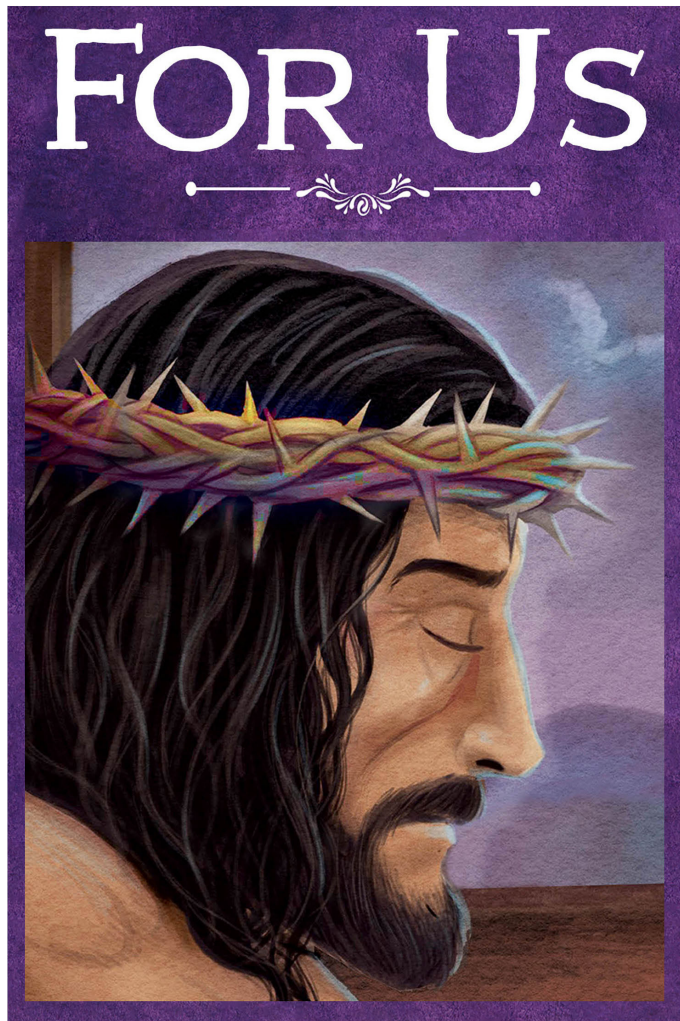


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## AS WE GATHER

God's character, His nature, is self-giving love. Everything Jesus does, He does "for us." This phrase will be introduced this week in the series hymn. *Pro nobis*, or "for us," appears again and again in the series hymn. Jesus is baptized, fasts, is tempted, overcomes temptation, and, in doing so, begins His work of undoing the power of the devil (Mark 1:9–13). It is especially worth noting that because Jesus suffered when tempted, He can "help those who are being tempted" (Hebrews 2:18). He not only helps us in our weakness, but His love for us extends all the way into the grave.

## HYMN

LSB 420:1, 6–7 "Christ, the Life of All the Living"

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| <p>1 Christ, the life of all the living,<br/>Christ, the death of death, our foe,<br/>Who, Thyself for me once giving<br/>To the darkest depths of woe:<br/>Through Thy suff'rings, death, and merit<br/>I eternal life inherit.<br/>Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,<br/>Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.</p> <p>6 Thou hast suffered great affliction<br/>And hast borne it patiently,<br/>Even death by crucifixion,<br/>Fully to atone for me;</p> | <p>Thou didst choose to be tormented<br/>That my doom should be prevented.<br/>Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,<br/>Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.</p> <p>7 Then, for all that wrought my pardon,<br/>For Thy sorrows deep and sore,<br/>For Thine anguish in the Garden,<br/>I will thank Thee evermore,<br/>Thank Thee for Thy groaning, sighing,<br/>For Thy bleeding and Thy dying,<br/>For that last triumphant cry,<br/>And shall praise Thee, Lord, on high.</p> |
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## INVOCATION

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

## OPENING SENTENCES

- P** Return to the LORD, your God, for He is gracious and merciful,  
**C** slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love; and He relents over disaster.  
**P** Jesus said, "If anyone 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 crushed for our iniquities

## HYMN

### LSB 422 “On My Heart Imprint Your Image”

1 On my heart imprint Your image,  
Blessèd Jesus, King of grace,  
That life’s riches, cares, and pleasures  
Never may Your work erase;

Let the clear inscription be:  
Jesus, crucified for me,  
Is my life, my hope’s foundation,  
And my glory and salvation!

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## PSALM 62:1–6

- P** For God alone my soul waits in silence; from Him comes my salvation.  
**C** **He only is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be greatly shaken.**
- P** How long will all of you attack a man to batter him, like a leaning wall, a tottering fence?  
**C** **They only plan to thrust him down from his high position.**
- P** They take pleasure in falsehood.  
**C** **They bless with their mouths, but inwardly they curse.**
- P** For God alone, O my soul, wait in silence, for my hope is from Him.  
**C** **He only is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken.**

**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.**

## READING Mark 1:9–13

- P** A reading from the first chapter of Mark.

<sup>9</sup>In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup>And when He came up out of the water, immediately He saw the heavens opening and the Spirit descending on Him like a dove. <sup>11</sup>And a voice came from heaven, “You are My beloved Son; with You I am well pleased.”

<sup>12</sup>The Spirit immediately drove Him out into the wilderness. <sup>13</sup>And He was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. And He was with the wild animals, and the angels were ministering to Him.

**P** O Lord, have mercy on us. **C** **Thanks be to God.**

**PASSION READING**  
**Mark 14:32-52**

**P** The Passion of Our Lord according to St. Mark, the fourteenth chapter.

<sup>32</sup>They went to a place called Gethsemane. And He said to His disciples, "Sit here while I pray." <sup>33</sup>And He took with Him Peter and James and John, and began to be greatly distressed and troubled. <sup>34</sup>And He said to them, "My soul is very sorrowful, even to death. Remain here and watch." <sup>35</sup>And going a little farther, He fell on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from Him. <sup>36</sup>And He said, "Abba, Father, all things are possible for You. Remove this cup from Me. Yet not what I will, but what You will." <sup>37</sup>And He came and found them sleeping, and He said to Peter, "Simon, are you asleep? Could you not watch one hour? <sup>38</sup>Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." <sup>39</sup>And again He went away and prayed, saying the same words. <sup>40</sup>And again He came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy, and they did not know what to answer Him. <sup>41</sup>And He came the third time and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? It is enough; the hour has come. The Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. <sup>42</sup>Rise, let us be going; see, My betrayer is at hand."

<sup>43</sup>And immediately, while He was still speaking, Judas came, one of the twelve, and with him a crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the scribes and the elders. <sup>44</sup>Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, "The one I will kiss is the man. Seize Him and lead Him away under guard." <sup>45</sup>And when He came, he went up to Him at once and said, "Rabbi!" And he kissed Him. <sup>46</sup>And they laid hands on Him and seized Him. <sup>47</sup>But one of those who stood by drew his sword and struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his ear. <sup>48</sup>And Jesus said to them, "Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs to capture Me? <sup>49</sup>Day after day I was with you in the temple teaching, and you did not seize Me. But let the Scriptures be fulfilled."  
<sup>0</sup>And they all left Him and fled.

<sup>51</sup>And a young man followed Him, with nothing but a linen cloth about his body. And they seized him, <sup>52</sup>but he left the linen cloth and ran away naked.

**P** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**SERIES HYMN**

LSB 544:1-3 "O Love, How Deep"

**1** O love, how deep, how broad, how high,  
Beyond all thought and fantasy,  
That God, the Son of God, should take  
Our mortal form for mortals' sake!

**2** He sent no angel to our race,  
Of higher or of lower place,

But wore the robe of human frame,  
And to this world Himself He came.

**3** For us baptized, for us He bore  
His holy fast and hungered sore;  
For us temptation sharp He knew;  
For us the tempter overthrew.

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## SERMON

## OFFERING

### THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

- P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

### PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

- P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
- C** Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

### THE 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.

## DISTRIBUTION

### POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

- P** Let us pray.  
Faithful God, whose blessings are new to us every morning, we humbly pray that You would look upon us in mercy and renew us by Your Holy Spirit. As You have welcomed us at Your Table, so preserve us in Your righteousness and grant us a portion in that eternal life that is in Christ Jesus, through whom be glory and praise to You and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

### BENEDICTION

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.
- C** Amen.

## CLOSING HYMN

### LSB 886 "The Day Thou Gavest"

- 1 The day Thou gavest, Lord, is ended,  
The darkness falls at Thy behest;  
To Thee our morning hymns ascended,  
Thy praise shall sanctify our rest.
  
- 2 We thank Thee that Thy Church, unsleeping  
While earth rolls onward into light,  
Through all the world her watch is keeping,  
And never rests by day or night.
  
- 3 As o'er each continent and island  
The dawn leads on another day,  
The voice of prayer is never silent,  
Nor dies the strain of praise away.
  
- 4 The sun, that bids us rest, is waking  
Thy saints beneath the western skies,  
And hour by hour, as day is breaking,  
Fresh hymns of thankful praise arise.
  
- 5 So be it, Lord! Thy throne shall never,  
Like earth's proud empires, pass away;  
Thy kingdom stands and grows forever,  
Till all Thy creatures own Thy sway.  
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**Weekly Calendar**

**Thursday, March 5:**

**Friday, March 6:**

6:00pm Pickleball

**Saturday, March 7:**

**Sunday, March 8:**

8:30am Traditional Worship Service

9:45am Children's Sunday School

11:00am Blended Worship Service

Post-Service Prayer Ministry Support (Altar)

1:00 pm Food Pantry

5:00pm High School Youth Group

**Monday, March 9:**

7:00pm Southside Bible Group (Baldwin's)

**Tuesday, March 10:**

6:00pm BOD Meeting

**Wednesday, March 11:**

12:00pm Midweek Lent Worship Service

5:30pm Lenten Soup Supper

6:30pm Lent Evening Service

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3/6 Lawton Hodges

3/7 Karin Gleason

3/7 Ed Schallhorn

3/8 Carol Bruckner

3/9 Marianne Hausman

3/10 Denise Ball

3/10 Jeanine Helms

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3/8 Karl & McKenzie Koon

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February 22<sup>nd</sup>

148 Households, 593 Individuals served  
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