



**Journeying from Our Idols
of 'Performancism' to
the Grace of Our God**

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TO THE GRACE OF OUR GOD

Lenten Worship 2024
Resurrection Lutheran Church, Cary, NC

Throughout Lent, we will be focusing on Journeying from Our Idols of 'Performancism' to the Grace of Our God.

GATHERING MUSIC

February 21	<i>Why Should Cross and Trial Grieve Me</i>	LSB 756
February 28	<i>Our Father, by Whose Name</i>	LSB 863
March 6	<i>Amazing Grace</i>	LSB 744
March 13	<i>Hope of the World</i>	LSB 690
March 20	<i>Lord, 'Tis Not That I Did Choose Thee</i>	LSB 573

WELCOME

CROSS PROCESSIONAL

(Spoken three times during the processional, with a pause for reflection between each.)

P Behold the Lamb of God
C **Lord, have mercy.**

INVOCATION

P O God, Father in heaven,
C **Have mercy on us.**

P O Son of God, Redeemer of the world
C **Have mercy on us.**

P O God the Holy Spirit
C **Have mercy on us.**

CONFESSION OF SINS AND GOOD NEWS OF FORGIVENESS

P Most Holy and Merciful Father,
C **We admit and confess our sinfulness.**
We have turned away from You and each other in our thinking, speaking and doing. We have done what You told us not to do. We have not done what You have asked us to do. We do repent and are truly sorry for our sins.
Have mercy on us, Father, because of Jesus, Your Son.
Forgive us and lead us to serve You faithfully.

P Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, has had mercy on us and has given His Only Son to die for us; and for His Sake God forgives us all our sins. 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.
C **Amen.**

THEME SONG

O Lord, Throughout These Forty Days

LSB 418 (Tune: LSB 348)

**1. O Lord, throughout these forty days You prayed and kept the fast;
Inspire repentance for our sin, And free us from our past.**

**2. You strove with Satan, and You won; Your faithfulness endured;
Lend us Your nerve, Your skill and trust In God's eternal Word.**

**3. Though parched and hungry, yet You prayed And fixed Your mind above;
So teach us to deny ourselves, Since we have known God's love.**

**4. Be with us through this season, Lord, And all our earthly days,
That when the final Easter dawns, We join in heaven's praise.**

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PASSION HISTORY

February 21	The Upper Room	Rosie Spangenberg
February 28	The Garden of Gethsemane	Elena Balmes
March 6	The High Priest's Palace	Rosie Spangenberg
March 13	Before Pilate's Court	Suzi Heffner
March 20	On Calvary's Cross	Rosie Spangenberg

SONG

(Please see pages 7-9 for the lyrics to these songs.)

February 21	<i>I Lay My Sins on Jesus</i>	LSB 606
February 28	<i>Oh, Blest the House</i>	LSB 862
March 6	<i>Jesus Shall Reign</i>	LSB 832
March 13	<i>God Bless Our Native Land</i>	LSB 965
March 20	<i>Not What These Hands Have Done</i>	LSB 567

MESSAGE *Journeying from Our Idols of 'Performancism' to the Grace of Our God*

February 21	<i>Freedom from the Idols of Busyness, Work, and Leisure</i>
February 28	<i>Freedom from the Idol of Family</i>
March 6	<i>Freedom from the Idol of Technology</i>
March 13	<i>Freedom from the Idol of Politics</i>
March 20	<i>Freedom from the Idol of 'Jesusland'</i>

OFFERING

Please see page 10 for the recipients of the Lenten offerings.

MUSICAL OFFERING

February 21	<i>Amazing Grace</i> – arr. C. Maggs	Heavenly Handbells
February 28	<i>O God, Forsake Me Not</i> – arr. J. Linn	Cantus Christe Quartet
March 6	<i>Jesus Loves Me</i>	Rainbow Choir
March 13	<i>Let My People Go</i> – arr. J. Leavitt	Sanctuary Choir
March 20	<i>Jerusalem, My Happy Home</i> – J. Krug	Heavenly Handbells

PRAYERS

LUTHER'S EVENING PRAYER

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 angels be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

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.

BENEDICTION

C The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God and the Fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all. Amen.

CLOSING SONG

Abide with Me

LSB 878 vs. 1 & 6

Abide with me, fast falls the eventide.
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.

Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes;
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.
Heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

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February 21

Greeter: Fran Blanchard

Usher: Brenda Peterson

Slides: Robert Field

February 28

Greeter: Robert Balmes

Ushers: William and Nick Balmes

Slides: Adam Brake

March 6

Greeter: Kathleen Blanchard

Usher: Brenda Peterson

Slides: Robert Field

March 13

Greeter:

Usher: Brenda Peterson

Slides:

March 20

Greeter: Suzi Heffner

Usher: Elizabeth Morgan

Slides: Robert Field

February 21

I Lay My Sins on Jesus

LSB 606

1. I lay my sins on Jesus, The spotless Lamb of God;
He bears them all and frees us From the accursed load.
I bring my guilt to Jesus To wash my crimson stains
White in His blood most precious Till not a spot remains.

2. I lay my wants on Jesus, All fulness dwells in Him;
He healeth my diseases, He doth my soul redeem.
I lay my griefs on Jesus, My burdens and my cares;
He from them all releases, He all my sorrows shares.

3. I rest my soul on Jesus, This weary soul of mine;
His right hand me embraces, I on His breast recline.
I love the name of Jesus, Immanuel, Christ the Lord;
Like fragrance on the breezes His name abroad is poured.

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February 28

Oh, Blest the House Whate'er Befall

LSB 862

1. Oh, blest the house, whate'er befall, Where Jesus Christ is all in all!
A home that is not wholly His—How sad and poor and dark it is!

2. Oh, blest that house where faith is found And all in hope and love abound;
They trust their God and serve Him still And do in all His holy will!

3. Oh, blest the parents who give heed Unto their children's foremost need
And weary not of care or cost. May none to them and heav'n be lost!

4. Oh, blest that house; it prospers well. In peace and joy the parents dwell,
And in their children's lives is shown How richly God can bless His own.

5. Then here will I and mine today A solemn promise make and say:
Though all the world forsake His Word, I and my house will serve the Lord!

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March 6

Jesus Shall Reign

LSB 832

1. Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
Does its successive journeys run;
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore
Till moons shall wax and wane no more.

2. To Him shall endless prayer be made,
And endless praises crown His Head;
His Name like sweet perfume shall rise
With ev'ry morning sacrifice.

3. People and realms of ev'ry tongue
Dwell on His love with sweetest song;
And infant voices shall proclaim
Their early blessings on His name.

4. Blessings abound where'er He reigns:
The pris'ners leap, unloose their chains,
The weary find eternal rest,
And all who suffer want are blest.

5. Let ev'ry creature rise and bring
Honors peculiar to our King;
Angels descend with songs again,
And earth repeat the loud amen.

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March 13

God Bless Our Native Land

LSB 965

1. God bless our native land; Firm may she ever stand
Through storm and night.
When the wild tempests rave, Ruler of wind and wave,
Do Thou our country save By Thy great might.

**2. So shall our prayers arise To God above the skies;
On Him we wait.
Thou who art ever nigh, Guarding with watchful eye,
To Thee aloud we cry: God save the state!**

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March 20

Not What These Hands Have Done

LSB 567

**1. Not what these hands have done Can save this guilty soul;
Not what this toiling flesh has borne Can make my spirit whole.**

**2. Not what I feel or do Can give me peace with God;
Not all my prayers and sighs and tears Can bear my awe-full load.**

**3. Thy work alone, O Christ, Can ease this weight of sin;
Thy blood alone, O Lamb of God, Can give me peace within.**

**4. Thy love to me, O God, Not mine, O Lord to Thee,
Can rid me of this dark unrest And set my spirit free.**

**5. Thy grace alone, O God, To me can pardon speak;
Thy power alone, O Son of God, Can this sore bondage break.**

**6. I bless the Christ of God, I rest on love divine,
And with unfaltering lip and heart I call this Savior mine.**

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Lenten Offerings

Offerings received during the Lenten Midweek Worship Services this year will go to support the following:

Triangle Family Services

Since 1937, Triangle Family Services has served as a place for sustainable solutions helping families facing a crisis. They provide solutions to provide safety and security to local families and enabling our community to thrive. Their focus is on four core program areas: Family Safety, Financial Stability, Mental Health, and Homeless Engagement/Housing Stabilization.

Inter-Faith Food Shuttle

Since 1989, Inter-Faith Food Shuttle (IFS) has recovered and distributed over a million pounds of food per year and has taught skills for self-sufficiency including culinary job skills, shopping and cooking healthy on a budget, and how to grow food. They service seven area counties, including Wake County, and their programs support low-income families living in 'food deserts' and without the income to purchase healthy meals. They partner with food providers, houses of worship, and community housing to distribute access free food at mobile markets where needy families live. IFS was started by two women, a Christian and a Jew, who wanted to recover and distribute food that would otherwise end up in landfills.

Lutheran Braille Workers

Lutheran Braille Workers (LBW) provides God's word – the Bible and other Christian materials) to people who are blind or visually impaired, completely free of charge, in quality formatted Braille and specialized large print, and in multiple languages. LBW started in 1943 in response to a shortage of Braille Bibles for blind pastors in Germany and now provides materials throughout the world.

Please place your offerings in the specially marked offering envelopes or denote "Lenten Offerings" on your payment. Thank you for your generosity in supporting these important charities and ministries!



Palm Sunday – March 24

8:00 am, 9:30 am Sanctuary Festival Worship with Holy Communion
11:00 am Praise Worship led by *Reign!* with Holy Communion

Maundy Thursday – March 28

4:00 pm Worship with Holy Communion
7:00 pm Worship with Holy Communion

Good Friday – March 29

12:00 pm Worship
7:00 pm Tenebrae Service

Easter Sunday – March 31

6:30 am Sunrise Service
8:00 am, 9:30 am,
11:00 am Sanctuary Easter Festival Worship with Holy Communion
11:00am Praise Worship led by *Reign!* with Holy Communion

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