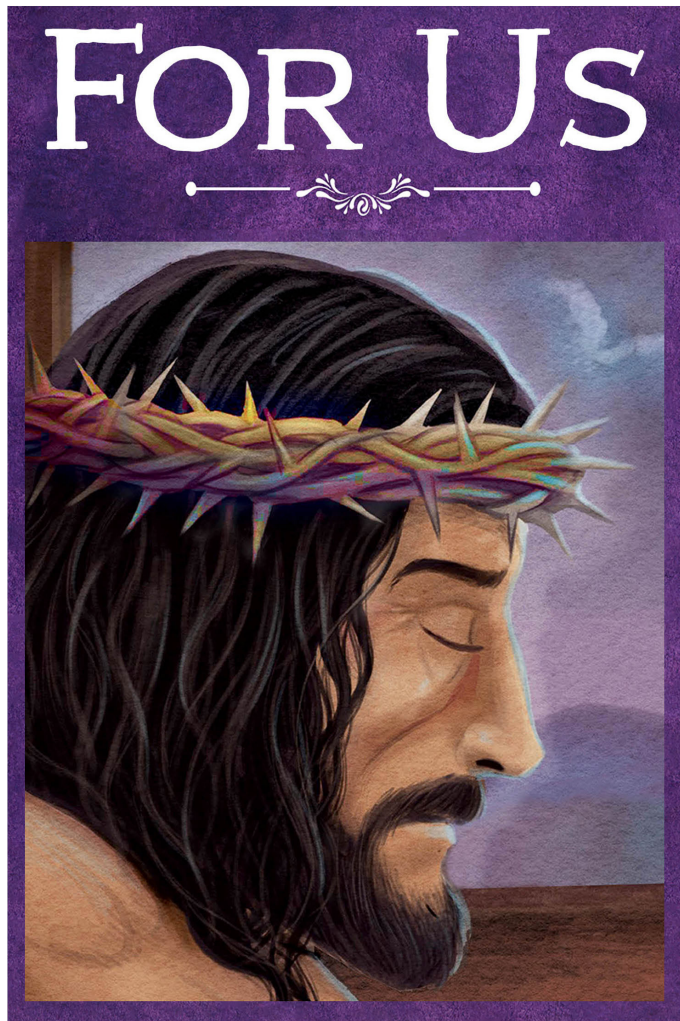


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**WEDNESDAY, March 11, 2026**

**12:00PM & 6:30PM**

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# Easter Breakfast

Sign up to bring pastries, fruit, sauces,  
jellies, loaves of bread,  
and gluten-free options



## Easter Breakfast Help Needed

### Scan the QR Code to sign up

- Set-up Saturday at 10 am
- Serve breakfast Sunday  
(7:30–9:00 am , 9–10am, or 10–11 am)
- Clean-up Sunday at 11 am



## AS WE GATHER

Jesus talks all about seeking us in our texts this week. He does not wait passively until we get up the gumption to ask Him for help. Nor does He act out of selfish gain, like our health-care system seems to do so often today. Praying, teaching, working. In all these things, Jesus seeks us out and looks for ways to help us. This work is often overlooked because it is so ordinary. Water, bread and wine, the folly of preaching. In all these ordinary works, Jesus continues His ministry among us. This ministry of forgiveness means that Jesus continues to strengthen and help us.

## HYMN

### LSB 423 “Jesus, Refuge of the Weary”

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| <p><b>1</b> Jesus, refuge of the weary,<br/>Blest Redeemer, whom we love,<br/>Fountain in life’s desert dreary,<br/>Savior from the world above:<br/>Often have Your eyes, offended,<br/>Gazed upon the sinner’s fall;<br/>Yet upon the cross extended,<br/>You have borne the pain of all.</p> <p><b>2</b> Do we pass that cross unheeding,<br/>Breathing no repentant vow,<br/>Though we see You wounded, bleeding,<br/>See Your thorn-encircled brow?</p> | <p>Yet Your sinless death has brought us<br/>Life eternal, peace, and rest;<br/>Only what Your grace has taught us<br/>Calms the sinner’s deep distress.</p> <p><b>3</b> Jesus, may our hearts be burning<br/>With more fervent love for You;<br/>May our eyes be ever turning<br/>To behold Your cross anew<br/>Till in glory, parted never<br/>From the blessed Savior’s side,<br/>Graven in our hearts forever,<br/>Dwell the cross, the Crucified.</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 80:1–7

**P** Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, You who lead Joseph like a flock!

**C** You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth.

**P** Before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh, stir up Your might and come to save us!

**C** Restore us, O God; let Your face shine, that we may be saved!

**P** O LORD God of hosts,

**C** how long will You be angry with Your people’s prayers?

**P** You have fed them with the bread of tears and given them tears to drink in full measure.

**C** You make us an object of contention for our neighbors, and our enemies laugh among themselves.

**P** Restore us, O God of hosts;

**C** let Your face shine, that we may be saved!

**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 1:35-39

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

<sup>35</sup>And rising very early in the morning, while it was still dark, He departed and went out to a desolate place, and there He prayed. <sup>36</sup>And Simon and those who were with Him searched for Him, <sup>37</sup>and they found Him and said to Him, “Everyone is looking for You.” <sup>38</sup>And He said to them, “Let us go on to the next towns, that I may preach there also, for that is why I came out.” <sup>39</sup>And He went throughout all Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out demons.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

**PASSION READING**  
**Mark 14:53-15:5**

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

<sup>53</sup>And they led Jesus to the high priest. And all the chief priests and the elders and the scribes came together. <sup>54</sup>And Peter had followed Him at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest. And he was sitting with the guards and warming himself at the fire. <sup>55</sup>Now the chief priests and the whole Council were seeking testimony against Jesus to put Him to death, but they found none. <sup>56</sup>For many bore false witness against Him, but their testimony did not agree. <sup>57</sup>And some stood up and bore false witness against Him, saying, <sup>58</sup>“We heard Him say, ‘I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and in three days I will build another, not made with hands.’” <sup>59</sup>Yet even about this their testimony did not agree. <sup>60</sup>And the high priest stood up in the midst and asked Jesus, “Have You no answer to make? What is it that these men testify against You?” <sup>61</sup>But He remained silent and made no answer. Again the high priest asked Him, “Are You the Christ, the Son of the Blessed?” <sup>62</sup>And Jesus said, “I am, and you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power, and coming with the clouds of heaven.” <sup>63</sup>And the high priest tore his garments and said, “What further witnesses do we need? <sup>64</sup>You have heard His blasphemy. What is your decision?” And they all condemned Him as deserving death. <sup>65</sup>And some began to spit on Him and to cover His face and to strike Him, saying to Him, “Prophecy!” And the guards received Him with blows.

<sup>66</sup>And as Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the servant girls of the high priest came, <sup>67</sup>and seeing Peter warming himself, she looked at him and said, “You also were with the Nazarene, Jesus.” <sup>68</sup>But he denied it, saying, “I neither know nor understand what you mean.” And he went out into the gateway and the rooster crowed. <sup>69</sup>And the servant girl saw him and began again to say to the bystanders, “This man is one of them.” <sup>70</sup>But again he denied it. And after a little while the bystanders again said to Peter, “Certainly you are one of them, for you are a Galilean.” <sup>71</sup>But he began to invoke a curse on himself and to swear, “I do not know this man of whom you speak.” <sup>72</sup>And immediately the rooster crowed a second time. And Peter remembered how Jesus had said to him, “Before the rooster crows twice, you will deny Me three times.” And he broke down and wept.

<sup>15:1</sup>And as soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole Council. And they bound Jesus and led Him away and delivered Him over to Pilate. <sup>2</sup>And Pilate asked Him, “Are You the King of the Jews?” And He answered him, “You have said so.” <sup>3</sup>And the chief priests accused Him of many things. <sup>4</sup>And Pilate again asked Him, “Have You no answer to make? See how many charges they bring against You.” <sup>5</sup>But Jesus made no further answer, so that Pilate was amazed.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## SERIES HYMN

### LSB 544:1-4 "O Love, How Deep"

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| <p><b>1</b> O love, how deep, how broad, how high,<br/>Beyond all thought and fantasy,<br/>That God, the Son of God, should take<br/>Our mortal form for mortals' sake!</p> <p><b>2</b> He sent no angel to our race,<br/>Of higher or of lower place,<br/>But wore the robe of human frame,<br/>And to this world Himself He came.</p> | <p><b>3</b> For us baptized, for us He bore<br/>His holy fast and hungered sore;<br/>For us temptation sharp He knew;<br/>For us the tempter overthrew.</p> <p><b>4</b> For us He prayed; for us He taught;<br/>For us His daily works He wrought,<br/>By words and signs and actions thus<br/>Still seeking not Himself but us.</p> |
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## SERMON

### 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 879 "Stay with Us"

- 1 Stay with us, till night has come:  
Our praise to You this day be sung.  
Bless our bread,  
Open our eyes:  
Jesus, be our great surprise.
- 2 Walk with us, our spirits sigh:  
Hear when our weary spirits cry.  
Feel again  
Our loss, our pain:  
Jesus, take us to Your side.
- 3 Walk with us, the road will bend:  
Make all our weeping, wailing end.  
Wipe our tears,  
Forgive our fears:  
Jesus, lift the heavy cross.
- 4 Talk with us, till we behold  
A joyful life You will unfold:  
Heal our eyes  
To see the prize:  
Jesus, take us to the light.
- 5 Stay with us, till day is done:  
No tears nor dark shall dim the sun.  
Cheer the heart,  
Your grace impart:  
Jesus, bring eternal life.

### **LENTEN OFFERINGS**

The offerings will be split 50/50 with:  
**Den Jok** at Lutheran Theological Seminary in South Africa  
and **Dalton Charlson** for his missionary trip to Malaysia  
through his intership with Children's Bible Ministries in Tennessee.

### **LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS**

**Wednesdays at 5:30 in the Narthex through March 25th**  
Sign up to bring soup, crackers or bread or sides (sour cream and cheese)  
on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

### **ROAD TO RESURRECTION**

**The Easter Event for Everyone**

**APRIL 1, 2026 3:30 - 5:30pm**

This family-friendly event gets families talking... and walking with Jesus  
Look for the sign-up sheet soon to be part of the crew.

### **EASTER EGGS AND CANDY**

Please drop off plastic eggs and candy over the next couple of weeks in the church  
office. The Women's Bible Study group will be stuffing eggs March 25th.

### **EASTER BREAKFAST HELP NEEDED**

Sign-up for Saturday, April 4th at 10:00 am to set up the Fellowship Hall  
for Easter Breakfast.

Sign up to help serve food and beverages during Easter breakfast or help cleaning  
up after the breakfast on Sunday, April 5th.

Sign-up using the QR code or on the sheet on the bulletin board.

### **Sacred Communion Values**

As baptized Christians, having received instruction in the Holy Sacrament; our precious Savior and Lord  
Jesus Christ invites us to His Holy Meal in which we receive the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening  
of our faith. Before we receive the Holy Sacrament, we should:

- a) Examine our relationship with God & others according to the Ten Commandments;w
- b) Truly repent of our sins and seek forgiveness in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord;
- c) Faithfully believe God's Word which teaches us that in, with, and under the bread and  
wine we receive the true body and blood of our Savior and Lord Jesus Christ;
- d) By the working of the Holy Spirit through Word and Sacrament, commit our life as a redeemed  
disciple of Jesus Christ through thought, word, and deed.