



## **Misconceptions**

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**Abiding Word Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
**Maineville, Ohio**  
**Pastor Troy Jacobs**

*Please stand.*

**M:** In the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** **Amen.**

**M:** Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

**C:** **Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin. For faithless worrying and selfish pride, for sins of habit and sins of choice, for the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do, you should cast me away from your presence forever.**

**Like the disciples, I have boldly declared loyalty to you only to fail to proclaim your name; I have foolishly listened to the devil's lies only to be crushed with guilt and shame.**

**O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.**

**M:** Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant: I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** **Amen.**

**Prayer**

**M:** Lord God, you have brought us safely to this hour of evening prayer. We thank you for providing all that we need for body and life. Bless us who have gathered in your name. Forgive our sins. Speak to our hearts. Dispel our sorrows with the comfort of your Word, and receive our hymns of thanks and praise, through Jesus Christ, our living Savior, who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

**PSALM 2: YOU ARE MY SON**

*(in the front of the hymnal)*

*We will read the psalm responsively by the half verse. The pastor will read the first half; the congregation the second half.*

## Psalm Prayer

**M:** Lord, keep us safe in the refuge of your anointed Son, so that when the nations rage against him, we are not terrified. You have begotten him from eternity and have seated him on your throne in heaven. Let us see him as he truly is, the One who lives and rules with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** Amen.

## Passion Reading from a Harmony of the Gospels: Calvary

### Seasonal Response

**C:** All we like sheep have gone astray, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. By his wounds we are healed.

*HYMN: WHAT GRACE IS THIS*

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## Sermon on Luke 23:1-12

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Then the whole assembly rose and led him off to Pilate. <sup>2</sup> And they began to accuse him, saying, “We have found this man subverting our nation. He opposes payment of taxes to Caesar and claims to be Christ, a king.”

<sup>3</sup> So Pilate asked Jesus, “Are you the king of the Jews?”

“Yes, it is as you say,” Jesus replied.

<sup>4</sup> Then Pilate announced to the chief priests and the crowd, “I find no basis for a charge against this man.”

<sup>5</sup> But they insisted, “He stirs up the people all over Judea by his teaching. He started in Galilee and has come all the way here.”

<sup>6</sup> On hearing this, Pilate asked if the man was a Galilean. <sup>7</sup> When he learned that Jesus was under Herod’s jurisdiction, he sent him to Herod, who was also in Jerusalem at that time.

<sup>8</sup> When Herod saw Jesus, he was greatly pleased, because for a long time he had been wanting to see him. From what he had heard about him, he hoped to see him perform some miracle. <sup>9</sup> He plied him with many questions, but Jesus gave him no answer. <sup>10</sup> The chief priests and the teachers of the law were standing there, vehemently accusing him. <sup>11</sup> Then Herod and his soldiers ridiculed and mocked him. Dressing him in an elegant robe, they sent him back to Pilate. <sup>12</sup> That day Herod and Pilate became friends—before this they had been enemies.

*Please stand.*

### **Lord's Prayer**

**C:**    **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;  
and 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.**

### **Evening Prayer**

**M:**    O God our Father, by your mercy and might, the world turns safely into darkness and returns again to light. We place into your hands our unfinished tasks, our unsolved problems, and our unfulfilled hopes, knowing that only what you bless will prosper. To your great love and protection, we commit each other and all those we love, knowing that you alone are our sure defender; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C:**    **Amen.**

### **Blessing**

**M:**    The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the Son, † and the Holy Spirit, bless us and keep us.

**C:**    **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*