

Welcome: We would like to welcome you here today for a special worship service with our focus on Encountering Jesus. If you are a guest and looking for a church home please join us here at Light of Christ Church.

Theme: Our message today is called “Encountering Jesus at the Cross” with our text Luke 23:26-49. In our message today Pastor Tom Graves will be speaking on how God works in our life and draws us to Him, but at the same time the enemy also is at work trying to blind us from what the Lord is doing.

Those being baptized today: Hugh David Schulta son of David Schulta and Laura Hahn. Gerald and Deb Palmer are the grandparents.

Order of Worship

1. Welcome
2. Borning Cry
3. Sing, Sing, Sing
4. Revelation Song
5. Children’s message
6. My Heart is Yours
7. Sermon mediation – Encountering Jesus at the Cross
8. Christ be our Light
9. Offering
10. Amazing Grace, My Chains are Gone
11. Benediction
12. Joy to the World (Unspeakable Joy)

Sermon Outline – Luke 23:26-49 – Theme: Encountering Jesus at the Cross.

1. **Jesus can be right in our midst and we can be spiritually blind to who He is.** Luke 23:35-37 *And the people stood looking on. But even the rulers with them sneered, saying, "He saved others; let Him save Himself if He is the Christ, the chosen of God." The soldiers also mocked Him, coming and offering Him sour wine, and saying, "If You are the King of the Jews, save Yourself."* Why is that?

2. **The Lord is always tending His garden...meaning He is convicting people of their sin, He is pouring out His love, He is nurturing people’s hearts, He is drawing people to himself by the work of the Holy Spirit.** John 6:44 says, *"No one can come to Jesus unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up at the last day.* What is a way the Lord is tending to you?

3. **As we look at our story today we also discover that Jesus death on the cross was all about forgiveness of our sin** The only ground on which God can forgive our sin is through the Cross of Christ. There is no other way! Forgiveness, which is so easy for us to accept, cost Jesus His life on the cross....all of our sins were poured out on him. What does forgiveness mean to you?

4. **You too encountered Jesus today the living God just like the people in the Gospel...what will you do?**

