



## Week 2: Beneath the Cross of Jesus “A Shadow of a Mighty Rock Within a Weary Land”

### WELCOME

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OPENING DIALOGUE (from Psalm 61): Hear my cry, O God; listen to my prayer. **From the end of the earth, I call to you.** Lead me to the rock that is higher than I; **you are my refuge, a strong tower.** Let me abide in your tent forever and **find refuge under the shelter of your wings.** You, O God, have heard my vows. **I will always sing praises to your name.**

GATHERING SONG:

ELW597/LBW294 *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*

GREETING: God who created all, who bore the cross, and who dwells in us, be with you all. **And also, with you.**

PRAYER: Let us pray. **God of our salvation, you are the rock in whom we take refuge. Hear our cry and make our way safe. Plant our feet on solid ground. Support us with your love shown to us through the cross of Christ. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

READING: 1 Peter 2:4-10 GOSPEL: Matthew 7:24-27

### SILENT REFLECTION AND PRAYER

*During this time, as you are comfortable, please go to the table and take a pen to write or draw your prayer for today on the white sheet.*

### REFLECTION

#### PRAYERS

Let us pray. Beneath the cross of Jesus, **we lift up our joys and our sorrows to God.** O Lord, amid the shifting sands of this world, **be our rock and our foundation.** In the fears and uncertainties of our lives, **be our home and our resting place.** When we lay our sins and burdens before you, **be our comfort and our guide.**

As we gaze upon the cross of Christ, **be our hope and our salvation.**

Heavenly Father, as our guide, lead us to do your will in the world. Give us strength to journey with Jesus to the cross of salvation. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

OFFERING The peace of Christ be with you all. **And also, with you.** *As the offering is collected, turn to your neighbor and share a word of peace.*

OFFERING PRAYER *Please stand as you are able.*

Let us pray. **God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. We give you thanks for nourishing us in body, mind, and spirit, by the faith and fellowship we share. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER **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, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

LUTHER'S EVENING PRAYER Let us pray. **We give thanks to you, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ your dear Son, that you have graciously protected us today. We ask you to forgive us all our sins, where we have done wrong, and graciously to protect us tonight. Into your hands we commend ourselves: our bodies, our souls, and all that is ours. Let your holy angels be with us, so that the wicked foe may have no power over us. Amen.**

BLESSING People of God, we have been crucified with Christ, and it is no longer we who live, but it is Christ who lives in us. The peace of God (+), which surpasses all our human understanding, keep our hearts and our minds in Christ Jesus. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG: ELW338/LBW107 *Beneath the Cross of Jesus*

DISMISSAL: Go in peace, led by the cross of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

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