

**THE ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
**Second Sunday in Lent**  
*February 25, 2024*

**AS WE GATHER**

Today we hear the apostle Paul proclaim something rather odd: that we can rejoice in our sufferings. Paul says this because - as he tells us - suffering produces endurance, endurance produces character, character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame because our hope is in Jesus who died and is risen for us and our reconciliation and peace. That is something to rejoice in!

**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 “Chief of Sinners Though I Be”**

*{LSB 611 - 5 verses}*

Chief of sinners though I be,  
Died that I might live on high,  
As the branch is to the vine,

Jesus shed His blood for me,  
Lives that I might never die.  
I am His, and He is mine.

Oh, the height of Jesus' love,  
Deeper than the depths of sea,  
Love that found me - wondrous thought!

Higher than the heav'ns above,  
Lasting as eternity!  
Found me when I sought Him not.

Only Jesus can impart  
Peace that flows from sin forgiv'n,  
Faith and hope to walk with God

Balm to heal the wounded heart,  
Joy that lifts the soul to heav'n,  
In the way that Enoch trod.

Chief of sinners though I be,  
All my wants to Him are known,  
He sustains the hidden life

Christ is all in all to me;  
All my sorrows are His own.  
Safe with Him from earthly strife.

O my Savior, help afford  
When my wayward heart would stray,  
Grace in time of need supply

By Your Spirit and Your Word!  
Keep me in the narrow way;  
While I live and when I die.

## INVOCATION

*(please stand)*

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
People: **Amen.**

## OPENING SENTENCES

Pastor: Our Lenten journey continues toward the cross.  
People: **It is a journey marked with suffering,**

Pastor: but suffering produces endurance.  
People: **Endurance produces character.**

Pastor: Character produces hope,  
People: **and hope in Christ does not put us to shame.**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Our hope in Christ is strong and living, yet we have often taken for granted the profound reality of Christ's death for us. We have ignored how weak and ungodly we have been. Still, our heavenly Father grants us access to His throne of grace, to ask for His forgiveness. *{Silence for reflection.}*

Pastor: Heavenly Father,  
People: **we have not rejoiced in suffering but have given up easily. We have lacked integrity and acted shamefully. And we have even despaired of life itself. Have mercy upon us, and reconcile us back to You, so that we may rejoice once more, on account of Jesus. Amen.**

Pastor: At just the right time, while we were still weak and ungodly, Jesus Christ died for us and reconciled us to God. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
People: **Amen. We are forgiven and are at peace with God.**

✘ WORD ✘

INTROIT

*Antiphon, Psalm 25:6; Psalm 115:11-13, 18*

Pastor: Remember, O Lord, your great mercy and love,

**People: for they are from of old.**

Pastor: You who fear him, trust in the Lord -

**People: he is their help and shield.**

Pastor: The Lord remembers us and will bless us:

**People: He will bless the house of Israel, he will bless the house of Aaron,**

Pastor: he will bless those who fear the Lord -

**People: small and great alike.**

Pastor: It is we who extol the Lord,

**People: both now and forevermore. Praise the Lord.**

**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.**

Pastor: Remember, O Lord, your great mercy and love,

**People: for they are from of old.**

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Pastor: Lord, have mercy,

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: Christ, have mercy,

**People: Christ, have mercy.**

Pastor: Lord, have mercy,

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**Pastor:** Let us pray. O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People:** Amen. *(please be seated)*

## OLD TESTAMENT READING: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

*(God renames Abram as Abraham.)*

1 When Abram was ninety-nine years old the Lord appeared to Abram and said to him, “I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless, 2 that I may make my covenant between me and you, and may multiply you greatly.” 3 Then Abram fell on his face. And God said to him, 4 “Behold, my covenant is with you, and you shall be the father of a multitude of nations. 5 No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham, for I have made you the father of a multitude of nations. 6 I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make you into nations, and kings shall come from you. 7 And I will establish my covenant between me and you and your offspring after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.

15 And God said to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. 16 I will bless her, and moreover, I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall become nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.”

**Reader:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

## EPISTLE READING: Romans 5:1-11

*(Christ died for the ungodly.)*

1 Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. 2 Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. 3 Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, 4 and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, 5 and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. 6 For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. 7 For one will scarcely die for a righteous person - though

perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die - 8 but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. 9 Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. 10 For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. 11 More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God**

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

### **HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 8:27-38**

*(Jesus is the Christ who must suffer, die, and rise again.)* *(please stand)*

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the eighth chapter.

**People: Glory to You, O Lord.**

27 And Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi. And on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" 28 And they told him, "John the Baptist; and others say, Elijah; and others, one of the prophets." 29 And he asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Christ." 30 And he strictly charged them to tell no one about him. 31 And he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again. 32 And he said this plainly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. 33 But turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man." 34 And calling the crowd to him with his disciples, he said to them, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. 35 For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. 36 For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? 37 For what can a man give in return for his soul? 38 For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to You, O Christ.**

## THE APOSTLES' CREED

**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: “When I Survey the Wonderful Cross”**

*{LSB 425 – 4 verses}*

When I survey the wondrous cross  
My richest gain I count but loss

On which the Prince of Glory died,  
And pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast  
All the vain things that charm me most,

Save in the death of Christ, my God;  
I sacrifice them to His blood.

See, from His head, His hands, His feet  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet

Sorrow and love flow mingled down!  
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
Love so amazing, so divine,

That were a tribute far too small;  
Demands my soul, my life, my all!

## **MESSAGE: “The Mount of Suffering”**

**Mark 8:27-38**

## **OFFERING**

If you are a **visitor** this morning, 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. Please record your presence with us today.

## **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 OF THE CHURCH

*(please stand)*

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs . . . Lord, in your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer**

Pastor: Into your hands, O Father, we commend all for who we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who has taught us to pray . . .

## THE 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.**

## COLLECT FOR THE CHURCH

Almighty God, grant to Your Church Your Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes down from above, that Your Word may not be bound but have free course and be preached to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, so that in steadfast faith we may serve You and, in the confession of Your name, abide unto the end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

## SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

## BENEDICTION

Pastor: The grace of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**People: Amen.**

*(please be seated)*

**HYMN: “Glory Be to Jesus”**

*{LSB 433 – 6 verses}*

Glory be to Jesus,  
Poured for me the lifeblood

Who in bitter pains  
From His sacred veins!

Grace and life eternal  
Blest be His compassion,

In that blood I find;  
Infinitely kind!

Blest through endless ages  
Which from endless torment

Be the precious stream  
Did the world redeem!

Abel’s blood for vengeance  
But the blood of Jesus

Pleaded to the skies;  
For our pardon cries.

Oft as earth exulting  
Angel hosts rejoicing

Wafts its praise on high,  
Make their glad reply.

Lift we, then, our voices,  
Louder still and louder

Swell the mighty flood;  
Praise the precious blood!

**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...

Prayers for **Jim Minica** who recently suffered a couple of strokes and is in the hospital

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

**Evonn Hughes** requests prayers for **Elaine Long** for a peaceful passing as she is in hospice with stage four bladder cancer

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

**Mike Gissi** requests prayers for **Dorothy Hoy**

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

**Karen Brosien** requests prayers for her Father and brothers in Northeast Texas, & daughter Amelia following knee surgery.

**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

**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 Mulledy** battling breast cancer

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

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

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

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 who we pray, trusting in Your mercy; thru Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**FEBRUARY ALTAR FLOWERS**

Feb 4<sup>th</sup> – Ernie & Marilyn Mazurek – celebrating 3<sup>rd</sup> wedding anniversary

Feb 11<sup>th</sup> – Mario & Eve Betancourt – celebrating Juliet's 10<sup>th</sup> birthday

Feb 11<sup>th</sup> – Kathy Giardinelli – celebrating Tony's birthday

Feb 18<sup>th</sup> – Anthony & Pam Sansone – celebrating 51<sup>st</sup> wedding anniversary

Feb 25<sup>th</sup> - Linda Dicke – Thanksgiving for her 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!*

**Pastor's Bible Study in the BEGIN Book** - *Pastor will continue with The Gospel According to John.*

**Today's Afternoon Bible Study** – *No other book in the Bible has been more misunderstood or misrepresented than Revelation. Join us for a 60-minute documentary that decodes the visions of Revelation 12 & 17 for everyone to understand. Educational and inspiring. Hope to see you there!*

**Messiah's Friday am Bible Study** – *begins a new study starting Mar. 8<sup>th</sup> running thru Apr. 12<sup>th</sup> – “Help is Here – Finding Fresh Strength & Purpose in the Power of the Holy Spirit” by Max Lucado.*

**Still waiting** – *we are told it will be soon . . . but we are still waiting for the final bids for the repairs / reconstruction on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Church Building. In the meantime – Praise the Lord! – we are back in the Sanctuary for Worship as of Feb. 21<sup>st</sup>!*

**Issues, Etc.** - *Grace, Faith, Scripture & Christ Alone ... This week's topics include: The Deconstruction of Christianity Movement, The Book of Mormon, A Cloud of Witnesses, The Book of Zechariah and more. You can tune in live weekdays from 3-5 p.m. on KFUE, 850 AM in St. Louis. You can also listen on-demand at [issuesetc.org](http://issuesetc.org), the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.*

### **Upcoming Events** –

*Feb. 27<sup>th</sup> - Tuesday Prayer Breakfast & Bible Study at Reyna's at 8:30 am (every Tuesday)*

*Feb. 28<sup>th</sup> - Lent Services at 6:30 pm*

*Mar. 6<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> - Lent Services at 6:30 pm*

*Mar. 7<sup>th</sup> - Ladies Time Out Lunch at Rivulet at 11:00 am*

*Mar. 9<sup>th</sup> - Adult Game Day in the Family Life Center at 2:00 pm*

*Mar. 16<sup>th</sup> - Mission Aviation Fellowship - Texas Event in Granbury, Tx*

*Mar. 24<sup>th</sup> - Palm Sunday Worship Service at 10:30 am*

*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 - Festival Service at 10:30 am*

*Sunrise Service has been cancelled due to the 6:30 am start time – set-up time would require the set-up crew to be at the church by 5:30 am - we were not able to fill all of the roles required to facilitate this Worship Service.*

*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 Part 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 – February 25, 2024**

Elders:	Larry Risley & Ed Mycock
Coffee:	Shirley Moore
Treats:	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 Doublet
Greeter:	Kathy Giardinelli & David & Sharon Sattler

**Serving us Wednesday – February 28, 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:	<b>OPEN</b>
Reader:	Pam Fields
<b>Ushers:</b>	<b>OPEN</b>
Greeter:	<b>OPEN</b>

**Our Response to God Wednesday  
Worship Attendance: 40+**

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