

**THE ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
**Sixth Lent Midweek**

*March 20, 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 our Lord’s Passion at the Crucifixion.

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Psalm 118:24

Pastor: This is the day the Lord has made.  
People: **Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

**✠ PREPARATION ✠**

**HYMN “Christ, the Life of All the Living”**

*{LSB 420 stanzas 1-4}*

Christ, the life of all the living,  
Who, Thyself for me once giving  
Through Thy sufferings, death, and merit  
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,

Christ, the death of death, our foe,  
To the darkest depths of woe:  
I eternal life inherit.  
Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

Thou, ah! Thou, hast taken on Thee  
Pain and scorn were heaped upon Thee,  
Thus didst Thou my soul deliver  
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,

Bonds and stripes, a cruel rod;  
O Thou sinless Son of God!  
From the bonds of sin forever.  
Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

Thou hast borne the smiting only  
Thou hast suffered, sad and lonely,

That my wounds might all be whole;  
Rest to give my weary soul;

Yea, the curse of God enduring,  
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,

Blessing unto me securing.  
Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

Heartless scoffers did surround Thee,  
And with piercing thorns they crowned Thee.  
That as Thine Thou mightest own me  
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,

Treating Thee with shameful scorn  
All disgrace Thou, Lord, hast borne,  
And with heav'nly glory crown me.  
Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

*(please stand)*

**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 be seated)*

## **THE LORD'S PASSION AS DRAWN FROM THE FOUR GOSPELS**

### **V. The Calvary**

*(please stand)*

#### **RESPONSORY**

*1 John 2:1; Psalm 32:1*

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

## Apostles' Creed

**People: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life ☩ everlasting.  
Amen.** *(please be seated)*

## HYMN: "The Tree of Life"

{LSB 561 – 4 stanzas}

The tree of life with ev'ry good  
And of its fruit so pure and sweet  
Yet in this garden also grew  
Its lovely limbs with fruit adorned

In Eden's holy orchard stood,  
God let the man and woman eat.  
Another tree, of which they knew;  
Against whose eating God had warned.

The stillness of that sacred grove  
With tempting voice Eve to beguile  
O day of sadness when the breath  
Its awful poison first displayed

Was broken, as the serpent strove  
And Adam too by sin defile.  
Of fear and darkness, doubt and death,  
Within the world so newly made.

What mercy God showed to our race,  
In sending One from woman's seed,  
For on a tree uplifted high  
Would drink the cup of scorn and dread

A plan of rescue by His grace:  
The One to fill our greatest need -  
His only Son for sin would die,  
To crush the ancient serpent's head!

Now from that tree of Jesus' shame  
For all who trust and will believe,

Flows life eternal in His name;  
Salvation's living fruit receive.

And of this fruit so pure and sweet  
To find within this cross of wood

The Lord invites the world to eat,  
The tree of life with ev'ry good.

*(please be seated)*

**SERMON “The Cross Crosslet: The Mission Cross”**

**Ephesians 2:14-18**

**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, is located in the Narthex. Please record your presence with us evening.

**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:** O gracious and loving God, we give to You our greatest heartfelt thanks for the love You have shown to the world in the silent service of Your Son's death for us on the cross. Grant that Your saving love capture the heart of every sinner with saving faith. By the washing of regeneration of water and the Spirit, make us Your family of faith filled with Your love and life; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**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.** *(please be seated)*

**HYMN** “**Christ, the Life of All the Living**” {LSB 420 – stanzas 5 - 7}

Thou hast suffered men to bruise Thee,  
Falsely did Thy foes accuse Thee:  
Comfortless Thy soul did languish  
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,

That from pain I might be free;  
Thence I gain security;  
Me to comfort in my anguish.  
Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

Thou hast suffered great affliction  
Even death by crucifixion,  
Thou didst choose to be tormented  
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,

And hast borne it patiently,  
Fully to atone for me;  
That my doom should be prevented.  
Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

Then, for all that wrought my pardon,  
For Thine anguish in the Garden,  
Thank Thee for Thy groaning, sighing,  
For that last triumphant cry,

For Thy sorrows deep and sore,  
I will thank Thee evermore,  
For Thy bleeding and Thy dying,  
And shall praise Thee, Lord, on high.

## **SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **DISMISSAL**

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**



**Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs...**

**Larry & Pam Risley** requests prayers for family friend **Richart Atkins**, diagnosed with cancer on this brain stem.

**Chris Carter** & wife **Penny** as he undergoes chemo and radiation.

**Brad and Laura Sanders** for daughter **Naomi** whose baby now overdue, and for **Laura's Father, Jack**.

**John Soper's** for healing and pain relief.

Prayers for **Gloria Bloecher** & her **medical team** as she remains in their care

**Debra Beard** requests prayers for her Brother, **Tod Dunlevy** in Wisconsin.

**Gus Addington** for healing following reconstructive surgery

**Karen Brosien** requests prayers for her **Father, Carl Landinger**, dealing with a kidney tumor; for daughter **Amelia** fighting infection in her knee following surgery; and for **her brothers** in Northeast Texas.

**Jim Minica** recovering from strokes.

**Kim Pfaff** recovering from quadruple heart bypass surgery.

**Evonn Hughes** requests prayers for **Elaine Long** in Hospice.

**Kathy Giardinelli** requests prayers for the **Mission Aviation Fellowship** and especially the **Wolf Family** as they begin training to serve the Democratic Republic of the Congo

**Rutledge Family** requests prayers for Sister-in-Law **Heather Mully** battling breast cancer

**Mario & Eve Betancourt** requests prayers for **Reese Richeson**, undergoing treatment for cancer

**Mark Giardinelli** who will be going to **Ysleta El Paso Lutheran Mission in June**.

**Parker's and Theis's** for **Robert Patterson** undergoing cancer treatment

**Prayers for Justice & Peace around the world**

For all suffering from Texas Panhandle wildfires, and those assisting.

For family discord, reconciliation, & healing; for rescue for those in abusive relationships

Prayers for all those with physical, emotional, or other needs

Prayers for all who are lost to hear & receive Jesus' Gospel message

**Into your hands, O Father, we commend all for whom we pray,  
trusting in Your mercy; thru Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**MARCH ALTAR FLOWERS**

Mar 3rd – **Vonda Petmecky** – in memory of **Fred's** birthday

Mar 10<sup>th</sup> – **Linda Dicke** – Thanking God for His many blessings

Mar 17<sup>th</sup> – **Marilyn Mazurek** – celebrating **Ernie's** birthday

Mar 24<sup>th</sup> – **Rolf & Linda Schulz** – celebrating 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary

Mar 31<sup>st</sup> – **Joe & Verna Sorensen** – Thanking God for His many blessings

## ANNOUNCEMENTS!

**WELCOME** . . . *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 –

*Mar. 23<sup>rd</sup> – Messiah Supper Out Together at Fish City Grill in San Antonio at 5:00 pm*

*Mar. 24<sup>th</sup> - Palm Sunday Worship Service at 10:30 am – Children's Church with Mario & Eve Betancourt during the Service followed by a Palm Processional and a Multi-generational Easter Celebration after church with Pizza, Cookie Decorating, Craft & Bunny Petting Station.*

*Mar. 28<sup>th</sup> - Maundy Thursday at 6:30 pm*

*Mar. 29<sup>th</sup> - Good Friday at 6:30 pm*

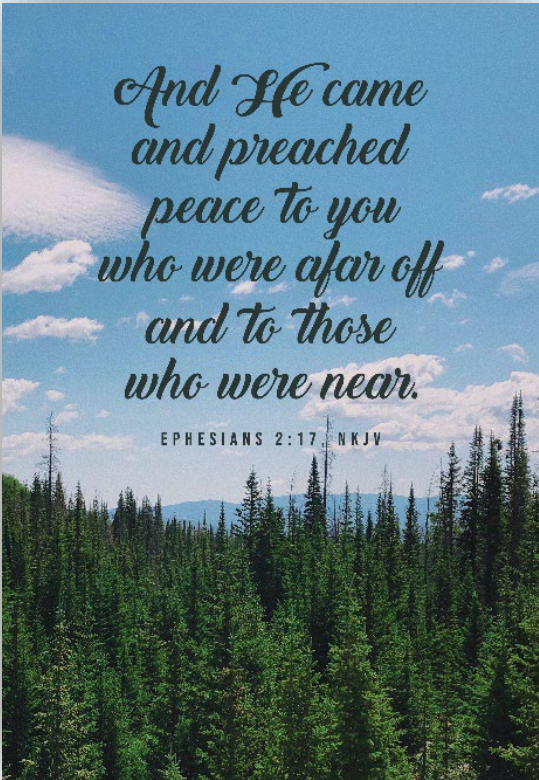
*Mar. 31<sup>st</sup> - Easter Sunday – Sunrise Service at 7:30 am*

*Mar. 31<sup>st</sup> – Easter Sunday - Festival Service at 10:30 am*

*Apr. 19<sup>th</sup> - Outing for All to the Café on the Ridge in Kerrville at 9:30 am*

*May 4<sup>th</sup> – Wine Tasting Party at the home of David & Kathleen Blakely from 4 to 7 pm*

*Jun. 1<sup>st</sup> – Family Picnic at Joshua Springs Park from 10:30 am to 2:30 pm*



*And He came  
and preached  
peace to you  
who were afar off  
and to those  
who were near.*

EPHESIANS 2:17 NKJV

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**Serving us Wednesday – March 20, 2024**

Elders:	Bill Eichman & Roger Winkelmann
Lenten Meal:	Hal & Shirley Eschenko
Tellers:	Anthony Sansone
Chancel Care:	Kim & Maurine Maloy
Message:	Pastor Richard Lofgren
Kid’s Message:	Pastor Richard Lofgren
Musician:	Bob Shoaf
AV:	Rutledge Family
Reader:	Artie Dolt
Ushers:	<b>OPEN</b>
Greeter:	Kathy Giardinelli

**Serving us this coming Palm Sunday – March 24, 2024**

Elders:	Bill Eichman & Roger Winkelmann
Coffee:	Verna Sorensen
Breakfast:	Verna Sorensen
Tellers:	Anthony Sansone
Chancel Care:	Kim & Maurine Maloy
Message:	Pastor Richard Lofgren
Kid’s Message:	Pastor Richard Lofgren
Musician:	Bob Shoaf
AV:	David & Lorrie Wendeborn
Reader:	Hal Eschenko
Ushers:	Snookie & Shirley Moore – Tom Bibb – Joe Sorensen
Greeter:	Lynn Lang

**Our Response to God Last Week**

**Worship Attendance – Midweek: 35 - Sunday: 88 - Sunday School: 27**

<b>February 2024 Contributions</b>			
<b>General Fund</b>	<b>\$53,967.30</b>	<b>Building Fund</b>	<b>\$1,045.00</b>
<b>Renovation Fund</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>FLC Rental</b>	<b>\$5,225.00</b>