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# Good Friday

**Good Friday**

March 29, 2024

10:30 a.m. & 6:30 p.m. Worship

*(Please stand when indicated by \*)*  
Lutheran Book of Worship (LBW) green hymnal  
With One Voice (WOV) blue hymnal  
P=Pastor, C=Congregation, L=Lay Reader

*The solemnity of this day is one that can bring us to tears as we reflect on our sinfulness and contribution to Jesus' death. In his last moments, Jesus entrusted his mother's care to the disciple he loved. Knowing that his time was almost gone, he uttered, "I thirst." When he received his last sip of sour wine, he proclaimed to all who could hear, "It is finished." Darkness took over even as God continued to act.*

*Please place your offering in the basket provided at the back of the Sanctuary. All loose offering and designated gifts will go towards the NALC Disaster Response.*

*Worship begins in silence.*

## GATHERING

Prayer of the Day

**P** Let us pray, Almighty God, look with mercy on your family of faith who are gathered here and across the world, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed and given over into the hands of sinners and to suffer death on the cross; and who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** Almighty God, we ask you to look with mercy on your family for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed and to be given over to the hands of sinners and to suffer death on the cross; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

**C** **Amen.**

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 52:13- 53:12

<sup>13</sup>Behold, my servant shall act wisely; he shall be high and lifted up, and shall be exalted. <sup>14</sup>As many were astonished at you — his appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of the children of mankind — <sup>15</sup>so shall he sprinkle many nations. Kings shall shut their mouths because of him, for that which has not been told them they see, and that which they have not heard they understand.

<sup>1</sup>Who has believed what he has heard from us? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? <sup>2</sup>For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, and no beauty that we should desire him. <sup>3</sup>He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. <sup>4</sup>Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. <sup>5</sup>But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that

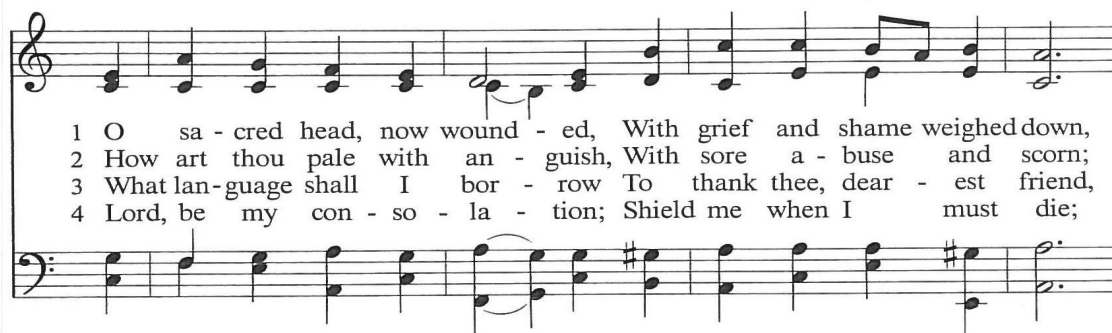
brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. <sup>6</sup>All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned — every one — to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. <sup>7</sup>He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth. <sup>8</sup>By oppression and judgment he was taken away; and as for his generation, who considered that he was cut off out of the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people? <sup>9</sup>And they made his grave with the wicked and with a rich man in his death, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth. <sup>10</sup>Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him; he has put him to grief; when his soul makes an offering for guilt, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; the will of the LORD shall prosper in his hand. <sup>11</sup>Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. <sup>12</sup>Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong, because he poured out his soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors.

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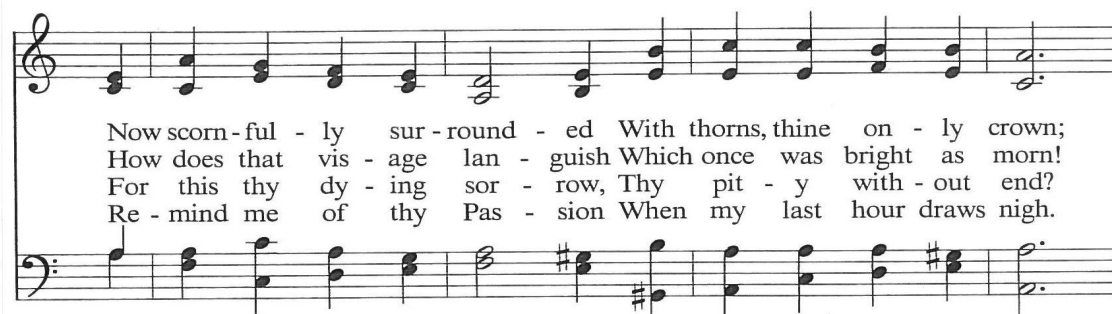
\* Hymn: *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*

## O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

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1 O sa - cred head, now wound - ed, With grief and shame weighed down,  
 2 How art thou pale with an - guish, With sore a - buse and scorn;  
 3 What lan - guage shall I bor - row To thank thee, dear - est friend,  
 4 Lord, be my con - so - la - tion; Shield me when I must die;



Now scorn - ful - ly sur - round - ed With thorns, thine on - ly crown;  
 How does that vis - age lan - guish Which once was bright as morn!  
 For this thy dy - ing sor - row, Thy pit - y with - out end?  
 Re - mind me of thy Pas - sion When my last hour draws nigh.

O sa - cred head, what glo - ry, What bliss till now was thine!  
 Thy grief and bit - ter Pas - sion Were all for sin - ners' gain;  
 Oh, make me thine for - ev - er, And, should I faint - ing be,  
 These eyes, new faith re - ceiv - ing, From thee shall nev - er move;

Yet, though de - spised and gor - y, I joy to call thee mine.  
 Mine, mine was the trans - gres - sion, But thine the dead - ly pain.  
 Lord, let me nev - er, nev - er Out - live my love to thee.  
 For he who dies be - liev - ing Dies safe - ly in thy love.

*Please be seated for our scripture reading this evening.*

Holy Gospel: John 18:1-19:42

When Jesus had spoken these words, he went out with his disciples across the brook Kidron, where there was a garden, which he and his disciples entered. <sup>2</sup>Now Judas, who betrayed him, also knew the place, for Jesus often met there with his disciples. <sup>3</sup>So Judas, having procured a band of soldiers and some officers from the chief priests and the Pharisees, went there with lanterns and torches and weapons. <sup>4</sup>Then Jesus, knowing all that would happen to him, came forward and said to them, “Whom do you seek?” <sup>5</sup>They answered him, “Jesus of Nazareth.” Jesus said to them, “I am he.” Judas, who betrayed him, was standing with them. <sup>6</sup>When Jesus said to them, “I am he,” they drew back and fell to the ground. <sup>7</sup>So he asked them again, “Whom do you seek?” And they said, “Jesus of Nazareth.” <sup>8</sup>Jesus answered, “I told you that I am he. So, if you seek me, let these men go.” <sup>9</sup>This was to fulfill the word that he had spoken: “Of those whom you gave me I have lost not one.” <sup>10</sup>Then Simon Peter, having a sword, drew it and struck the high priest's servant and cut off his right ear. (The servant's name was Malchus.) <sup>11</sup>So Jesus said to Peter, “Put your sword into its sheath; shall I not drink the cup that the Father has given me?”

<sup>12</sup>So the band of soldiers and their captain and the officers of the Jews arrested Jesus and bound him. <sup>13</sup>First they led him to Annas, for he was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, who was high priest that year. <sup>14</sup>It was Caiaphas who had advised the Jews that it would be expedient that one man should die for the people.

<sup>15</sup> Simon Peter followed Jesus, and so did another disciple. Since that disciple was known to the high priest, he entered with Jesus into the courtyard of the high priest, <sup>16</sup> but Peter stood outside at the door. So the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out and spoke to the servant girl who kept watch at the door, and brought Peter in. <sup>17</sup> The servant girl at the door said to Peter, “You also are not one of this man's disciples, are you?” He said, “I am not.” <sup>18</sup> Now the servants and officers had made a charcoal fire, because it was cold, and they were standing and warming themselves. Peter also was with them, standing and warming himself.

<sup>19</sup> The high priest then questioned Jesus about his disciples and his teaching. <sup>20</sup> Jesus answered him, “I have spoken openly to the world. I have always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where all Jews come together. I have said nothing in secret. <sup>21</sup> Why do you ask me? Ask those who have heard me what I said to them; they know what I said.” <sup>22</sup> When he had said these things, one of the officers standing by struck Jesus with his hand, saying, “Is that how you answer the high priest?” <sup>23</sup> Jesus answered him, “If what I said is wrong, bear witness about the wrong; but if what I said is right, why do you strike me?” <sup>24</sup> Annas then sent him bound to Caiaphas the high priest.

<sup>25</sup> Now Simon Peter was standing and warming himself. So they said to him, “You also are not one of his disciples, are you?” He denied it and said, “I am not.” <sup>26</sup> One of the servants of the high priest, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, asked, “Did I not see you in the garden with him?” <sup>27</sup> Peter again denied it, and at once a rooster crowed.

<sup>28</sup> Then they led Jesus from the house of Caiaphas to the governor's headquarters. It was early morning. They themselves did not enter the governor's headquarters, so that they would not be defiled, but could eat the Passover. <sup>29</sup> So Pilate went outside to them and said, “What accusation do you bring against this man?” <sup>30</sup> They answered him, “If this man were not doing evil, we would not have delivered him over to you.” <sup>31</sup> Pilate said to them, “Take him yourselves and judge him by your own law.” The Jews said to him, “It is not lawful for us to put anyone to death.” <sup>32</sup> This was to fulfill the word that Jesus had spoken to show by what kind of death he was going to die.

<sup>33</sup> So Pilate entered his headquarters again and called Jesus and said to him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” <sup>34</sup> Jesus answered, “Do you say this of your own accord, or did others say it to you about me?” <sup>35</sup> Pilate answered, “Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests have delivered you over to me. What have you done?” <sup>36</sup> Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would have been fighting, that I might not be delivered over to the Jews. But my kingdom is not from the world.” <sup>37</sup> Then Pilate said to him, “So you are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. For this purpose I was born and for this purpose I have come into the world—to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice.” <sup>38</sup> Pilate said to him, “What is truth?”

After he had said this, he went back outside to the Jews and told them, “I find no guilt in him.”<sup>39</sup> But you have a custom that I should release one man for you at the Passover. So do you want me to release to you the King of the Jews?”<sup>40</sup> They cried out again, “Not this man, but Barabbas!” Now Barabbas was a robber.

<sup>19</sup> Then Pilate took Jesus and flogged him.<sup>2</sup> And the soldiers twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on his head and arrayed him in a purple robe.<sup>3</sup> They came up to him, saying, “Hail, King of the Jews!” and struck him with their hands.<sup>4</sup> Pilate went out again and said to them, “See, I am bringing him out to you that you may know that I find no guilt in him.”<sup>5</sup> So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, “Behold the man!”<sup>6</sup> When the chief priests and the officers saw him, they cried out, “Crucify him, crucify him!” Pilate said to them, “Take him yourselves and crucify him, for I find no guilt in him.”<sup>7</sup> The Jews answered him, “We have a law, and according to that law he ought to die because he has made himself the Son of God.”<sup>8</sup> When Pilate heard this statement, he was even more afraid.<sup>9</sup> He entered his headquarters again and said to Jesus, “Where are you from?” But Jesus gave him no answer.<sup>10</sup> So Pilate said to him, “You will not speak to me? Do you not know that I have authority to release you and authority to crucify you?”<sup>11</sup> Jesus answered him, “You would have no authority over me at all unless it had been given you from above. Therefore he who delivered me over to you has the greater sin.”

<sup>12</sup> From then on Pilate sought to release him, but the Jews cried out, “If you release this man, you are not Caesar's friend. Everyone who makes himself a king opposes Caesar.”<sup>13</sup> So when Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus out and sat down on the judgment seat at a place called The Stone Pavement, and in Aramaic Gabbatha.<sup>14</sup> Now it was the day of Preparation of the Passover. It was about the sixth hour. He said to the Jews, “Behold your King!”<sup>15</sup> They cried out, “Away with him, away with him, crucify him!” Pilate said to them, “Shall I crucify your King?” The chief priests answered, “We have no king but Caesar.”<sup>16</sup> So he delivered him over to them to be crucified.

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.

<sup>28</sup> After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), “I thirst.” <sup>29</sup> A jar full of sour wine stood there, so they put a sponge full of the sour wine on a hyssop branch and held it to his mouth. <sup>30</sup> When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, “It is finished,” and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

<sup>31</sup> Since it was the day of Preparation, and so that the bodies would not remain on the cross on the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was a high day), the Jews asked Pilate that their legs might be broken and that they might be taken away. <sup>32</sup> So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first, and of the other who had been crucified with him. <sup>33</sup> But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. <sup>34</sup> But one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once there came out blood and water. <sup>35</sup> He who saw it has borne witness—his testimony is true, and he knows that he is telling the truth—that you also may believe. <sup>36</sup> For these things took place that the Scripture might be fulfilled: “Not one of his bones will be broken.” <sup>37</sup> And again another Scripture says, “They will look on him whom they have pierced.”

<sup>38</sup> After these things Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly for fear of the Jews, asked Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus, and Pilate gave him permission. So he came and took away his body. <sup>39</sup> Nicodemus also, who earlier had come to Jesus by night, came bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-five pounds in weight. <sup>40</sup> So they took the body of Jesus and bound it in linen cloths with the spices, as is the burial custom of the Jews. <sup>41</sup> Now in the place where he was crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb in which no one had yet been laid. <sup>42</sup> So because of the Jewish day of Preparation, since the tomb was close at hand, they laid Jesus there.

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Were You There

1 Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Were you  
 2 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? Were you  
 3 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? Were you  
 4 Were you there when God raised him from the tomb? Were you

there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Oh,  
 there when they nailed him to the tree? Oh,  
 there when they laid him in the tomb? Oh,  
 there when God raised him from the tomb? Oh,

some-times it caus - es me to trem - ble, trem - ble, trem - ble.  
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 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?  
 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?  
 Were you there when God raised him from the tomb?

The Bidding Prayer

*By ancient usage this Prayer was specially appointed for Good Friday.*

*It may also be used on Wednesdays and Fridays in Lent.*

*This prayer is intended to be read by an assistant (denoted by A) at a lectern and by the presiding minister or pastor (denoted by P) standing at the altar. A short pause of silence should be observed between the bid and the prayer.*

**P** Brothers and sisters, let us pray for the whole Christian Church, that our Lord God would keep and defend it against all the assaults and temptations of the adversary, and to keep it always on the true foundation, Jesus Christ.

**A** Almighty and eternal God, you have revealed your glory to all nations in Jesus Christ and the Word of his truth. Keep the works of your mercy in safety, that your Church, spread throughout all nations, may serve you in true faith and persevere in the confession of your name; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C Amen.**

**P** Let us pray for the ministers of the Word, for all the people of God.

**A** Almighty and eternal God, by your Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified. Receive the prayers we offer you, that all members of your church in their vocations and ministries may serve you in truth and godliness; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C Amen.**

**P** Let us pray for our catechumens, that our Lord God would open their hearts and the door of his mercy, that having received the forgiveness of all their sins by the washing of regeneration, they may remember their baptism and remain firm in the faith in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**A** Almighty and eternal God, you always cause your Church to grow, and with your light and grace you strengthen the hearts of those you have given new birth through water and the Spirit. Grant that our catechumens increase both in faith and knowledge, that they may rejoice in their baptism and grow as members of the holy body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C Amen.**


**P** Let us pray for all in authority, and especially for the Government of the United States, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty.

**A** O merciful Father in heaven, you hold in your hand all the might of the nations, and you have ordained the powers that be for the punishment of evildoers, and for the praise of those who do well. Yours is all rule and authority in the kingdoms of the world. Graciously regard your servants, the President of the United States, the Governor of this Commonwealth, our judges and officers, and all the rulers of the earth, that all who receive the sword as your servants, may bear it according to your commands; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C Amen.**


- P Let us pray our Lord God almighty that he would deliver the world from all error, take away disease, ward off famine, open the prisons, set free those in bondage, grant a safe return to the travelers, health to the sick, and a harbor of security for those at sea.
- A Almighty and eternal God, the Consolation of the sorrowful, and the Strength of the weak: Graciously hear the prayers of those who cry to you in any trouble or distress so that in all their needs they may see and receive your great help and comfort; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C Amen.**
- P Let us pray for peace, that we may come to the knowledge of God's holy Word, and walk before him as is fitting for Christians.
- A Almighty and eternal God, King of Glory, and Lord of heaven and earth, by your Spirit all things are governed, by your providence all things are ordered. You are the God of peace, and the Author of all concord. Grant us your heavenly peace and concord, that we may serve you in true fear, to the praise and glory of your name; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C Amen.**
- P Let us pray for our enemies, that God would remember them in mercy, and graciously give them whatever is needful for them and profitable for their salvation.
- A O almighty and eternal God, through your only Son, our blessed Lord, you commanded us to love our enemies, to do good to those who hate us and to pray for them that persecute us. Lead all our enemies to true repentance, that they may have the same love and be of one mind and heart with us and with your whole Christian Church; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C Amen.**
- P Let us pray for the fruits of the earth, that God would send down his blessing on them, and graciously move our hearts to enjoy them in submission to his holy will.
- A O Lord, Father almighty, by your Word you created and bless and uphold all things. Reveal to us your Word, our Lord Jesus Christ, that he would dwell in our hearts, and that by your grace we may receive your blessing on all the fruits of the earth and whatever pertains to our bodily needs; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C Amen.**
- P Finally, let us pray for all those things for which our Lord would have us ask, saying:
- 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**

\* Hymn: *Ah, Holy Jesus*

 **1** Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended  
That man to judge thee hath in hate pretended?  
By foes derided, by thine own rejected, O most afflicted.


P Behold, the life-giving cross on which was hung the salvation of the whole world.

C **Oh, come let us worship him.**

 **2** Who, was the guilty? Who brought this upon thee?  
Alas, my treason, Jesus, hath undone thee.  
“Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied thee, I crucified thee.


P Behold, the life-giving cross on which was hung the salvation of the whole world.

C **Oh, come let us worship him.**

 **3** Lo, the Good Shepherd for the sheep is offered;  
The slave hath sinned, and the Son hath suffered;  
For man’s atonement, while he nothing heedeth, God intercedeth.


P Behold, the life-giving cross on which was hung the salvation of the whole world.

C **Oh, come let us worship him.**

 **4** For me, kind Jesus, was thine incarnation,  
Thy mortal sorrow, and thy life’s oblation;  
Thy death of anguish and thy bitter Passion, For my salvation.

P Behold, the life-giving cross on which was hung the salvation of the whole world.

C **Oh, come let us worship him.**

 **5** Therefore, kind Jesus, since I cannot pay thee,  
I do adore thee, and will ever pray thee;  
Think on the pity and thy love unswerving. Not my deserving.

P We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

C **By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

*The Pastor and Assistant leave in silence. Worshipers may remain for prayer and meditation.*

**Good Friday, March 29**

**10:30 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.** Worship

**7:30 p.m.** Union Youth Lock-In

**7:30 p.m.** Prayer Vigil

**Saturday, March 30**

**9:15 a.m. flowers** for the **Indoor Cross**

**11:00 a.m.- 12 noon** Potted Flowers

**Easter Sunday, March 31**

You are invited to bring flowers from your yard for the outside cross.

**7:30 a.m.** Sunrise Service

**8:30 a.m.** Easter Breakfast

Menu: Sausage Casserole, Gravy, Biscuits, Fruit, and Drinks

**9:15 a.m.** Kids Choir

**9:35 a.m.** Easter Egg Hunt

**10:30 a.m.** Easter Service

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**OUR MISSION:** Christ Centered ~ Mission Driven~ Traditionally-Grounded ~  
Congregationally Focused (Matthew 28:18-20)

**OUR 2024 VISION:** “Love God and Love our Neighbor” (Mark 12:30-33)

**OUR 2024 ACTION PLAN:** “By feeding, clothing, visiting, helping...”  
(Matthew 25:35-40)

