

**THE ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
**Third Lent Midweek**  
*February 28, 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. As He testified before Pilate that His kingdom is not of this world so are we, by our Baptism, “fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God” (Ephesians 2:19). This evening we hear from The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ – Drawn From the Four Gospels in the Garden of Gethsemane.

**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 “Go to Gethsemane”**

*{LSB 436 - 4 verses}*

Go to dark Gethsemane,  
Your Redeemer’s conflict see,  
Turn not from His griefs away;

All who feel the tempter’s pow’r;  
Watch with Him one bitter hour;  
Learn from Jesus Christ to pray.

Follow to the judgment hall,  
Oh, the wormwood and the gall!  
Shun not suff’ring, shame, or loss;

View the Lord of life arraigned;  
Oh, the pangs His soul sustained!  
Learn from Him to bear the cross.

Calv'ry's mournful mountain climb;  
Mark that miracle of time,  
"It is finished!" hear Him cry;

There, adoring at His feet,  
God's own sacrifice complete.  
Learn from Jesus Christ to die.

Early hasten to the tomb  
All is solitude and gloom.  
Christ is ris'n! He meets our eyes.

Where they laid His breathless clay;  
Who has taken Him away?  
Savior, teach us so to rise.

*(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 sit)*

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

### II. Gethsemane

*(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 sit)*

## HYMN: "Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me"

{LSB 715 – 3 verses}

Jesus, Savior, pilot me  
Unknown waves before me roll,  
Chart and compass come from Thee.

Over life's tempestuous sea;  
Hiding rock and treach'rous shoal.  
Jesus, Savior, pilot me.

As a mother stills her child,  
Boist'rous waves obey Thy will  
Wondrous Sov'reign of the sea,

Thou canst hush the ocean wild;  
When Thou say'st to them, "Be still!"  
Jesus, Savior, pilot me.

When at last I near the shore  
Twixt me and the peaceful rest,  
May I hear Thee say to me,

And the fearful breakers roar  
Then, while leaning on Thy breast,  
"Fear not, I will pilot thee."

**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. 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**

*(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:** Thy kingdom come. O Lord, rule our minds, hearts, and lives that we may know and believe Your Word of truth and that we may live our lives as forgiven sinners in true freedom serving others as You have served us. Hear us for the sake of Your love.

**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 sit)*

**HYMN**      **“In The Garden”**                      {Hymns for the Family of God 588 - 3 verses}

I come to the garden alone,                      While the dew is still on the roses;  
And the voice I hear, falling on my ear,                      The Son of God discloses.

*Refrain:*

*And He walks with me, and He talks with me,                      And He tells me I am His own,  
And the joy we share as we tarry there,                      None other has ever known.*

He speaks, and the sound of His voice                      Is so sweet the birds hush their singing;  
And the melody that He gave to me                      Within my heart is ringing. *[Refrain]*

I'd stay in the garden with Him                      Tho' the night around me be falling;  
But He bids me go; thro' the voice of woe,                      His voice to me is calling. *[Refrain]*

## **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** scheduled for surgery Feb. 28<sup>th</sup> for a pacemaker insertion

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 **Dorothy Hoy**

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 Mully** 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.**

**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!

### **Upcoming Events** –

*Mar. 6th & 13th & 20th - 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. 16th - Mission Aviation Fellowship - Texas Event in Granbury, Tx*

*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*

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

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

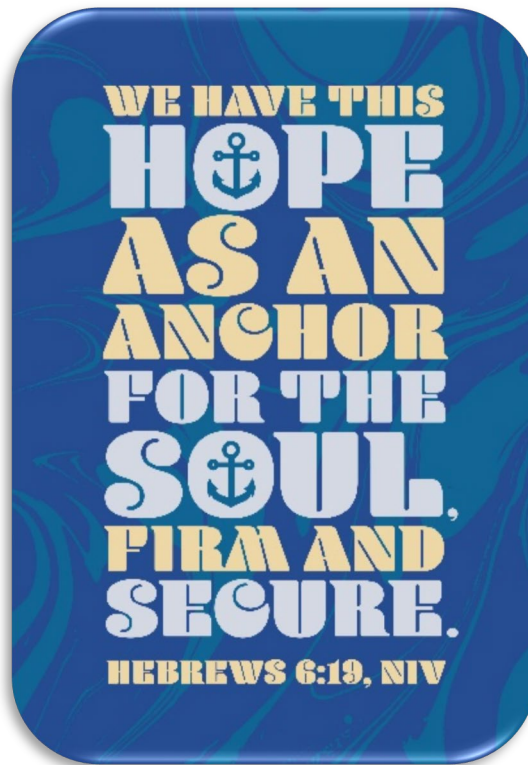
*Mar. 31st - Easter Sunday – Sunrise Service at 7:30 am*

*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 – 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: Tony Giardinelli  
Reader: Pam Fields  
**Ushers: OPEN**  
Greeter: Verna Sorensen / Lindy Eschenko

## Serving us Sunday – March 3, 2024

Elders: Bill Eichman & Roger Winkelmann  
Coffee: Sue Parker  
Breakfast: Sue Parker  
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: Pam Fields  
Ushers: Ernie & Marilyn Mazurek – Pam Fields – Maurice Doublett  
Greeter: Melissa Rutledge

## Our Response to God Last Week

**Worship Attendance: 79 Sunday School: 25**

| Corrected January 2024 Contributions |                    |                           |                   |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|
| <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> |