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**Fourth Wednesday in Lent
March 6, 2024**

Prelude
Tower Bells
Welcome

Visitors are welcome and encouraged to note their attendance by filling out the “Welcome” side (blue print) of the pew cards and putting the card into the offering plate.

Offerings may be placed in the plates at the entrance before or after worship. Ushers will not pass offering plates between pews.

OPENING HYMN – 427

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

OPENING VERSICLES FOR LENT (*Congregation Stands*)

P 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.

**All 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.**

Psalm 1 and 2

1 Blessed is the man

who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,
nor stands in the way of sinners,
nor sits in the seat of scoffers;

**2 but his delight is in the law of the LORD,
and on his law he meditates day and night.**

3 He is like a tree

planted by streams of water
that yields its fruit in its season,
and its leaf does not wither.

In all that he does, he prospers.

**4 The wicked are not so,
but are like chaff that the wind drives away.**

5 Therefore the wicked will not stand in the
judgment,

nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

**6 for the LORD knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish.**

(Psalm 2)

1 Why do the nations rage
and the peoples plot in vain?

**2 The kings of the earth set themselves,
and the rulers take counsel together,**

against the LORD and against his Anointed, saying,

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

Psalm 23

1 The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

**2 He makes me lie down in green pastures.
He leads me beside still waters.**

3 He restores my soul.

He leads me in paths of righteousness
for his name's sake.

**4 Even though I walk through the valley of the
shadow of death,**

I will fear no evil, for you are with me;

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

3 "Let us burst their bonds apart
and cast away their cords from us."

**4 He who sits in the heavens laughs;
the Lord holds them in derision.**

5 Then he will speak to them in his wrath,
and terrify them in his fury, saying,

**6 "As for me, I have set my King
on Zion, my holy hill."**

7 I will tell of the decree:

The LORD said to me, "You are my Son;
today I have begotten you.

**8 Ask of me, and I will make the nations your
heritage,**

and the ends of the earth your possession.

9 You shall break them with a rod of iron
and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel."

**10 Now therefore, O kings, be wise;
be warned, O rulers of the earth.**

11 Serve the LORD with fear,
and rejoice with trembling.

12 Kiss the Son,

**lest he be angry, and you perish in the way,
for his wrath is quickly kindled.**

Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

C: Thanks be to God.

your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

5 You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.

**6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD
forever.**

C: Thanks be to God.

John 10:11-18 *(Congregation Stands)*

11 I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. 12 He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. 13 He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. 14 I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, 15 just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. 16 And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. 17 For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. 18 No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father.”

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORY

P We have an advocate with the Father; Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.

C He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.

P Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

C He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.

P We have an advocate with the Father; Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.

C He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.

SERMON (See insert)

SERMON HYMN — 710 *The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want* (Offering brought forward during last verse.)

EVENING PRAYER *Congregation Stands*

All: 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 wicked foe may have no power over me. Amen.

COLLECT OF THE WEEK

All: O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE NAME OF THE LORD UPON US

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

P The LORD bless you and keep you;
the LORD make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you;
the LORD look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN – 878 (vs 1-4) *Abide with Me*

LENT and HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE 2024
“I Believe that Jesus Christ is My Lord”

Date	Theme	Time
February 14 Ash Wednesday (Meal 5:45 pm)	<i>I believe that Jesus Christ</i>	1:00 pm & 7:00 pm
Wednesday, Feb. 21 (Meal 5:45 pm)	<i>is true God, begotten of the Father from eternity,</i>	1:00 pm & 7:00 pm
Wednesday, Feb. 28 (Meal 5:45 pm)	<i>also true man, born of the Virgin Mary,</i>	1:00 pm & 7:00 pm
Wednesday, March 6 (Meal 5:45 pm)	<i>is my Lord,</i>	1:00 pm & 7:00 pm
Wednesday, March 13 (Meal 5:45 pm)	<i>who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned creature, purchased and won me</i>	1:00 pm & 7:00 pm
Wednesday, March 20 (Meal 5:45 pm)	<i>from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil,</i>	1:00 pm & 7:00 pm
Thursday, March 28 Maundy Thursday (with Lord’s Supper)	<i>not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death,</i>	1:00 pm & 7:00 pm
Friday, March 29 Good Friday	Jesus’ 7 Last Words on the Cross	1:00 pm & 7:00 pm
Sunday, March 31 Resurrection Sunday	<i>in order that I may be His own, and live under Him in His kingdom, and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, even as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.</i>	10:00 am