

# **SUNDAY OF THE PASSION**

April 10, 2022

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE BELLS

Pastor: In the hymn “Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted,” writer Thomas Kelly points to Jesus with a strong biblical image as he writes, “Here we have a firm foundation, Here the refuge of the lost: Christ, the Rock of our salvation, Is the name of which we boast” (LSB 451:4). The portrayal of Jesus as the rock is anchored in the Old Testament, where Moses brings forth water as a gift from God while the children of Israel traveled in the desert. Recalling the “water from the rock” event, Paul writes to the Corinthians, “For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ” (1 Corinthians 10:4). Today begins Holy Week, during which Jesus travels from the rock-strewn Mount of Olives to the rocky hill of Calvary as He goes to His death for us and for our salvation. We begin that blessed journey now!

## **Special Music**

“On Humble Beast Now Rides the King”

Sung by Choir

## **✠ PROCESSION OF PALMS ✠**

*The congregation please stand and face the processional cross at the entrance to the nave.*

## **GREETING**

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:** (spoken) **Amen.**

Pastor: Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

**People: Hosanna to the Son of David.**

## **COLLECT**

Pastor: Let us pray.

Most merciful God, as the people of Jerusalem, with palms in their hands, gathered to greet Your dearly beloved Son when He came into His Holy City, grant that we may ever hail Him as our King and, when He comes again, may go forth to meet Him with trusting and steadfast hearts and follow Him in the way that leads to eternal life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People:** (spoken) **Amen.**

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twelfth chapter.

**People:** (spoken) **Glory to You, O Lord.**

## **PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL** *John 12:12–19 ESV*

The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!” And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written, “Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!” His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about him and had been done to him. The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. So the Pharisees said to one another, “You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People:** (spoken) **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Pastor: Let us go forth in peace,

**People: in the name of the Lord.**

## **HYMN**

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor” *LSB 442 vs 1,4,5*

**All glory, laud, and honor  
To You, Redeemer, King  
To whom the lips of children  
Made sweet hosannas ring**

**The company of angels  
Is praising You on high  
And we with all creation  
In chorus make reply**

**All glory, laud, and honor  
To You, Redeemer, King  
To whom the lips of children  
Made sweet hosannas ring**

*When all have arrived at their places, the people may raise their branches as the procession concludes with the following:*

Pastor: Blessed is He who comes in the name of the  
Lord.

(REPEAT)

**People: Hosanna in the highest.**

## **OPENING SENTENCES**

Pastor: All hail to Jesus, the King of our lives! Lift up your hearts and rejoice in Him!

**People: He came from the very throne of God, but He gave that up to suffer a criminal's death on the cross.**

Pastor: But God raised Him up that the ends of the earth may bow before Him as their King!

**People: Jesus Christ is Lord! Hosanna!**

Pastor: In Him is forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation.

**People: Have mercy on us, Lord! Bless us with Your peace! Hosanna! Hosanna!**

## ✠ PREPARATION ✠

(Please be seated or kneel for the confession and absolution)

### **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION** *1 Thessalonians 5:23*

Pastor: Let us now make confession of our sins to God, our gracious, heavenly Father.

**People: Eternal God, we confess that we were born sinful and have continued to sin in thought, word, and deed. O God, in Your mercy, forgive our sin and renew Your Spirit within us that we may joyfully follow Your will and gladly obey Your commandments. For the sake of Jesus, our Lord, forgive our sins and direct us in ways of compassion and love.**

Pastor: 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. Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it. Go in ✠ peace.

**People:** (spoken) **Amen.**

**INTROIT** *Psalm 24:7–10; antiphon: Psalm 118:26*

**People:** Blessed is he who comes in the name of the  
LORD! We bless you from the house of the LORD.

**Women:** *Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O  
ancient doors, that the King of glory may come  
in.*

**Men:** *Who is this King of glory? The LORD, strong and  
mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle!*

**Women:** *Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up,  
O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come  
in.*

**Men:** *Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, He is  
the King of glory!*

**People:** Blessed is he who comes in the name of the  
LORD! We bless you from the house of the LORD.

## **SALUTATION**

**Pastor:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** (spoken) **And also with you.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**Pastor:** Let us pray.

Everlasting God and Father, You sent Your Son to take our flesh upon Himself and to suffer death upon the cross. Grant that, being inspired by His great humility and following His patient example as He was besieged by His enemies, we may at the last share in His victorious resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: (spoken) Amen.**

(The congregation please be seated, while Sophia, her sponsors, and family gather with the Pastor around the Baptismal Font)

## **THE HOLY BAPTISM**

Sophia Lauren Panich  
Daughter of  
Tammy Tortenesi & Mark Panich

Pastor: in the name of the Father and of the Son and of  
the Holy Spirit. Matthew 28:19b

**People: Amen**

Pastor: Dearly beloved, Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” In the last chapter of Mark our Lord promises, “Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved.” And the apostle Peter has written, “Baptism now saves you.” Matthew 28:18b-19; Mark 6:16a;

1 Peter 3:21

The Word of God also teaches that we are all conceived and born sinful and are under the power of the devil until Christ claims us as His own. We would be lost forever unless delivered from sin, death, and everlasting condemnation. But the Father of all mercy and grace has sent His Son Jesus Christ, who atoned for the sin of the

whole world, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

*The pastor addresses the candidate(s):*

Pastor: how are you named?

R: Sophia Panich

*Pastor makes the sign of the holy cross upon the forehead and heart of each candidate while saying:*

Pastor: Sophia, receive the sign of the holy cross both upon your forehead and upon your heart to mark you as one redeemed by Christ the crucified.

Pastor: Let us pray.

Almighty and eternal God, according to Your strict judgement You condemned the unbelieving world through the flood, yet according to Your great mercy You preserved believing Noah and his family, eight souls in all. You drowned hard-hearted Pharaoh and all his host in the Red Sea, yet led our people Israel through the water on dry ground, foreshadowing this washing of Your Holy Baptism. Through the Baptism in the Jordan of Your beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, You sanctified and instituted all waters to be a blessed flood and a lavish washing away of sin.

We pray that You would behold Sophia according to Your boundless mercy and bless her with true faith by the Holy Spirit, that through this saving flood all sin in her, which has been inherited from



Adam and which she herself has committed since, would be drowned and die. Grant that she be kept safe and secure in the holy ark of the Christian Church, being separated from the multitude of unbelievers and serving Your name at all times with a fervent spirit and a joyful hope, so that, with all believers in Your promise, she would be declared worth of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. (501)

*If the sponsors were previously enrolled, the service continues below with the Holy Gospel.*

Pastor: From ancient times the Church has observed the custom of appointing sponsors for baptismal candidates and catechumens. In the Evangelical Lutheran Church sponsors are to confess the faith expressed in the Apostles' Creed and taught in the Small Catechism. They are, whenever possible, to witness the Baptism of those they sponsor. They are to pray for them, support them in their ongoing instruction and nurture in the Christian faith, and encourage them toward the faithful reception of the Lord's Supper. They are at all times to be examples to them of the holy life of faith in Christ and love for the neighbor.

*The pastor addresses the sponsors.*

Pastor: is it your intention to serve Sophia as sponsors in the Christian faith?

R: Yes, with the help of God.

Pastor: God enable you both to will and to do this faithful and loving work and with His grace fulfill what we are unable to do.

**People: Amen**

Pastor: Hear the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.

They brought young children to [Jesus] that He might touch them; but the disciples rebuked those who brought them. but when Jesus saw it, He was greatly displeased and said to them, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God. Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it." And He took them up in His arms, put His hands on them, and blessed them. Mark 10:13-16 NKJV

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

The pastor places his hands on the Head(s) of the Candidate(s), and the congregation join in praying:

**People:**

**Our Father Who art in heaven,  
Hallowed by Thy name,  
Thy kingdom come.  
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;  
Gives 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.**

Matthew 6:9-13

*If the baptismal party has stood at the entrance of the nave to this point, they now move to the front. A hymn may be sung during the procession. Then the pastor says:*

Pastor: The Lord preserve your coming in and your going out from this time forth and even forevermore.

**People: Amen**

(Please sit)

*The pastor addresses the candidate(s) and asks the following questions:*

Pastor: Sophia, do you renounce the devil?

R: Yes, I renounce him.

Pastor: Do you renounce all his works?

R: Yes, I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you renounce all his ways?

R: Yes, I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth?

R: Yes, I believe.

Pastor: do you believe 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?

R: Yes, I believe

Pastor: Do you 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?

R: Yes, I believe

Pastor: *Sophia*, do you desire to be baptized?

R: Yes, I do.

*The pastor pours water three times on the head of each candidate while saying:*

Pastor: Sophia, I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen**

*The pastor places his hands on the head of the newly baptized while saying:*

Pastor: the almighty God and Father of the Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life everlasting.

**People: Amen**

*The pastor may place a white garment on the newly baptized while saying:*

Pastor: Receive this white garment to show that you have been clothed with the robe of Christ's righteousness that covers all your sin. So shall you stand without fear before the judgement seat of Christ to receive the inheritance prepared for you from the foundation of the world.

*The pastor may light a baptismal candle from the paschal candle and give it to the newly baptized while saying:*

Pastor: Receive this burning light to show that you have received Christ who is the Light of the world. Live always in the light of Christ, and be ever watchful for His coming, that you may meet Him with joy and enter with Him into the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which shall have no end.

*The newly baptized may be welcomed with the following:*

Pastor: In Holy Baptism God the Father has made you a member of His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and heirs with us of all the treasures of heaven in the one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We receive you in Jesus' name as our sister in Christ, that together we might hear His Word, receive His gifts, and proclaim the praises of Him who called us out of darkness into His marvelous light.

**People: Amen. We welcome you in the name of the Lord.**

*(Please stand)*

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty and most merciful God and Father, we thank and praise You that You graciously preserve and enlarged Your family and have granted Sophia the new birth in Holy Baptism and made her a member of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and heirs of Your heavenly kingdom. We humbly implore You that, as she has now become Your child You would keep her in her baptismal grace, that according to Your good pleasure she may faithfully grow to lead a godly life to the praise and honor of Your holy name and finally, with all Your saints, obtain the promised inheritance in heaven; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. (503)

**People: Amen.**

Pastor: Peace be with you.

**People: Amen**

*All return to their places.*

**✠ WORD ✠**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** *Deuteronomy 32:36–39 ESV*

For the LORD will vindicate his people and have compassion on his servants, when he sees that their power is gone and there is none remaining, bond or free. Then he will say, ‘Where are their gods, the rock in which they took refuge, who ate the fat of their sacrifices and drank the wine of their drink offering? Let them rise up and help you; let them be your protection! ““See now that I, even I, am he, and there is no god beside me; I kill and I make alive; I wound and I heal; and there is none that can deliver out of my hand.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:** (spoken) **Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE** *Philippians 2:5–11 ESV*

Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:** (spoken) **Thanks be to God.**

## **HYMN**

**“Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me” *LSB* 761**

**Rock of Ages, cleft for me,  
Let me hide myself in Thee;  
Let the water and the blood,  
From Thy riven side which flowed,  
Be of sin the double cure:  
Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.**

**Not the labors of my hands  
Can fulfill Thy Law's demands;  
Could my zeal no respite know,  
Could my tears forever flow,  
All for sin could not atone;**

**Thou must save, and Thou alone.  
Nothing in my hand I bring;  
Simply to Thy cross I cling.  
Naked, come to Thee for dress;  
Helpless, look to Thee for grace;  
Foul, I to the fountain fly;  
Wash me, Savior, or I die**

**While I draw this fleeting breath,  
When mine eyelids close in death,  
When I soar to worlds unknown,  
See Thee on Thy judgment throne,  
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,  
Let me hide myself in Thee.**



## **++ SERMON ++**

“Who Is Your Rock?”

**Text:** Deuteronomy 32:36–39

**Theme:** God takes vengeance on our enemies by taking the blows that were coming our way.

**Goal:** That hearers come to realize they often sinfully rely on other “gods,” yet in repentance trust that God delivers them for the sake of Christ’s suffering in their place.

### **Sermon Outline**

1. You are experiencing a big mess in life because of your accumulated sinful actions.
2. How will God respond?
3. He will divert your enemies and absorb all the consequences himself.

God Takes Vengeance on Our Enemies by Taking the Blows  
That Were Coming Our Way.

(Please stand)

**OFFERTORY** LSB pages 192-193 (we sing)

**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**

(Please be seated or kneel for the prayer)

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs: We pray for the Church as it observes this Holy Week around the world that all people come to see in Christ alone the Redeemer of the world. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People:** (spoken) **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: We pray for all nations, that conflicts cease and that the kingdom of God come to bless our world. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People:** (spoken) **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: As we anticipate the celebration of Holy Week and Easter, we pray for our families and the people closest to us. Grant that we share with them our faith in Christ and live together as God's sanctified and thankful people. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People:** (spoken) **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: We pray for those with special needs and concerns this day, especially the hospitalized, the grieving, the unemployed, and all those whose special situations are on our hearts at this time and for whom our petitions are desired, [*including . . .*]. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People:** (spoken) **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: As this holiest week of the Church Year begins, Lord, we remember before You those many faithful Christian people who have been part of our lives and our fellowship in times past, especially those who have departed this life and now are rejoicing in the glory of Your promised heavenly Kingdom. Direct our ways on earth that we may complete this life in faith and may at last sing eternal hosannas together with them and all the company of heaven. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People:** (spoken) **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

**People:** (spoken) **Amen.**

## **SACRAMENT ☩**

**PREFACE** *2 Timothy 4:22*

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People:** (spoken) **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**People:** (spoken) **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People:** (spoken) **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

## **PROPER PREFACE**

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, Lord, our God. You call us to be Your people who acknowledge our sin and who find our hope and assurance of salvation in You alone. Direct our lives in ways of faithfulness and keep us constant in prayer. Grant that we may receive the body and blood of our Lord here given as the guarantee of our salvation and as a foretaste of the feast to come in Your eternal kingdom. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and praise, together with the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

## **SANCTUS** (SUNG) *LSB 195*

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth  
Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory**

**Hosanna**

**Hosanna**

**Hosanna in the highest**

**Blessed is He**

**Blessed is He**

**Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord**

**Hosanna,**

**Hosanna**

**Hosanna in the highest**

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed are You, almighty Lord, our strong deliverer. You have graciously granted our lives Your presence and protection and Your peace. As we gather at Your Table, grant that we be strengthened in faith toward You and in active love for one another as we await Your final coming in glory. Send Your Holy Spirit upon us to sanctify and renew us in body and soul for the sake of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, in whose name we offer our thanksgiving.

**People:** (spoken) **Amen.**

## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

*Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: **“Take, eat; this is My ☩ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”**

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: **“Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ☩ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”**

## **PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST**

*1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20*

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup,  
we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

**People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Pastor: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

## **LORD'S PRAYER** *Matthew 6:9–13*

**People: 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.**

## **PAX DOMINI**

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**People:** (spoken) **Amen.**

## **AGNUS DEI** (SUNG) LSB 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.**

(Please be seated)

## **DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

“Drawn to the Cross, Which Thou Hast Blessed” *LSB 560*

**Drawn to the cross which Thou has blessed**

**With healing gifts for souls distressed**

**To find in Thee my life my rest**

**Christ crucified**

**I come**

**Thou knowest all my griefs and fears**

**Thy grace abused my misspent years**

**Yet now to Thee with contrite tears**

**Christ crucified**

**I come**

**Wash me and take away each stain**

**Let nothing of my sin remain**

**For cleansing though it be through pain**

**Christ crucified**

**I come**

**And then for work to do for Thee  
Which shall so sweet a service be  
That angels well might envy me  
Christ crucified  
I come**

## **HYMN**

*“Jesus Loves Me” LSB 588*  
**Jesus loves me this I know  
For the Bible tells me so  
Little ones to Him belong  
They are weak but He is strong**

**Yes, Jesus loves me  
Yes, Jesus loves me  
Yes, Jesus loves me  
The Bible tells me so**

**Jesus loves me He who died  
Heaven's gate to open wide  
He has washed away my sin  
Let His little child come in**

**Yes, Jesus loves me  
Yes, Jesus loves me  
Yes, Jesus loves me  
The Bible tells me so**

(Please stand at the conclusion of the distribution for the blessing  
followed by the Post-Communion Thanksgiving)



## **THE POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

Pastor: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ  
strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to  
life everlasting.

**People:** (spoken) **Amen.**

## **POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

Pastor: Let us pray.

Blessed are You, almighty God, for by You we have  
been fed and nourished with the body and blood of  
our Lord, Jesus Christ. You are our shield and our  
fortress. Graciously hear our prayers and grant that  
we ever trust that our deliverance comes because  
of the suffering and death of our Savior, Jesus  
Christ, in our place. Grant us Your abiding peace as  
we await Your promised eternal kingdom. In the  
name of Jesus, our rock and our Redeemer, we  
pray.

**People:** (spoken) **Amen.**

## **HYMN**

*“Glory Be to Jesus” LSB 433 vs 1*

**Glory be to Jesus  
Who in bitter pains  
Poured for me the life-blood  
From His sacred veins**

## **PASSION NARRATIVE & GOSPEL LESSON** *Luke 23*

Lector: Then the whole company of them arose and brought Him before Pilate. And they began to accuse Him, saying, “We found this man misleading our nation and forbidding us to give tribute to Caesar, and saying that He Himself is Christ, a king.” And Pilate asked Him, “Are You the King of the Jews?” And He answered him, “You have said so.” Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, “I find no guilt in this man.” But they were urgent, saying, “He stirs up the people, teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee even to this place.”

## **HYMN**

“Glory Be to Jesus” *LSB 433 vs 2*

**Grace and life eternal**

**In that blood I find**

**Blest be His compassion**

**Infinitely kind**

Pastor: When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. And when he learned that He belonged to Herod’s jurisdiction, he sent Him over to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time. When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had long desired to see Him, because he had heard about Him, and he was hoping to see some sign done by Him. So he questioned Him at some length, but He made no answer. The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing

Him. And Herod with his soldiers treated Him with contempt and mocked Him. Then, arraying Him in splendid clothing, he sent Him back to Pilate. And Herod and Pilate became friends with each other that very day, for before this they had been at enmity with each other. Pilate then called together the chief priests and the rulers and the people, and said to them, “You brought me this man as one who was misleading the people. And after examining Him before you, behold, I did not find this man guilty of any of your charges against Him. Neither did Herod, for he sent Him back to us. Look, nothing deserving death has been done by Him. I will therefore punish and release Him.”

## HYMN

“Glory Be to Jesus” *LSB 433 vs 3*  
**Blest through endless ages**  
**Be the precious stream**  
**Which from endless torment**  
**Did the world redeem**

Lector: But they all cried out together, “Away with this man, and release to us Barabbas”—a man who had been thrown into prison for an insurrection started in the city and for murder. Pilate addressed them once more, desiring to release Jesus, but they kept shouting, “Crucify, crucify Him!” A third time he said to them, “Why, what evil has He done? I have found in Him no guilt deserving death. I will therefore punish and

release Him.” But they were urgent, demanding with loud cries that He should be crucified. And their voices prevailed. So Pilate decided that their demand should be granted. He released the man who had been thrown into prison for insurrection and murder, for whom they asked, but he delivered Jesus over to their will. And as they led Him away, they seized one Simon of Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, and laid on him the cross, to carry it behind Jesus. And there followed Him a great multitude of the people and of women who were mourning and lamenting for Him. But turning to them Jesus said, “Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for Me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. For behold, the days are coming when they will say, ‘Blessed are the barren and the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed!’ Then they will begin to say to the mountains, ‘Fall on us,’ and to the hills, ‘Cover us.’ For if they do these things when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?”

## **HYMN**

“Glory Be to Jesus” *LSB 433 vs 4*

**Abel’s blood for vengeance**

**Pleaded to the skies**

**But the blood of Jesus**

**For our pardon cries**

Pastor: Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with Him. And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified Him, and the criminals, one on His right and one on His left. And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." And they cast lots to divide His garments. And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at Him, saying, "He saved others; let Him save Himself, if He is the Christ of God, His Chosen One!" The soldiers also mocked Him, coming up and offering Him sour wine and saying, "If You are the King of the Jews, save Yourself!" There was also an inscription over Him, "This is the King of the Jews." One of the criminals who were hanged railed at Him, saying, "Are You not the Christ? Save Yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong." And he said, "Jesus, remember me when You come into Your kingdom." And He said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise."

## HYMN

“Glory Be to Jesus” *LSB 433 vs 5*

**Oft as earth exulting  
Wafts its praise on high  
Angel hosts rejoicing  
Make their glad reply**

Lector: It was now about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour, while the sun’s light failed. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, calling out with a loud voice, said, “Father, into Your hands I commit My spirit!” And having said this He breathed His last. Now when the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God, saying, “Certainly this man was innocent!” And all the crowds that had assembled for this spectacle, when they saw what had taken place, returned home beating their breasts. And all His acquaintances and the women who had followed Him from Galilee stood at a distance watching these things.

## HYMN

“Glory Be to Jesus” *LSB 433 vs 6*

**Lift we then our voices  
Swell the mighty flood  
Louder still and louder  
Praise the precious blood**

Pastor: Now there was a man named Joseph, from the Jewish town of Arimathea. He was a member of the council, a good and righteous man, who had not consented to their decision and action; and he was looking for the kingdom of God. This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then he took it down and wrapped it in a linen shroud and laid Him in a tomb cut in stone, where no one had ever yet been laid. It was the day of Preparation, and the Sabbath was beginning. The women who had come with Him from Galilee followed and saw the tomb and how His body was laid. Then they returned and prepared spices and ointments. On the Sabbath they rested according to the commandment.

(Please Stand)

## **CLOSING COLLECT**

Pastor: Gracious and righteous God, You sent us one who suffered and died for our sakes. Move us again with the power of that blessed sacrifice for sin, that experiencing again the passion and the compassion of the crucified Lord Jesus, we be directed by Your Spirit into ways of humble service in thanksgiving to our Savior, in whose name we pray.

**People:** (spoken) **Amen.**

**BENEDICTION**    *Numbers 6:24–26*

Pastor: 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.

**People:** (spoken) **Amen.**

**HYMN**

“Go to Dark Gethsemane” *LSB 436*

**Go to dark Gethsemane**

**All who feel the tempter’s pow’r**

**Your Redeemer’s conflict see**

**Watch with Him one bitter hour**

**Turn not from His griefs away**

**Learn from Jesus Christ to pray**

**Follow to the judgment hall**

**View the Lord of life arraigned**

**Oh the wormwood and the gall**

**Oh the pangs His soul sustained**

**Shun not suff’ring shame or loss**

**Learn from Him to bear the cross**

**Calv’ry’s mournful mountain climb**

**There adoring at His feet**

**Mark that miracle of time**

**God’s own sacrifice complete**

**It is finished hear Him cry**

**Learn from Jesus Christ to die**



**Early hasten to the tomb  
Where they laid His breathless clay  
All is solitude and gloom  
Who has taken Him away  
Christ is ris'n He meets our eyes  
Savior teach us so to rise**

## **THOSE SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE**

Rev. Paul Pollatz, Pastor  
Marie Brown, Organist  
Frank Pignanelli, Elder  
Laurie Pignanelli, Reader  
Bill Switter, David Brown, & Kathy King, Ushers

## **GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Easter Lilies – LAST SUNDAY**

\$10 per plant  
Take home Easter Sunday  
Sign up in Narthex  
Place money with name in the offering plate

### **Palm Sunday Potluck**

Pot Luck after Service

### **Important Information**

we **ADDED** a 12:00pm service for Good Friday

## **Are you in need of**

Snow Removal

Spring Clean Up

Grass Cutting

Small Landscaping jobs

Please call **Ryan Ladach Jr @ 947-252-0363**

### **Attendance**

Sunday March 27<sup>th</sup>                      9:30 am    39

### **Prayer List**

If sudden illness or the need for immediate prayers occurs, please feel free to contact our Prayer Chain leader, Joan Hafkesbrink, at 313.565.6871. Prayer requests will remain on the list for two weeks.

### **Anniversary**

#### **Birthdays**

Mark Gorka – April 10<sup>th</sup>

#### **For the Shut-Ins**

*Dorothy MacTavish, at home*

*George Morton, at home*

*Carmell Faulk, at home*

*Phyllis Witte, at home*

*Melvin Kimbrough, at home*

*Lynn Mayfield, at home*

## **For Those Who Are Sick or Healing**

**Pat Bates**, in her need for more blood

**Sean Stamp**, hospitalized with complications from surgery

**Michel H**, Friend of Kim Armstrong, had open heart surgery 3/18 in Florida. Being watched for pneumonia as he is having difficulty breathing. He also needs surgery on both legs so he can walk again.

**Cheryl Celina**, Friend of Pam Benford, Diagnosed with Parkinson's

**All the people of Ukraine;**

**Verna m. Lattimore**, hospitalized;

**Mr. D. Nicholson**, ill;

**Nicholas**, Laurie's nephew, heart tests;

**Sharon Lozon**, friend of Pam Benford, hospitalized;

**The Myer's family, Kim Armstrong's Aunt**, in the death of Aunt Reitha

**Shari Ballard & family**, in the loss of her father;

**Todd Allendorf**, Sally Trout's brother;

**Chris Sloan**, Glenn Cairn's, nephew;

**Veronica Sanders**, ill;

**Paul Utcai**, recovering from surgery at home;