

As you leave this place, may the living Lord go with you; may He go behind you, to encourage you; beside you, to befriend you; above you, to watch over you; beneath you, to lift you from your sorrows; within you, to give you the gifts of faith, hope, and love; and always before you, to show you the way. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**CLOSING HYMN:** *Hallelujah! Jesus Lives! .....*#147

P: Go in peace, serve the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

## WORDS OF LIFE FROM THE CROSS



**“Forgive”**  
**“Paradise”**  
**“Forsaken”**  
**“Behold”**  
**“Thirst”**  
**“Commit”**  
**“Finished”**

WEST PRAIRIE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Lenten Service, March 16, 2016

Pastor Steve Bang

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN: *In the Cross of Christ I Glory....* #104

CONFESSION

P: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and our Lord Jesus Christ

**C: Amen.**

P: Most holy and merciful Father,

**C: We confess to you and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed; by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.**

P: We have not loved You with our whole heart, mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We have not forgiven others as we have been forgiven.

**C: Have mercy on us, Lord.**

P: We have been deaf to Your call to serve Christ as Christ served us. We have not had the mind of Christ. We have grieved the Holy Spirit.

**C: Have mercy on us, Lord.**

P: We confess to You, Lord, our negligence in prayer and worship and our failure to develop our faith. For our blindness to the needs and suffering around us.

**C: Have mercy on us, Lord.**

P: For false judgment, for uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors, and for prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us.

**C: Have mercy on us, Lord.**

P: Restore us, gracious Lord, and let Your anger depart from us.

**C: Hear us, Lord, for Your mercy is great. Amen.**

FORGIVENESS

P: The Lord hears a humble and contrite heart.

**C: We thank and praise You for Your mercy and kindness.**

P: Let us celebrate the forgiving heart of our God.

**C: Let us rejoice in the knowledge of our salvation.**

P: For the Lord hears and answers the cries of His people.

**C: His love is stronger than our sin.**

P: His power can transform our hearts and minds.

**C: We rejoice in the loving, transforming power of our God. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Psalm 31:1-16 p. 229

Romans 8:1-17

Luke 23:26-49

SPECIAL MUSIC

OBJECT LESSON

Message: The Dying Word - "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit" (Luke 23:46)

HYMN: *Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed.....* #98

OFFERING

OFFERTORY: *Take My Life, That I May Be* #406, v.1,6

CLOSING PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION