

**THE ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
**Fifth Lent Midweek**

*March 13, 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 Praetorium.

**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 “What Wondrous Love Is This”**

*{LSB 543 - 4 stanzas}*

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this  
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,

When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,  
When I was sinking down  
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul, for my soul,

To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing;  
To God and to the Lamb,  
While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,

What wondrous love is this, O my soul!  
That caused the Lord of bliss  
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul!

When I was sinking down, sinking down,  
Beneath God’s righteous frown,  
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul.

To God and to the Lamb I will sing;  
Who is the great I AM,  
While millions join the theme, I will sing.

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on;      And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on.  
And when from death I'm free,      I'll sing His love for me,  
And through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,      And through eternity I'll sing on.

*(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.**

*Women:      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.

*Men: 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

### IV. The Praetorium

#### 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.



**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 Jesus, our King, by Holy Baptism into Your death we have been adopted as sons and daughters of God by grace. In Your kingly love You faithfully kept

the ancient promise of the salvation of the whole world once again setting even the solitary in families. Fill us with wisdom and patience that we may live together in faith and love; for You live and reign with the Father 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      “Amazing Grace”**

{LSB 744 - 5 stanzas}

Amazing grace - how sweet the sound -  
I once was lost but now am found,

That saved a wretch like me!  
Was blind but now I see!

The Lord has promised good to me,  
He will my shield and portion be

His Word my hope secures;  
As long as life endures.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares  
His grace has brought me safe thus far,

I have already come;  
His grace will lead me home.

Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail  
Amazing grace shall then prevail

And mortal life shall cease,  
In heaven's joy and peace.

When we've been there ten thousand years,  
We've no less days to sing God's praise

Bright shining as the sun,  
Than when we'd first begun.

**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...**

**Gracie Funk** requests prayers for daughter **Elaine Funk** home from hospital – continued healing

Prayers for **Kim Pfaff** recovering from quadruple heart bypass surgery

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

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

**Brad & Laura Sanders** requests prayers for daughter **Naomi** whose baby is due this week and continued prayers for her Father, **Jack**

**Hal & Lindy Eschenko** request prayers for God's blessing for Grandson – Jesse and fiancé Alice as they will be married this Saturday, March 16th

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

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

Prayers for **John Soper** for healing and pain relief as his leg surgery has been postponed

**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

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

Prayers for Justice & Peace around the world – for all suffering from Texas Panhandle wildfires

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 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. 16th - Mission Aviation Fellowship - Texas Event in Granbury, Tx*

*Mar. 17<sup>th</sup> – Adult Sunday School at 9:15 am & Worship Service at 10:30 am*

*Mar. 20th - Lent Services at 6:30 pm*

*Mar. 23<sup>rd</sup> – 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 – Children's Church with Mario & Eve Betancourt during the Service followed by a Palm Processional*

*Multi-generational Easter Celebration after church with Pizza, Cookie Decorating, Craft & Bunny Petting Station.*

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

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

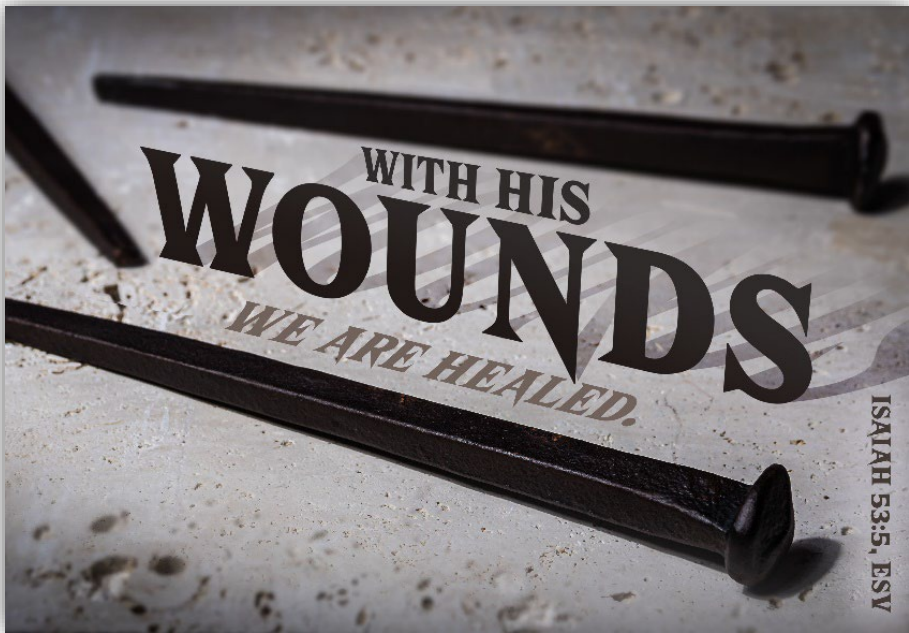
*Mar. 31st - Easter Sunday – Sunrise Service at 7:30 am*

*Mar. 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*

*Jun. 1<sup>st</sup> – Family Picnic at Joshua Springs Park*



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## Serving us Today – March 13, 2024

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

## Serving us Communion Sunday – March 17, 2024

Elders:	Bill Eichman & Roger Winkelmann
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:	David & Lorrie Wendeborn
Reader:	Alana Kemmy
Ushers:	Snookie & Shirley Moore – Tom Bibb – Joe Sorensen
Greeter:	Sue Theis – David Sattler

### Our Response to God Last Week

**Worship Attendance – Midweek: 35 – Sunday: 86 - 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>