

**Sunday April 3, 2022**  
**Jesus Condemned – Fifth Sunday in Lent**



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***MISSION STATEMENT***

*We will LIVE and SERVE through FAITH*  
*we will ACT with LOVE and KINDNESS*  
*we will GIVE hope and SUPPORT to all.*

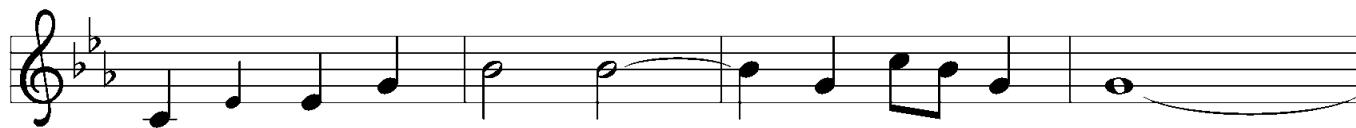
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**Please notify usher if you would like assistance**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

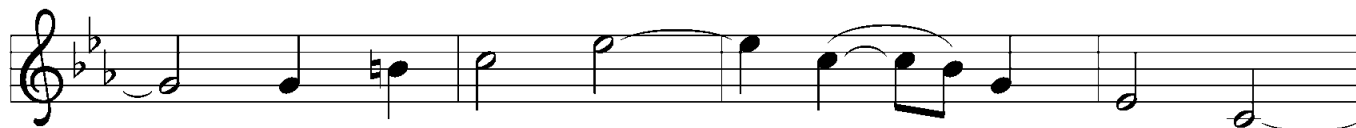
### OPENING HYMN: "I Want Jesus to Walk with Me" #325 ELW (Please Rise on the last Verse)




1 I want Je - sus to walk with me;  
2 In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me;  
3 When I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;



I want Je - sus to walk with me;  
in my tri - als, Lord, walk with me;  
when I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;



all a - long my pil - grim jour - ney,  
when my heart is al - most break - ing,  
when my head is bowed in sor - row,



Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.  
Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.  
Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.

Text: African American spiritual  
Music: SOJOURNER, African American spiritual

## CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS

In the name of God, who makes a way in the wilderness, walks with us,  
and guides us in our pilgrimage.

**Amen.**

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Holy One,  
**we confess that we have wandered far from you: we have not trusted your promises, we have ignored your prophets in our own day, we have squandered our inheritance of grace, we have failed to recognize you in our midst. Have mercy on us! Forgive us and turn us again to you. Teach us to follow in your ways, assure us again of your love, and help us to love our neighbor. Amen.**

Beloved in Christ, the Word draws near to you, and all who call out to God shall be saved. In Jesus, God comes to you again and again and gathers you under wings of love. In ✝ Jesus' name, your sins are forgiven. God journeys with you and teaches you how to live in love.

**Amen.**

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Holy God,

**In this season of contemplation, help us to recognize that you revealed yourself in Jesus, who walked among us and was handed over to be crucified. May we be strengthened by his presence among us today. Amen.**

### **PSALM: Psalm 146 (Read Responsively)**

<sup>1</sup>Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul!

<sup>2</sup>**I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long.**

<sup>3</sup>Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help.

<sup>4</sup>**When their breath departs, they return to the earth; on that very day their plans perish.**

<sup>5</sup>Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD their God,

<sup>6</sup>**who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps faith forever;**

<sup>7</sup>who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry. The LORD sets the prisoners free;

<sup>8</sup>**the LORD opens the eyes of the blind. The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.**

<sup>9</sup>The LORD watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

**<sup>10</sup>The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the LORD!**

**GOSPEL READING: John 19:1-16a**

**Glory to you, O Lord**

<sup>1</sup>Then Pilate took Jesus and had him flogged. <sup>2</sup>And the soldiers wove a crown of thorns and put it on his head, and they dressed him in a purple robe. <sup>3</sup>They kept coming up to him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" and striking him on the face. <sup>4</sup>Pilate went out again and said to them, "Look, I am bringing him out to you to let you know that I find no case against him." <sup>5</sup>So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, "Here is the man!" <sup>6</sup>When the chief priests and the police saw him, they shouted, "Crucify him! Crucify him!" Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and crucify him; I find no case against him." <sup>7</sup>The Jews answered him, "We have a law, and according to that law he ought to die because he has claimed to be the Son of God."

<sup>8</sup>Now when Pilate heard this, he was more afraid than ever. <sup>9</sup>He entered his headquarters again and asked Jesus, "Where are you from?" But Jesus gave him no answer. <sup>10</sup>Pilate therefore said to him, "Do you refuse to speak to me? Do you not know that I have power to release you, and power to crucify you?" <sup>11</sup>Jesus answered him, "You would have no power over me unless it had been given you from above; therefore the one who handed me over to you is guilty of a greater sin." <sup>12</sup>From then on Pilate tried to release him, but the Jews cried out, "If you release this man, you are no friend of the emperor. Everyone who claims to be a king sets himself against the emperor."

<sup>13</sup>When Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus outside and sat on the judge's bench at a place called The Stone Pavement, or in Hebrew Gabbatha. <sup>14</sup>Now it was the day of Preparation for the Passover; and it was about noon. He said to the Jews, "Here is your King!" <sup>15</sup>They cried out, "Away with him! Away with him! Crucify him!" Pilate asked them, "Shall I crucify your King?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but the emperor." <sup>16</sup>Then he handed him

over to them to be crucified. So they took Jesus;

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God**

## **SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY:                   “Lamb of God”                   #336 ELW**

1. 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

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

2. 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)
3. 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)

*Please stand if you are able*

## **APOSTLE’S CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Drawn close to the heart of God, we offer these prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

*A brief silence.*

Do a new thing in the church. Free us from paradigms that no longer serve the gospel and bring forward leaders who imagine fresh ways of doing ministry.

Give us courage in the face of change. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

Do a new thing for creation. Reverse the trajectory of climate change and environmental catastrophe. Revive habitats already impaired by human disregard. Amplify the voices of climate scientists and researchers working to chart a new course. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

Do a new thing in our world. Break barriers that prevent political enemies from working together for the well-being of all. Make a way for peace and collaboration among the nations. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

Do a new thing for those who suffer. Reveal a path for any who are unemployed or underemployed, for those experiencing homelessness, and for all who struggle with money. Comfort those who grieve and restore those who are sick (*especially*). Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

Do a new thing within us. Direct us into encounters that broaden our understanding of the human experience. Amplify voices that are ignored or devalued (*especially*). Deliver us especially from the scourge of racism.

Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

Do a new thing in our death. Fill us with the knowledge of Christ and the power of his resurrection as we give thanks for (names and) all the saints who have attained the prize of their heavenly call. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

Accept the prayers we bring, O God, on behalf of a world in need, for the sake of Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

**PEACE** - *Please be seated for the passing of the offering plate.*

**OFFERING** - *Please stand as the ushers bring the offering to the altar.*

### **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Extravagant God,  
**you have blessed us with the fullness of creation. Now we gather at your feast where you offer us the food that satisfies. Take and use what we offer here, come among us, and feed us with the body and blood of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

### **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

### **INVITATION to COMMUNION**

Here is food and drink for the journey. Take and be filled.

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Blessed Jesus,  
**in this rich meal of grace, you have fed us with your body, the bread of life. Now send us forth to bear your life-giving hope to a world in need. Amen.**

### **BLESSING**

You are children of God, anointed with the oil of gladness and strengthened for the journey. Almighty God, motherly, majestic, and mighty, ✝ bless you this day and always.

**Amen.**

## CLOSING HYMN: "Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness" #843 ELW



- 1 Praise the One who breaks the dark-ness with a lib - er - at - ing light;
- 2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren with a strong yet gen - tle word;
- 3 Praise the one true love in - car - nate: Christ, who suf - fered in our place;



praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners, turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight.  
praise the One who drove out de - mons with a pierc - ing, two - edged sword.  
Je - sus died and rose for man - y that we may know God by grace.



Praise the One who preached the gos - pel, heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease,  
Praise the One who brings cool wa - ter to the des - ert's burn - ing sand;  
Let us sing for joy and glad - ness, see - ing what our God has done.



calm - ing storms and feed - ing thou - sands with the ver - y bread of peace.  
from this well comes liv - ing wa - ter quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.  
Praise the one re - deem - ing glo - ry; praise the One who makes us one.

Text: Rusty Edwards, b. 1955

Music: NETTLETON, J. Wyeth, *Repository of Sacred Music*, Part II, 1813

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## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Jesus meets you on the way.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Visitors! It has been great having you join us for worship!  
Please come again.*



**THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK**

Greeters: Denny & Lynne Meidlinger

Ushers: Wayne & Janice Olson

Hospitality: Shirley Gosslin, Janice Olson

*Thank you for your service!*

Response to God's Word Last Week

Attendance: Sun. Mar. 27, 2022: In Person: 9:00 am: 50 Online: 14

Wed. Mar 30, 2022: In Person: 5:30 pm: 17 Online: 4

**THIS WEEK AT Bethesda**

**April 4, 2022 – April 10, 2022**

Monday	4/4	11:30 am	Card Players
		7:00 pm	AA/Alanon
Wednesday	4/6	9:00 am	Women's Bible Study
		5:30 pm	Lent Worship
Thursday	4/7	8:00 am	ROMEOS
Saturday	4/9	9:00 am	Heartland Spring Conference
Sunday	4/10	9:00 am	Palm Sunday in Person & Live Stream
Monday	4/11	9:00 am	Women's Devotion (wrong time in Newsletter)

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRAYER & CARE LIST:** Ted Jaszczak, Evelyn Richter.

**WOMEN of the ELCA HEARTLAND SPRING CONFERENCE** - Saturday, April 9, 2022. Zion Lutheran Church in Milaca 245 Central Ave South, Milaca. Registration is from 9:00 - 10:00. A signup sheet is in the Fellowship Hall.

**WELCA MEETING** missing from the April Newsletter Calendar: WELCA meeting on Wednesday, April 13<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am.

**WEDNESDAY LENTEN SERVICES** will continue in person and live streamed thru-out the Lent Season. Services will be at 5:30pm.

**EASTER LILIES** sales today during coffee time. Signup sheet will be in the Fellowship Hall today. Price is \$15. Buy one as a memorial to loved ones and to decorate the church for Easter.

**COFFEE SERVERS NEEDED** Please sign up so we may continue to enjoy coffee & fellowship after service. The sign up sheet is on the bulletin board mounted in fellowship hall next to the serving window.

**GIVE NOW FOR EASTERN EUROPE CRISIS RESPONSE**

**Ways you can give:**

1. Contribute using your regular offering envelopes. Designate as: “Eastern Europe Crisis”. We will forward the funds to Lutheran Disaster Response for distribution.
2. By Mail - *Make checks payable to “Lutheran Disaster Response”.*  
*Write "Eastern Europe Crisis Response" on your check's memo line and send to:*  
**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**  
**P.O. Box 1809**  
**Merrifield, VA 22116-8009**
3. Give by phone at 800-638-3522 (Mon. through Fri., 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. CT)
4. Give online at: <https://community.elca.org/eastern-europe-crisis-response>