

## PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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### March 13, 2024

#### As We Gather

From earliest days the Christian Church employed the weeks before Easter—what came to be called the season of Lent—as the time of the year to prepare candidates for the Sacrament of Holy Baptism, the catechumenate. Paul wrote, "We were buried therefore with Him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life" (Romans 6:4). Our midweek Lenten services prepare us to consider our identity and connection with the Passion of Christ as the baptized children of God. Today, we focus on three scenes of the cross that strengthen our faith in Christ's kindness for us. The cross is our King's throne where His love takes away our sin and makes us the family of God.

### ORGAN RECITAL – 11:00AM

Nancy Peterson, organ

American Hymn Suite Rock of Ages Amazing Grace When Peace Like a River	John Behnke
Fantasia and Fugue in G minor, BWV 542	J. S. Bach
Preludes on the Familiar What Wondrous Love Is This? Savior, When in Dust to Thee	Gordon Young

**Nancy Peterson** holds a Doctor of Musical Arts degree in organ performance from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, where she studied with George Ritchie and Quentin Faulkner. Her undergraduate and master's degrees, also in organ performance, are from Washington State University, under the instruction of Paul Klemme. Nancy was named a winner of several national and regional organ competitions and is currently the organist and director of music, along with her husband Josh, at Zion Lutheran Church in Mascoutah, Illinois. As a homeschooling mother of ten children, six boys and four girls, Nancy also keeps busy reading books aloud, teaching math and grammar, cleaning up endless messes, and directing homeschool choirs.

## MIDWEEK LENTEN WORSHIP

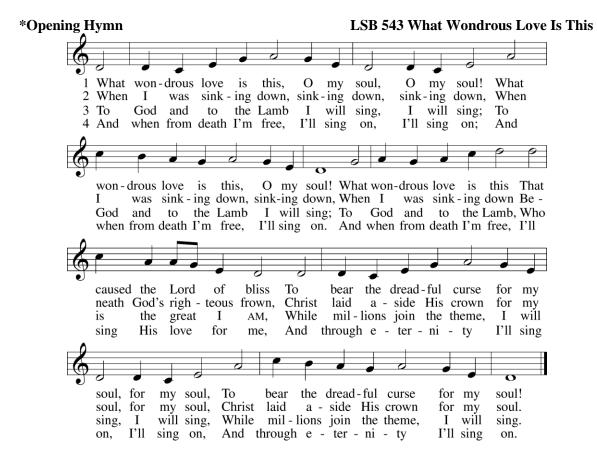
<u>WELCOME TO PEACE!</u> If you are a guest, please fill out the Visitor side of one of the attendance cards found in the pew rack. Let us know if you would like us to contact you. We are happy to have you worshipping with us today!

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**C** = Congregation

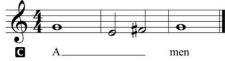
#### **Opening Voluntary**



#### \*Invocation

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

■ In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.



#### \*Opening Sentences P This is the sentences

entences *Psalm 118:24; 113:3; Joel 2:13; Matthew 16:24; Isaiah 53:5* This is the day which the Lord has made;

- **C** Let us rejoice and be glad in it.
- **P** From the rising of the sun to its setting,
- **C** The name of the Lord is to be praised.
- P Return to the Lord, your God, for He is gracious and merciful,
- **C** Slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and repents of evil.
- **P** Jesus said: If any man would come after Me,
- **C** Let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me.
- P Christ was wounded for our transgressions.
- **C** He was bruised for our iniquities.
- **P** From the rising of the sun to its setting,
- **C** The name of the Lord is to be praised.

## 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.

#### **First Reading**

#### Philippians 2:1–11

<sup>1</sup>So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, <sup>2</sup>complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. <sup>3</sup>Do nothing from rivalry or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. <sup>4</sup>Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. <sup>5</sup>Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, <sup>7</sup>but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. <sup>8</sup>And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. <sup>9</sup>Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup>and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.



#### Second Reading

John 19:16b-27

So they took Jesus, <sup>17</sup>and he went out, bearing his own cross, to the place called the place of a skull, which in Aramaic is called Golgotha. <sup>18</sup>There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, and Jesus between them. <sup>19</sup>Pilate also wrote an inscription and put it on the cross. It read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews." <sup>20</sup>Many of the Jews read this inscription, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and it was written in Aramaic, in Latin, and in Greek. <sup>21</sup>So the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, "Do not write, 'The King of the Jews,' but rather, 'This man said, I am King of the Jews." <sup>22</sup>Pilate answered, "What I have written I have written."

<sup>23</sup>When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his garments and divided them into four parts, one part for each soldier; also his tunic. But the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom, <sup>24</sup>so they said to one another, "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see whose it shall be." This was to fulfill the Scripture which says,

"They divided my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots."

So the soldiers did these things, <sup>25</sup>but standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. <sup>26</sup>When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son!" <sup>27</sup>Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother!" And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.

- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

#### \*Versicles

- **L** Hear my prayer, O Lord;
- **C** Let my cry come to You.
- **L** In the day of my trouble I call upon You,
- **C** For You answer me.
- **L** Hide Your face from my sins,
- **C** And blot out all my iniquities.
- **L** Create in me a clean heart, O God,
- **C** And renew a right spirit within me.
- **L** Cast me not away from Your presence,
- **C** And take not Your Holy Spirit from me.
- **L** Restore to me the joy of Your salvation,
- **C** And uphold me with a willing spirit.
- **L** Because Your steadfast love is better than life,
- **C** My lips will praise You.
- **L** For You have been my help,
- **C** And in the shadow of Your wings I will sing for joy.
- L Teach me Your way, O Lord, that I may walk in Your truth;C Unite my heart to fear Your name.
- L I give thanks to You, O Lord my God, with my whole heart,C And I will glorify Your name forever.

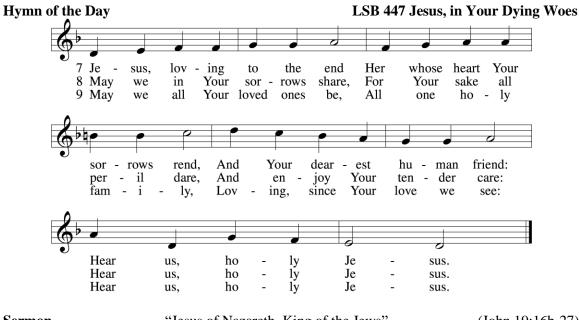
May all who seek You rejoice and be glad in You. 

May those who love Your salvation say evermore, "God is great!" С

- Save Your people and bless Your heritage! L
- Be their shepherd and carry them forever. С
- L Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer;
- Listen to my plea for grace. С

#### Confirmation Testimonies (6:30 p.m.)

Ashley Kaul, Brock Orf, Sofia Palma, Blake Van Wyk, Lucie Wildman



Sermon

"Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews"

(John 19:16b-27)

Sermon Notes:

Gathering of the Offering Please fill out an attendance card and place in the offering plate

#### \*Prayer

- **L** In peace let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- **L** For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- **L** 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:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- **L** For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- **L** For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- **L** For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- **L** 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:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- **L** For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- **L** For . . . [additional bids for prayer may be inserted here] . . . let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- **L** Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

#### \*Lord's Prayer

**C** 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.

#### \*Luther's Morning Prayer (11:30 a.m.)

**C** I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. 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.

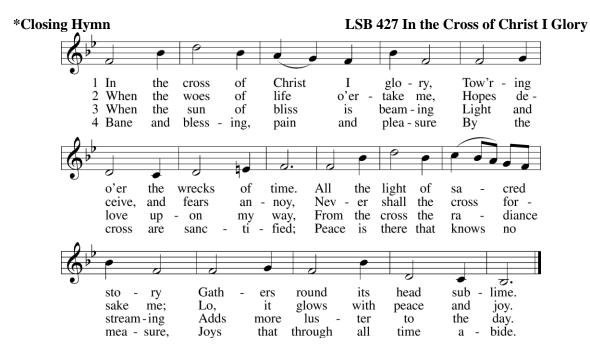
#### \*Luther's Evening Prayer (6:30 p.m.)

**C** 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

- **P** Let us bless the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

**C** Amen.



#### \*Silent Prayer

#### **Closing Voluntary**

#### Acknowledgments

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Elders: <u>11:30</u>: Bob Uthoff; <u>6:30</u>: Ken Werkmeister

Ushers: <u>11:30</u>: Steve Kienstra, Rick Cusumano, Darrell Ewald, Dan Dukesherer, Mike Wilke; <u>6:30</u>: Darrell Ewald, Dave Carlson, Joseph Kreitler, Mark Maloy, Brett Santiago, Joe Santiago, Mike Yaeger



### A LENTEN WORSHIP CONCERT featuring the SYMPHONIC BAND AND GOLDEN VOICE CHOIR of VALLEY LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL SAGINAW, MI

## THURSDAY, MARCH 14 7:00PM

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# Next Wednesday, March 20 5:00 – 6:15 p.m.

Beef Stew and Rolls Sponsored by the Men's Club