

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP
Third Lent Midweek

March 6, 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. It is in that understanding that we are enabled to take up our cross and follow Him through the struggles of this life to the glorious deliverance of eternal life. Tonight we consider our Lord’s Passion at the Palace of the High Priest.

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 “ ‘Come, Follow Me’, the Savior Spake”

{LSB 688 - 5 verses}

“Come, follow Me,” the Savior spake,
Deny yourselves, the world forsake,
O bear the cross, whate’er betide,

“All in My way abiding;
Obey My call and guiding.
Take My example for your guide.

“I am the light, I light the way,
I bid you walk as in the day;
I am the way, and well I show

A godly life displaying;
I keep your feet from straying.
How you must sojourn here below.

“My heart abounds in lowliness,
And gracious words My lips express,
My heart, My mind, My strength, My all,

My soul with love is glowing;
With meekness overflowing.
To God I yield, on Him I call.

“I teach you how to shun and flee
Your heart from ev’ry guile to free,
I am the refuge of the soul

What harms your soul’s salvation,
From sin and its temptation.
And lead you to your heav’nly goal.”

Then let us follow Christ, our Lord,
And, firmly clinging to His Word,
For those who bear the battle’s strain

And take the cross appointed
In suff’ring be undaunted.
The crown of heav’nly life obtain.

(please stand)

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalms 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

III. The Palace of the High Priest

RESPONSORY

(please stand)

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

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 and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

(please be seated)

HYMN: "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

{LSB 411 – 3 verses}

I want to walk as a child of the light.
God set the stars to give light to the world.

I want to follow Jesus.
The star of my life is Jesus. **Ref.**

REF: In Him there is no darkness at all.

The Lamb is the light of the city of God.

The night and the day are both alike.

Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

I want to see the brightness of God.
Clear Sun of Righteousness, shine on my path,

I want to look at Jesus.
And show me the way to the Father. **Ref:**

I'm looking for the coming of Christ.
When we have run with patience the race,

I want to be with Jesus.
We shall know the joy of Jesus. **Ref.**

SERMON "The Maltese Cross: The Cross of Regeneration"

James 1:16-18

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 Lord God, heavenly Father, by the blessed light of Your divine Word You have led us to the knowledge of Your Son. Grant us the grace of Your Holy Spirit that we may ever walk in the light of Your truth and, rejoicing with

sure confidence in Christ, our Savior, be brought unto everlasting salvation; 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.

(please be seated)

HYMN “Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus”

{LSB 685 - 4 verses}

Let us ever walk with Jesus,
Through a world that would deceive us
Onward in His footsteps treading,
Full of faith and hope and love,
Faithful Lord, with me abide;

Let us suffer here with Jesus
Joy will follow all our sadness;
Though today we sow no laughter,
All discomforts that annoy
Jesus, here I share Your woe;

Let us gladly die with Jesus.
He will free us from destruction,
Let us mortify all passion
And the grave that shuts us in
Jesus, here with You I die,

Let us also live with Jesus.
That to life we may awaken.
We are Your own living members;
In Your presence constantly,
Jesus, let me faithful be,

Follow His example pure,
And to sin our spirits lure.
Pilgrims here, our home above,
Let us do the Father’s bidding.
I shall follow where You guide.

And with patience bear our cross.
Where He is, there is no loss.
We shall reap celestial joy;
Shall give way to mirth hereafter.
Help me there Your joy to know.

Since by death He conquered death,
Give to us immortal breath.
That would lead us into sin;
Shall but prove the gate to heaven.
There to live with You on high.

He has risen from the dead
Jesus, You are now our head.
Where You live, there we shall be
Living there with You forever.
Life eternal grant to me.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

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

Karen Brosien requests prayers for her Father, Carl Landinger, hospitalized with pneumonia & cancerous tumor, for family decisions, and thanksgiving for Amelia's healing, and prayers for brothers in Northeast Texas.

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

*Prayers for **Maurine Maloy** continued healing after pacemaker surgery*

*Prayers for **Karla Marchell** recovering from surgery & husband **Kirk** caring for her*

*Prayers for **Sue Knott** recovering from knee replacement & **Rory** as he cares for her*

*Prayers for **Gerry Zumm** following heart procedure*

*Prayers from **Joyce Meier** awaiting results from heart tests.*

David & Sue Theis** request prayers for **granddaughter – Elizabeth Tobaben

*Prayers for **John Soper** going through wound healing outpatient process*

***Mike Gissi** requests prayers for the family of **Dorothy Hoy** as they mourn her passing*

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

Laura Sanders** requests continued prayers for her Father, **Jack

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

*Prayers for **Gus Addington** for continued healing following reconstructive surgery*

*Prayers for **Jim Minica** recovering from strokes*

***Evonn Hughes** requests prayers for **Elaine Long** in hospice care*

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

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

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

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*

Prayers for Justice & Peace around the world

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

Prayers for those with physical & emotional needs & those who are lost may they find Jesus

***Into your hands, O Father, we commend all for who 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 10th – Linda Dicke – Thanking God for His many blessings

Mar 17th – Marilyn Mazurek – celebrating Ernie's birthday

Mar 24th – Rolf & Linda Schulz – celebrating 60th wedding anniversary

Mar 31st – 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. 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. 23rd – Messiah Supper Out Together at Fish City Grill in San Antonio at 5:00 pm

Mar. 24th - Palm Sunday Worship Service at 10:30 am

Mar. 28th - Maundy Thursday at 6:30 pm

Mar. 29th - Good Friday at 6:30 pm

Mar. 31st - Easter Sunday – Sunrise Service at 7:30 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

May 4th – Wine Tasting Party at the home of David & Kathleen Blakely

Jun. 1st – Family Picnic at Joshua Springs Park



... just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may **live a new life**. ROMANS 6:4

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Serving us Today – March 6, 2024

Elders:	Bill Eichman & Roger Winkelmann
Lenten Meal:	The Leachman Family
Tellers:	Anthony Sansone
Chancel Care:	Kim & Maurine Maloy
Message:	Pastor Richard Lofgren
Kid's Message:	Pastor Richard Lofgren
Musician:	Bob Shoaf
AV:	Sharon Loren
Ushers:	OPEN
Greeter:	Lindy Eschenko

Serving us Sunday – March 10, 2024

Elders:	Bill Eichman & Roger Winkelmann
Coffee:	Vonda Petmecky
Breakfast:	Vonda Petmecky
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:	Maurice Doublet
Ushers:	Ernie & Marilyn Mazurek – Pam Fields – Maurice Doublett
Greeter:	Kathy Giardinelli

Our Response to God Last Week

Worship Attendance – Midweek: 40 – Sunday: 88 - Sunday School: 28

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