Pastor's Bible Study

November 19, 2025 – Last Weekend of the Church Year

LSB 837 Lift High the Cross

Refrain

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro-claim Till all the world a-dore His sa-cred name.

1 Come, Chris-tians, fol - low where our Cap - tain trod,
2 Led on their way by this tri - um - phant sign,
3 All new - born sol - diers of the Cru - ci - fied
4 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,

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Our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
The hosts of God in con - qu'ring ranks com - bine.
Bear on their brows the seal of Him who died.
As Thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to Thee.

5 Let ev'ry race and ev'ry language tell
Of Him who saves our lives from death and hell. Refrain

6 So shall our song of triumph ever be:
Praise to the Crucified for victory! Refrain

Read Malachi 3:13-18:
1. Who is the Lord upset with in verses 13-15?
2. What is the main issue in verses 13-15 for those who have spoken against the Lord?
3. Do you find the issues from verses 13-15 relatable?
4. What makes the people of verse 16 different from those mentioned in verses 13-15?
5. How do you describe the fear of the Lord?
6. What is the book of remembrance?

Read Luke 23:27-43:
1. What are the "coming days" which Jesus mentions in verse 29?
2. What does Jesus' statement in verse 34 me to you?
3. Why does Pilate's inscription for Jesus stand out for us at this point in the Church Year?
4. How does the criminals' exchange strike you?
5. Why is verse 43 so important?

Read Colossians 1:13-20:
1. Who is the 'He' in verse 13?
2. What is the 'domain of darkness'?
3. Who is the 'He' in verse 15?
4. What claims does this passage make about God the Father and God the Son?
5. Which claim stands out to you?

Devotional Thought:
Jesus was crucified that we may be spared the coming judgment, hear His word of absolution, and enter into paradise with Him. He not only saved others, but is also the messianic King who saves us. We all justly deserve God's judgement because of our sinful deeds. Yet, because Jesus sacrificed Himself for us all, we have His word of absolution and the promise of being with Him in paradise *(adapted from TLSB, pg. 1769)*.

Prayer:
Grant, dear Jesus, that we may see the day when we will be with You in paradise. Amen.