Far By Faith © 1996 Augsburg Fortress



1. I need Thee ev-'ry hour, Most gra - cious Lord;
2. I need Thee ev-'ry hour, Stay Thou near - by;
3. I need Thee ev-'ry hour, In joy or pain;
4. I need Thee ev-'ry hour, Teach me Thy will;

No ten - der voice like Thine Can peace af - ford.
Temp - ta - tions lose their pow'r When Thou art nigh.
Come quick - ly and a - bide, Or life is vain.
And Thy rich prom - is - es In me ful - fill.

I need Thee, O I need Thee; Ev - 'ry hour I need Thee;

O bless me now, my Sav - ior, I come to Thee.

Text: Annie S. Hawkes, 1835-1918
Tune: NEED, 6 4 6 4 with refrain; Robert Lowry, 1826-1899

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray to the Lord: Loving God, gracious Father, Your lovingkindness always goes before us and follows after us. Summon us into your light and direct our steps in the ways of goodness that come through the cross of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen

SCRIPTURE

The Old Testament *Jeremiah 31:31-34*

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, 'Know the Lord', for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The Epistle *Hebrews 5:1-10*

Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. And one does not presume to take this honour, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was. So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, 'You are my Son, today I have begotten you'; as he says also in another place, 'You are a priest for ever, according to the order of Melchizedek.' In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel *St. Mark 10:32-45*

The Holy Gospel, according to St. Mark, the 10th chapter: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

The 72 called were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was walking ahead of them; they were amazed, and those who followed were afraid. He took the twelve aside again and began to tell them what was to happen to him, saying, 'See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be handed over to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death; then they will hand him over to the Gentiles; they will mock him, and spit upon him, and flog him, and kill him; and after three days he will rise again.' James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, 'Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.' And he said to them, 'What is it you want me to do for you?' And they said to him, 'Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.' But Jesus said to them, 'You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?' They replied, 'We are able.' Then Jesus said to them, 'The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.' When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, 'You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord: **Praise to You, O Christ!**

THE APOSTLES' CREED

God has made us His people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess the faith.

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, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into Heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will 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.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

GOSPEL SONG

"I Just Want To Speak Jesus"

I just want to speak the Name of Je.
I just want to speak the Name of Je.
I just want to speak the Name of Je.

— sus_ 'til o-ver ev_ 'ry heart and ev_ 'ry mind_ 'Cause
— sus_ 'til ev-'ry dark ad-dic_ tion starts to break.. De -
— sus_ o-ver fear_ and all_ an - xi_ e - ty_ To

I know there is peace with-in_ Your pres_ ence, I speak Je_ sus_
clar-ing there is hope and there is free_ dom, I speak Je_
ev - 'ry soul_ held cap_ tive by_ de - pres_ sion, I speak Je_

sus_ 'Cause Your Name is pow - er, Your Name is
sus_

heal - ing, Your Name_ is life.. Break ev-'ry strong - hold, shine through the

— 'ry en_ e-my,- Je_ sus for_ my fam. 'ly. I speak the ho_ ly Name, Je_

— sus. Shout Shout Je-sus from the moun tains,

Je - sus in the streets, Je - sus in the dark ness o - ver ev 'ry en e-my, Je -
 sus for my fam. 'ly. I speak the ho - ly Name, Je - sus. Your Name is
 pow - er, Your Name is heal - ing, Your Name is life. Break ev-'ry
 strong - hold, shine through the sha - dows, burn like a fire. Your Name is
 I just want to speak the Name of Je - sus.
 o-ver ev 'ry heart and ev 'ry mind. 'Cause I know there is peace with-in Your pres
 ence, I speak Je - sus.

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THE MESSAGE

THE OFFERINGS *are gathered.*

+ THE SHARING OF THE PEACE +

OFFERING SONG.

"Give Thanks"

Henry Smith © 1978

**Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One;
 give thanks, because he's given Jesus Christ, his Son.**

**Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One; give thanks,
 because he's given Jesus Christ, his Son.**

**And now let the weak say 'I am strong',
 let the poor say 'I am rich', because of what the Lord has done for us;
 and now let the weak say 'I am strong', let the poor say 'I am rich',
 because of what the Lord has done for us.**

Give thanks...give thanks-----!

<https://www.music-ministry.org/hymns/give-thanks-with-a-grateful-heart/>

PRAYERS

In this season of reflection and repentance, let us pray for the church, the world and all in need. Holy God, we earnestly ask you to cleanse your church - and each of our hearts – from whatever cruel and harmful attitudes may reside within us. Open us to a renewed sense of your presence. and fill us with the goodness of your word and your law. May all who “wish to see Jesus” find you in our words and our actions.

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Renewing God, as the season of Spring arrives on our calendars, may we find joy in the prospect of new beginnings that the season represents. Help us change direction when we need to. Where once rich relationships may have worn thin or broken, grant us the courage to repent, forgive, and see new possibilities for reconciliation and repair.

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Creating God, you are the builder of all things. As your holy partners in the care of this earth and your stewards of its rich resources, guide us to act in ways that show reverence for all creation and respect for all life. Protect all inhabitants of the earth from floods, fires and other natural disasters that bring destruction and devastation.

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, you have asked us to care about our neighbors as much as we care about our own well-being, but our pride and our prejudices often get in the way. As citizens, help us bring an attitude of humility, mercy and kindness to all our interactions with others. May the leaders of our communities, our nation and the world be guided by an over-arching concern for the welfare of all. Bless all who all who labor in service to others.

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer**

Comforting God, we lift our troubled hearts and souls to you, asking for relief from whatever form of brokenness has found its way into our lives. Relieve our suffering, and rescue us from harm and danger. Surround us with your steadfast love, and especially be with those we name now:

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Eternal God, we give thanks for all who in past generations have followed and served you. Walk with us as we attempt to do the same in this day and age. As you have promised, draw all people to you.

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We entrust ourselves and all our prayers to you, through Christ our Lord and Saviour.
Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

Our Father, Who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.

Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom and the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen

CLOSING PRAYER FOR THE WORD

Blessed Lord God, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Help us so that we may hear, read, mark, learn and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your Holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord we pray, Who with the Father and Spirit You rule and reign as one God, now and forevermore. Amen.

THE BLESSING

Jesus is the great Shepherd of the sheep. May you hear His voice and keep His Word.

Amen, thanks be to God.

Jesus is the Pathway that leads to life. May You follow in His narrow way.

Amen, praise be to God.

Jesus is the Vine and we are the branches. May you be rooted and grounded in His Word and love.

Amen. Glory to our God.

May the Almighty God, the Father, Son + and Holy Spirit, bless and keep you now and always.

Amen

SENDING SONG *"Are You Washed In The Blood Of The Lamb"*



1. Have you been to Je - sus for the cleans - ing pow'r? Are you
2. Are you walk - ing dai - ly by the Sav - ior's side? Are you
3. When the Bride-groom com - eth will your robes be white? Are you
4. Lay a - side the gar - ments that are stained with sin And be



washed in the blood of the Lamb? Are you ful - ly trust - ing in His
washed in the blood of the Lamb? Do you rest each mo - ment in the
washed in the blood of the Lamb? Will your soul be read - y for the
washed in the blood of the Lamb; There's a foun - tain flow - ing for the



grace this hour? Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb?
Cru - ci - fied? Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb?
man - sions bright And be washed in the blood of the Lamb?
soul un - clean, O be washed in the blood of the Lamb!

Are you washed in the blood, In the
 Are you washed in the blood,
 soul-cleans-ing blood of the Lamb? Are your gar-ments spot-less?
 Are they white as snow? Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb?

WORDS: Elisha A. Hoffman
 MUSIC: Elisha A. Hoffman

WASHED IN THE BLOOD

Happy St. Patrick's Day

S H A M R O C K I N Q T T I R
D F J A L G B M U R I M Q G P S A
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C R O S S R H K R S N L B K Q R N
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