THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Second Lent Midweek February 21, 2024

AS WE GATHER

From earliest days the Christian Church employed the weeks before Easter—what came to be called the season of Lent—as the time of the year to prepare candidates for the Sacrament of Holy Baptism, the catechumenate. Paul wrote, "We were buried therefore with Him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life" (Romans 6:4). Our midweek Lenten services prepare us to consider our identity and connection with the Passion of Christ as the baptized children of God. This evening we consider the Passion of our Lord at the Lord's Supper.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: This is the day the Lord has made.

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

₩ PREPARATION **₩**

HYMN "Renew Me, O Eternal Light"

Renew me, O eternal Light, Illumined with the light of grace

Remove the pow'r of sin from me That I may have the strength and will

Create in me a new heart, Lord, Let what You will be my desire,

Grant that I only You may love Till I behold You face to face, {*LSB* 704 - 4 verses}

And let my heart and soul be bright, That issues from Your holy face.

And cleanse all my impurity Temptations of the flesh to still.

That gladly I obey Your Word. And with new life my soul inspire.

And seek those things which are above O Light eternal, through Your grace. (please stand)

Psalm 118:24

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OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 118:24; 113:3; Joel 2:13; Matthew 16:24; Isaiah 53:5*

- Pastor: This is the day which the Lord has made;
- People: let us rejoice and be glad in it.
- Pastor: From the rising of the sun to its setting,
- People: the name of the Lord is to be praised.
- Pastor: Return to the Lord, your God, for He is gracious and merciful,
- People: slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and repents of evil.
- Pastor: Jesus said: If any man would come after Me,
- People: let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me.
- Pastor: Christ was wounded for our transgressions.
- People: He was bruised for our iniquities.
- Pastor: From the rising of the sun to its setting,
- People: the name of the Lord is to be praised.

OLD TESTAMENT CANTICLE

- People: The Lord God is my strength and my song, and He has become my salvation.
- Men: With joy will you draw water from the wells of salvation. And you will say in that day: "Give thanks to the Lord, call upon His name, make known His deeds among the peoples, proclaim that His name is exalted."
- People: The Lord God is my strength and my song, and He has become my salvation.

- Women: Sing praises to the Lord, for He has done gloriously; let this be made known in all the earth. Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitants of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.
- People: The Lord God is my strength and my song, and He has become my salvation.
- ALL: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.
- People: The Lord God is my strength and my song, and He has become my salvation.

(please sit)

THE LORD'S PASSION AS DRAWN FROM THE FOUR GOSPELS

I. The Lord's Supper

(please stand) 1 John 2:1; Psalm 32:1

RESPONSORY

- Pastor: We have an advocate with the Father: Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.
- People: He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.
- Pastor: Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.
- People: He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.
- Pastor: We have an advocate with the Father: Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.

People: He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.

CATECHISM Ten Commandments

People: You shall have no other gods. You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God. Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. Honor your father and your mother. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor. You shall not covet your neighbor's house. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor. (please sit)

HYMN: "If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee"

{LSB 750 – 7 verses}

If thou but trust in God to guide thee He'll give thee strength, whate'er betide thee, Who trusts in God's unchanging love

What can these anxious cares avail thee, What can it help if thou bewail thee Our cross and trials do but press

Be patient and await His leisure To take whate'er thy Father's pleasure Nor doubt our inmost wants are known

God knows full well when times of gladness When He has tried thy soul with sadness He comes to thee all unaware

Nor think amid the fiery trial That he whose hopes meet no denial Time passes and much change doth bring

All are alike before the Highest; To raise thee up, though low thou liest, True wonders still by Him are wrought

Sing, pray, and keep His ways unswerving, And trust His Word; though undeserving, God never yet forsook in need And hope in Him through all thy ways, And bear thee through the evil days. Builds on the rock that naught can move.

These never-ceasing moans and sighs? O'er each dark moment as it flies? The heavier for our bitterness.

In cheerful hope, with heart content And His discerning love hath sent, To Him who chose us for His own.

Shall be the needful thing for thee. And from all guile has found thee free, And makes thee own His loving care.

That God hath cast thee off unheard, Must surely be of God preferred. And sets a bound to ev'rything.

'Tis easy for our God, we know, To make the rich man poor and low. Who setteth up and brings to naught.

Perform thy duties faithfully, Thou yet shalt find it true for thee. The soul that trusted Him indeed.

SERMON "The Saltire Cross: The Cross of Humility"

OFFERING

If you are a **visitor** this evening, you are our guest. Please do not feel obligated to give as the offering plate is passed. The offering is an opportunity for **members** to practice faithful stewardship and to support the ministries of Christ's church. Also, a red booklet, the Friendship Register, will be passed down each row. <u>Please record your presence with us today</u>.

OFFERING SONG: "We Give Thee But Thine Own" (LSB 781 - vv. 1-2)

(Please sing as the offering is presented at the Altar)

We give Thee but Thine own, Whate'er the gift may be; All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

May we Thy bounties thus As stewards true receive And gladly, as Thou blessest us, To Thee our firstfruits give!

PRAYER

(please stand)

- Pastor: In peace let us pray to the Lord:
- People: Lord, have mercy.
- Pastor: For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:
- People: Lord, have mercy.
- Pastor: For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:
- People: Lord, have mercy.
- Pastor: For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:
- People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For . . . [*additional bids for prayer may be inserted here*] . . . let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

- Pastor: Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:
- People: Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, You have given to all who believe exceedingly great and precious promises. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may without all doubt trust in Your Son, Jesus Christ, so that our faith in Your sight may never be found wanting; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

COLLECT FOR THE WORD

Pastor: Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your Holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

LUTHER'S EVENING PRAYER

People: I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

BLESSING

- Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.
- **People:** Thanks be to God.
- Pastor: The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ♥ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

People: Amen.

HYMN

(please sit) (LSB 601 - 2 verses)

All who believe and are baptized	Shall see the Lord's salvation;
Baptized into the death of Christ,	They are a new creation.
Through Christ's redemption they shall stand	Among the glorious, heav'nly band
Of ev'ry tribe and nation.	

"All Who Believe and Are Baptized"

With one accord, O God, we pray: Help us in our infirmity Grant us to grow in grace each day Eternal life inherit. Grant us Your Holy Spirit. Through Jesus' blood and merit. That by this sacrament we may

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God.

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FEBRUARY ALTAR FLOWERS

Feb 4th – Ernie & Marilyn Mazurek – celebrating 3rd wedding anniversary Feb 11th – Mario & Eve Betancourt – celebrating Juliet's 10th birthday Feb 11th – Kathy Giardinelli – celebrating Tony's birthday
Feb 18th – Anthony & Pam Sansone – celebrating 51st wedding anniversary Feb 25th – Linda Dicke – Thanksgiving for her many blessings

ANNOUNCEMENTS!

<u>WELCOME</u>... Whoever you are ... Wherever you have come from ... we are so glad you are here! Your presence increases our joy as we praise our loving Savior together. If you are visiting with us today, we'd love to get to know you! Please don't forget to sign your name and fill in your contact information in the red booklets on the inside aisle!

Upcoming Events –

Feb. 27th - Tuesday Prayer Breakfast & Bible Study at6 Reyna's at 8:30 am (every Tuesday)
Feb. 28th - Lent Services at 6:30 pm
Mar. 6th & 13th & 20th - Lent Services at 6:30 pm
Mar. 7th - Ladies Time Out Lunch at Rivulet at 11:00 am
Mar. 9th - Adult Game Day in the Family Life Center at 2:00 pm
Mar. 16th - Mission Aviation Fellowship - Texas Event in Granbury, Tx
Mar. 24th - Palm Sunday Worship Service at 10:30 am
Mar. 29th - Good Friday at 6:30 pm
Mar. 31st - Easter Sunday – Sunrise Service at 6:30 am
Mar. 31st - Easter Sunday - Festival Service at 10:30 am
Apr. 19th - Outing for All to the Café on the Ridge in Kerrville at 9:30 am



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Serving us Today – February 21, 2024

Elders:	Larry Risley & Ed Mycock
Tellers:	Anthony Sansone
Chancel Care:	Kim & Maurine Maloy
Message:	Pastor Richard Lofgren
Kid's Message:	Pastor Richard Lofgren
Musician:	Bob Shoaf
AV:	Ernie & Marilyn Mazurek
Reader:	Hal Eschenko
Ushers:	OPEN
Greeter:	Lindy Eschenko

Serving us Sunday – February 25, 2024

Elders:	Larry Risley & Ed Mycock
Coffee:	Shirley Moore
Breakfast:	Shirley Moore
Tellers:	Anthony Sansone
Chancel Care:	Kim & Maurine Maloy
Message:	Pastor Richard Lofgren
Kid's Message:	Pastor Richard Lofgren
Musician:	Bob Shoaf
AV:	Ernie & Marilyn Mazurek
Reader:	Sharon Sattler
Ushers:	Ernie & Marilyn Mazurek – Pam Fields – Maurice Doublett
Greeter:	Kathy Giardinelli – David & Sharon Sattler

Our Response to God Last Week Worship Attendance: 74 Sunday School: 16

Corrected January 2024 Contributions				
General Fund	\$50,068.14	Building Fund	\$4,445.00	
Renovation Fund	\$0.00	Family Life Center	\$2,475.00	