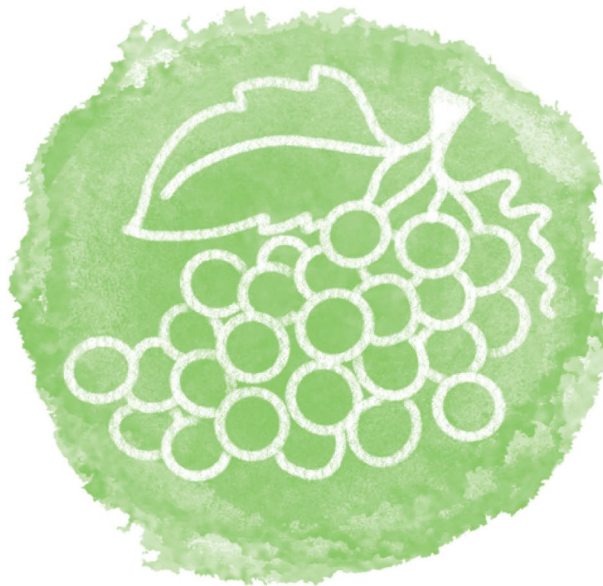


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PROCLAIM THE GOSPEL ✝ SEEK THE THIRSTY ✝ TEACH THE WORD

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✝ *Welcome!* ✝

**IF YOU ARE VISITING TODAY**, please fill out a Connection Card so we may get to know you better. Cards can be completed by scanning this QR code.



**PRAYER REQUESTS** can be submitted via the Connection Card, and WOL members can also update their contact information.

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✝ *As We Gather* ✝

Each Sunday in Lent brings us closer to Holy Week and closer to the foot of the cross. In a sense, we are annual pilgrims traveling on the way of and to the cross. Each year is slightly different from the one that has come before on that cross way. According to the liturgical year in the Church, we are closer today to the death of Christ and His glorious resurrection than we were a week ago. And, according to our earthly lives, we are drawing closer to our own individual death and resurrection. Along this way, we intersect with the cross, which serves as a sign for our lives at all times. May we each be blessed in our pilgrimage!

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✝ *Preparation* ✝

### OPENING SONG

*Great Are You, Lord*

Praise Team

You give life, You are love, You bring light to the darkness,  
You give hope, You restore ev'ry heart that is broken. And great are You, Lord.

*Chorus:* It's Your breath in our lungs, so we pour out our praise, we pour out our praise.  
It's Your breath in our lungs, so we pour out our praise to You only.

And all the earth will shout Your praise.  
Our hearts will cry, these bones will sing, "Great are You Lord!" (REPEAT)

*Chorus*

## INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

*Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]*

## CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

*Heb. 10:22; Ps 124:8; Ps 32:5*

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **Who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C **And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

*(Silence for reflection and self-examination)*

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

## SONG

*Restore To Me*

Praise Team

Hide Your face from my sins, and cover my iniquities;  
Create in me a clean heart, and renew a right spirit within me.  
Don't cast me away from Your presence, don't take Your Spirit from me.

*Chorus:* Restore to me the joy of Your salvation;  
Restore to me the wonders of Your love.  
Restore to me the joy of Your salvation;  
Restore to me, restore to me.

Deliver me from this tower of darkness, through the pain and brokenness;  
And I will sing of Your loving kindness,  
And of Your righteousness. *Chorus*

## ✠ Service of the Word ✠

### INTROIT *(W=Women; M=Men)*

*Psalm 116:1-4, 8; antiphon: v.15*

P Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of His saints.

W *I love the LORD, because He has heard my voice and my pleas for mercy.*

M *Because He inclined His ear to me, therefore I will call on Him as long as I live.*

W *The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me; I suffered distress and anguish.*

M *Then I called on the name of the LORD: "O LORD, I pray, deliver my soul!" For you have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling.*

**C 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.**

### KYRIE

P Lord, have mercy.

**C Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

### SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

### OLD TESTAMENT READING

**Ezekiel 37:1-14**

<sup>1</sup>The hand of the LORD was upon me, and he brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones. <sup>2</sup>And he led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. <sup>3</sup>And he said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" And I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." <sup>4</sup>Then he said to me, "Prophecy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. <sup>5</sup>Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live.

<sup>6</sup>And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the LORD.”

<sup>7</sup>So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. <sup>8</sup>And I looked, and behold, there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them. But there was no breath in them. <sup>9</sup>Then he said to me, “Prophesy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live.” <sup>10</sup>So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army.

<sup>11</sup>Then he said to me, “Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are clean cut off.’ <sup>12</sup>Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. <sup>13</sup>And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. <sup>14</sup>And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the LORD.”

R This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## **EPISTLE READING**

**Romans 8:1-11**

<sup>1</sup>There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. <sup>2</sup>For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. <sup>3</sup>For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, <sup>4</sup>in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. <sup>5</sup>For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. <sup>6</sup>To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. <sup>7</sup>For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God’s law; indeed, it cannot. <sup>8</sup>Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

<sup>9</sup>You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. <sup>10</sup>But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. <sup>11</sup>If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

R This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

*(Please rise for the reading of the Holy Gospel)*

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 11:17-27, 38-53

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eleventh chapter.

**C Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>17</sup>When Jesus came, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. <sup>18</sup>Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off, <sup>19</sup>and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them concerning their brother. <sup>20</sup>So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, but Mary remained seated in the house. <sup>21</sup>Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. <sup>22</sup>But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you." <sup>23</sup>Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." <sup>24</sup>Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." <sup>25</sup>Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, <sup>26</sup>and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?" <sup>27</sup>She said to him, "Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world." ...

<sup>38</sup>Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. <sup>39</sup>Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, by this time there will be an odor, for he has been dead four days." <sup>40</sup>Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" <sup>41</sup>So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me. <sup>42</sup>I knew that you always hear me, but I said this on account of the people standing around, that they may believe that you sent me." <sup>43</sup>When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out." <sup>44</sup>The man who had died came out, his hands and feet bound with linen strips, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

<sup>45</sup>Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what he did, believed in him, <sup>46</sup>but some of them went to the Pharisees and told them what Jesus had done. <sup>47</sup>So the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered the Council and said, "What are we to do? For this man performs many signs. <sup>48</sup>If we let him go on like this, everyone will believe in him, and the Romans will come and take away both our place and our nation." <sup>49</sup>But one of them, Caiaphas, who was high priest that year, said to them, "You know nothing at all. <sup>50</sup>Nor do you understand that it is better for you that one man should die for the people, not that the whole nation should perish." <sup>51</sup>He did not say this of his own accord, but being high priest that year he prophesied that Jesus would die for the nation, <sup>52</sup>and not for the nation only, but also to gather into one the children of God who are scattered abroad. <sup>53</sup>So from that day on they made plans to put him to death.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C Praise to You, O Christ.**

## NICENE CREED

**ALL I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,**

the only-begotten Son of God,  
 begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
 God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made,  
 being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made;  
 who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
 and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man;  
 and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
 He suffered and was buried.

And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
 and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
 And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,  
 whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
 the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
 who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
 who spoke by the prophets.  
 And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
 I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
 and I look for the resurrection of the dead.

**SERMON HYMN**

*Drawn to the Cross, Which Thou Hast Blessed*

LSB 560



1 Drawn to the cross, which Thou hast blessed With heal - ing  
 2 Thou know - est all my griefs and fears, Thy grace a -  
 3 Wash me and take a - way each stain; Let noth - ing  
 4 And then for work to do for Thee, Which shall so



gifts for souls dis - tressed, To find in Thee my  
 bused, my mis - spent years; Yet now to Thee with  
 of my sin re - main. For cleans - ing, though it  
 sweet a ser - vice be That an - gels well might



life, my rest, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.  
 con - trite tears, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.  
 be through pain, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.  
 en - vy me, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY *(sung)*

LSB, p. 192-93

*Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.*

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

✠ *Service of the Sacrament* ✠

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you. *2 Timothy 4:22*

**C And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts. *Colossians 3:1*

**C We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *Psalm 136*

**C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, Lord our God, for You have had mercy on us and sent Your only-begotten Son, the perfect substitute, to bring us salvation. Pour out upon us the gift of Your Spirit, that we may receive Your blessings with thankfulness. Grant that we may receive the body and blood of our Lord as the guarantee of our salvation and as a foretaste of the feast to come in Your eternal kingdom. Together with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS

LSB, p. 195

**C Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;**

P Heaven and earth are full of Thy glory.

**C Hosanna in the highest.**

P Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.

**C Hosanna in the highest.**



## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of all creation, for all You have done for Your people in Jesus Christ, our Lord. We thank You for bringing life out of death through the sacrifice of our Lord to pay the price of our sins. Accept our humble thanks here offered and grant that all who partake of Christ's holy body and blood this day be filled with Your heavenly peace and joy. By the working of the Spirit, keep us sanctified in body, soul, and spirit. Give us hearts to rejoice in the fellowship of Your Table and finally may we be granted our places with all Your saints in glory. This we ask through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Matthew 6:9-13*

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C **Our Father who art in heaven...**

## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

*Matt. 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Cor. 11:23-25*

## PAX DOMINI

*John 20:19*

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **Amen.**

## AGNUS DEI *(sung)*

*LSB, p. 198*

*O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.*

*O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.*

*O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.*

**DISTRIBUTION ~ Welcome to the Lord's table.** *(An usher will direct you.)*

## DISTRIBUTION HYMN

*Come, Let Us Eat*

*LSB 626*



1 Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread,  
2 Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured,  
3 In His pres - ence now we meet and rest,  
4 Rise, then, to spread a - broad God's might - y Word,



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Our Lord's bod - y let us take to - geth - er,  
 Je - sus' blood poured let us drink to - geth - er,  
 In the pres - ence of our Lord we gath - er,  
 Je - sus ris - en will bring in the King - dom,



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**DISTRIBUTION SONG**

*Lamb of God*

Praise Team

Your only Son, no sin to hide; But You have sent Him from Your side,  
 To walk upon this guilty sod, and to become the Lamb of God.

Your gift of love they crucified; they laughed and scorned Him as He died.  
 The humble King they named a fraud, and sacrificed the Lamb of God.

*Chorus:* Oh, Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God. I love the holy Lamb of God.  
 Oh, wash me in His precious blood, my Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

I was so lost I should have died; But You have brought me to Your side  
 To be led by Your staff and rod, and to be called a lamb of God. *Chorus*

**POST-COMMUNION COLLECT**

**P** We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

## BENEDICAMUS

P Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## BENEDICTION

*Numbers 6:24-26*

P The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C **Amen.**

## CLOSING SONG

*In Christ Alone*

Praise Team

In Christ alone my hope is found,  
He is my light, my strength, my song;  
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground,  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace,  
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease.  
My Comforter, my All in All,  
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh,  
Fullness of God in helpless babe!  
This gift of love and righteousness,  
Scorned by the ones He came to save,  
Till on that cross as Jesus died,  
The wrath of God was satisfied.  
For every sin on Him was laid;  
Here in the death of Christ I live.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,  
This is the power of Christ in me;  
From life's first cry to final breath,  
Jesus commands my destiny.  
No power of hell, no scheme of man,  
Can ever pluck me from His hand;  
Till He returns or calls me home,  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

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## Altar Flowers

The altar flowers this week are given in praise and glory to God by Frank & Shirley L. in honor of Bill's birthday.



## Tithes & Offerings

Tithes and offerings may be given through your banking institution's bill pay service, online via our website, or by texting your amount to 469-515-8118.



## Final Wednesday in Lent

### March 29 (Wednesday)

6 PM – Fellowship Meal (Potluck)

7 PM – Promised Treasures – *Palms & Victory*



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## Holy Week Worship Schedule

### **April 2 ~ PALM SUNDAY / SUNDAY OF THE PASSION**

8 AM – Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion

9:30 AM – Sunday School & Bible Study

11 AM – Contemporary Worship Service with Holy Communion

### **April 6 ~ MAUNDY THURSDAY**

7 PM – Maundy Thursday Worship with Holy Communion

### **April 7 ~ GOOD FRIDAY**

7 PM – Good Friday Tenebrae Vespers

### **April 9 ~ EASTER SUNDAY ~ The Resurrection of Our Lord**

8 AM – Sunrise Prayer Service (*outdoors, weather permitting*)

9 AM – Easter Worship Service with Holy Communion

10:30 AM – Easter Egg Hunt (*for all kids 12 & under*)

10:30 AM – Easter Breakfast

