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INTRODUCTION

"The Stations of the Cross" combine Scripture and art to recreate Christ's walk to Calvary within the walls of the church, allowing the faithful to make a "pilgrimage to Jerusalem" and be drawn closer to the Christ who walked there.

The stations tradition developed during the time of the Crusades (12-13th century). Their number and subject matter have varied widely, from as many as 30 to as few as five. The 14 of current practice first appeared in the 16th century and were fixed in 1731 by Pope Clement XII, consisting of nine gospel scenes and five scenes from popular tradition.

While many have found the some of the stations from tradition questionable, for this service we have included them all. These stations are like parables with a message, much as Jesus taught in parables. The falls of Christ (stations 3, 7, 9) while not found in the scriptures, could well have occurred. In fact, given His all-night interrogation, scourgings and loss of blood it is more than likely that Jesus would have fallen several times. Theologically, the falls witness to the weight of our sin which crushed Christ. Jesus' encounter with Mary on the road to Calvary (station 4) simply expands on the same encounter at the crucifixion as recorded in John's Gospel.

The woman wiping Jesus' face (station 6) likely derives from the veil with Christ's image (i.e., vera icon, true image, hence the name Veronica) which has been kept in the Vatican since the 8th century. Without debating the veil's authenticity, the station teaches that the true image of Christ occurs in our loving one another. To illustrate this, the station has been retitled and includes the story of Jesus' anointing by the woman of Bethany which begins the Passion narrative in all four Gospels.

And so today we walk to the Cross with Jesus and end in the Tomb in the Garden.

CALL TO WORSHIP

"Son of Man"

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OPENING PRAYER

P In the name of the Father, and ✠ of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

P Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it." (Matthew 16:24-25)

P Christ has humbled himself and become obedient to death:

C **Even to death on a cross.**

P Mercifully assist us:

C **O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts whereby you have given us life everlasting; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

(Opening Prayer for Passion Sunday)

P Let us follow the way of the cross:

C **In the name of our Lord. Amen**

HYMN "Jesus, I will Ponder Now" LSB 440, v.1

1 Jesus, I will ponder now
On Your holy passion;
With Your Spirit me endow
For such meditation.
Grant that I in love and faith
May the image cherish
Of Your suff'ring, pain, and death
That I may not perish.

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THE FIRST STATION: Jesus Is Condemned to Death

P We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.
(Bow)

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

P When morning came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people conferred together against Jesus in order to bring about his death. They bound him, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate the governor. Pilate said to them, "Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?" All of them said, "Let him be crucified!" So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, "I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves." After flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.
(Matthew 27:1-2,22,24,26b)

(Reflection)

P By a perversion of justice:

C **He was taken away. Who could have imagined his future? For he was cut off from the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people. They made his grave with the wicked and his tomb with the rich, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth. Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him with pain. (Isaiah 53:8-10a)**

P Let us pray. Almighty God, your Son was rejected and condemned to die by your own people. Grant that we may never reject his word of truth and salvation, but follow him all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen**

HYMN "Jesus, I will Ponder Now" LSB 440, v.2

2 Make me see Your great distress,
Anguish, and affliction,
Bonds and stripes and wretchedness
And Your crucifixion;
Make me see how scourge and rod,
Spear and nails did wound You,
How for them You died, O God,
Who with thorns had crowned You.

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THE SECOND STATION: Jesus Carries His Cross

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

(Bow)

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

P Then Pilate took Jesus and had him flogged. And the soldiers wove a crown of thorns and put it on his head, and they dressed him in a purple robe. They kept coming up to him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" and striking him on the face. So they took Jesus; and carrying the cross by himself, he went out to what is called The Place of the Skull, which in Hebrew is called Golgotha. (John 19:1-2,16b-17)

(Reflection)

P I gave my back to those who struck me:

C **And my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord GOD who helps me.**

(Isaiah 50:6-9a)

P Let us pray. Heavenly Father, your Son laid aside all power in order to take up the cross and show us the depths of your love for us. Increase our willingness to bear our own cross, for love of him and for love of others; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen**

HYMN "Jesus, I will Ponder Now" LSB 440, v.3

3 Yet, O Lord, not thus alone
Make me see Your passion,
But its cause to me make known
And its termination.
Ah! I also and my sin
Wrought Your deep affliction;
This indeed the cause has been
Of Your crucifixion.

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THE THIRD STATION: Jesus Falls the First Time

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

(Bow)

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

P Justice is far from us, and righteousness does not reach us; we wait for light, and lo! there is darkness; and for brightness, but we walk in gloom. We stumble at noon as in the twilight, among the vigorous as though we were dead. The LORD saw it, and it displeased him that there was no justice. He saw that there was no one, and was that there no one to intervene; so his own arm brought him victory, and his righteousness upheld him.

(Isaiah 59:9,10b,15b-16)

(Reflection)

- P** Three times I appealed to the Lord about this:
- C** **That it would leave me, but he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness." So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong. (2 Corinthians.12:8-10)**
- P** Let us pray. Lord God, your Son chose to be weak before the powers of this world, and you worked your power through him. In our time of weakness, help us to turn to you, that your power may work in us also; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C** **Amen**

HYMN "Jesus, I will Ponder Now" LSB 440, v.4

- 4 Grant that I Your passion view
 With repentant grieving.
 Let me not bring shame to You
 By unholy living.
 How could I refuse to shun
 Ev'ry sinful pleasure
 Since for me God's only Son
 Suffered without measure?

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THE FOURTH STATION: Jesus Meets His Afflicted Mother

- P** We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.
(Bow)
- C** **By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**
- P** When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, "Woman, here is your son." Then he said to the disciple, "Here is your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home. (John 19:26-27)
(Reflection)
- P** Then Simeon blessed them:
- C** **And said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed -- and a sword will pierce your own soul too." (Luke 2:34-35)**
- P** Let us pray.
 Father of mercies, a sword of grief pierced deep into the heart of Mary as she witnessed her Son's passion.
 As we share in her sorrow by walking the way of sorrows, may we also share in the joy that is to come, the resurrection of Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C** **Amen**

HYMN "Jesus, I will Ponder Now" LSB 440, v.5

- 5 If my sins give me alarm
 And my conscience grieve me,
 Let Your cross my fear disarm;
 Peace of conscience give me.
 Help me see forgiveness won
 By Your holy passion.
 If for me He slays His Son,
 God must have compassion!

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THE FIFTH STATION: Simon Helps Jesus Carry His Cross

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

(Bow)

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

P As the soldiers led Jesus away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming from the country, and they laid the cross on him, and made him carry it behind Jesus.
(Luke 23:26)

(Reflection)

P A disciple is not above the teacher:

C **Nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.**
(Matthew 10:24-25a, 37-38; 11:29-30)

P Let us pray. Loving Father, you have called us into fellowship under the cross of your Son that we might bear your love to all in the world. Help us to be as willing as Simon to bear the burdens of those in need, that all may be called out of the darkness into the light of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen**

HYMN "Jesus, I will Ponder Now" LSB 440, v.6

6 Graciously my faith renew;
Help me bear my crosses,
Learning humbleness from You,
Peace mid pain and losses.
May I give You love for love!
Hear me, O my Savior,
That I may in heav'n above
Sing Your praise forever.

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THE SIXTH STATION: A Woman Offers Comfort to Jesus

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

(Bow)

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

P Before the betrayal, a woman came to Jesus with an alabaster jar of very costly ointment, and she poured it on his head as he sat at the table. But when the disciples saw it, they were angry and said, "Why this waste? For this ointment could have been sold for a large sum, and the money given to the poor." But Jesus, aware of this, said to them, "Why do you trouble the woman? She has performed a good service for me. By pouring this ointment on my body she has prepared me for burial."
(Matthew 26:7-9,10,12)

(Reflection)

P Then the righteous will answer him:

C "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?" And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.'
(Matthew 25:37-40)

P Let us pray.

O God, your Son's passion shows us that loving others holds great risks that make us tremble and reluctant to act. Strengthen us in our faith and our resolve to take those risks and to see your Son in our needy brothers and sisters;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

HYMN "Jesus, I will Ponder Now" LSB 440, v. 1

1 Jesus, I will ponder now
On Your holy passion;
With Your Spirit me endow
For such meditation.
Grant that I in love and faith
May the image cherish
Of Your suff'ring, pain, and death
That I may not perish.

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THE SEVENTH STATION: Jesus Falls a Second Time

P We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.
(Bow)

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

P Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. (Isaiah 53:4-6)

(Reflection)

P Blessed are the poor in spirit,:

C **For theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you. (Matthew 5:3,5,8,11-12)**

P Let us pray.

Gracious Lord, as we walk the way of sorrows, it pains us to know that it is our fallenness in sin that crushes Christ under his cross. Yet by his suffering, we are raised up and made whole. Strengthen us in our baptismal vows and forgive us always for the sins that make us fall, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

HYMN "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" LSB 450 v.1

1 O sacred Head, now wounded,
With grief and shame weighed down,
Now scornfully surrounded
With thorns, Thine only crown.
O sacred Head, what glory,
What bliss, till now was Thine!
Yet, though despised and gory,
I joy to call Thee mine.

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THE EIGHTH STATION: Jesus Meets the Women of Jerusalem

P We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.
(Bow)

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

P A great number of the people followed him, and among them were women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him. But Jesus turned to them and said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children."
(Luke 23:27-28)

(Reflection)

P Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ:

C **The Father of mercies and the God of all consolation, who consoles us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to console those who are in any affliction with the consolation with which we ourselves are consoled by God. For just as the sufferings of Christ are abundant for us, so also our consolation is abundant through Christ.**
(2 Corinthians 1:3-5)

P Let us pray.

God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we are but mortal flesh, and the span of our lives is very brief. Help us to see our frailty and affliction as a sharing in Christ's frailty and affliction, and through them, the path to life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen**

HYMN "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" LSB 450 v.2

2 How pale Thou art with anguish,
With sore abuse and scorn!
How doth Thy face now languish
That once was bright as morn!
Grim death, with cruel rigor,
Hath robbed Thee of Thy life;
Thus Thou hast lost Thy vigor,
Thy strength, in this sad strife.

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THE NINTH STATION: Jesus Falls a Third Time

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

(Bow)

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

P I cry to God Most High, to God who fulfills his purpose for me. I lie down among lions that greedily devour human prey; their teeth are spears and arrows, their tongues sharp swords. They set a net for my steps; my soul was bowed down. They dug a pit in my path, but they have fallen into it themselves. My heart is steadfast, O God, my heart is steadfast. (Psalm 57:2,4,6-7a)

(Reflection)

P My God, my God:

C **Why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from helping me, from the words of my groaning? O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer; and by night, but find no rest. I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint; my heart is like wax; it is melted within my breast; my mouth is dried up like baked clay, and my tongue sticks to my jaws; you lay me in the dust of death. (Psalm 22:1-2,14-15)**

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, there are times when life's burdens weigh down upon us, and our faith is so drained that we feel forsaken and abandoned by you. Yet you never forsake those who are your own. As you raised your Son from death to life, from despair to joy, so be present in our lives and raise us to hope in Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen**

HYMN "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" LSB 450v.3

3 What Thou, my Lord, hast suffered

Was all for sinners' gain;

Mine, mine was the transgression,

But Thine the deadly pain.

Lo, here I fall, my Savior!

'Tis I deserve Thy place;

Look on me with Thy favor,

And grant to me Thy grace.

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THE TENTH STATION: Jesus Is Stripped of His Clothes

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

(Bow)

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

P When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his clothes and divided them into four parts, one for each soldier. They also took his tunic; now the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from the top. So they said to one another, "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see who will get it." (John 19:23-24a)

(Reflection)

P All of you must clothe yourselves with humility:

C In your dealings with one another, for "God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble." Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. (1 Peter 5:5b-7, 10)

P Let us pray.
Lord God, your Son endured humiliations and indignities beyond compare, yet without complaint. Keep us humble in our work and daily lives with a willingness to put others before ourselves as Jesus put us before himself; through Christ our Lord.

C Amen

HYMN "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" LSB 450 v.4

4 My Shepherd, now receive me;
My Guardian, own me Thine.
Great blessings Thou didst give me,
O Source of gifts divine.
Thy lips have often fed me
With words of truth and love;
Thy Spirit oft hath led me
To heav'nly joys above.

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THE ELEVENTH STATION: Jesus Is Nailed to the Cross

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

(Bow)

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

P Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with Jesus. When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." (Luke 23:32-34a)

(Reflection)

P When we were dead in trespasses:

C **God made us alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. (Colossians 2:13-14)**

P Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, despite his wounds, Jesus showed his love throughout his passion: for his mother, for the women of Jerusalem, for the good thief, even for those who nailed him to the cross. Bind us ever to that love, and help us to look beyond ourselves and our sufferings in order to share that love with others; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

HYMN: O Sacred Head, Now Wounded LSB 450 v.5

5 What language shall I borrow
To thank Thee, dearest Friend,
For this Thy dying sorrow,
Thy pity without end?
O make me Thine forever!
And should I fainting be,
Lord, let me never, never,
Outlive my love for Thee.

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THE TWELFTH STATION: Jesus Dies on the Cross

P We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.
(Bow)

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

P It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, while the sun's light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit." Having said this, he breathed his last. (Luke 23:44-46)

(Reflection)

P When you make his life an offering for sin

C **He shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days; through him the will of the LORD shall prosper. Out of his anguish he shall see light; he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge. The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. Therefore, I will allot him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he poured out himself to death and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors. (Isaiah 53:10b-12)**

P Let us pray.

Who would have believed it, O God? Who would have thought that the Savior would die? Yet in the world's darkest hour, you snatched him out of the jaws of death, crushing sin and death underfoot. Keep us ever close to his cross and death, now and at the hour of our death; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen**

HYMN "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" LSB 450 v.6

6 My Savior, be Thou near me
When death is at my door;
Then let Thy presence cheer me,
Forsake me nevermore!
When soul and body languish,
O leave me not alone,
But take away mine anguish
By virtue of Thine own!

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THE THIRTEENTH STATION: Jesus Is Taken Down from the Cross

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

(Bow)

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

P When evening had come, and since it was the day of Preparation, that is, the day before the sabbath, Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God, went boldly to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. When he learned from the centurion that he was dead, Pilate granted the body to Joseph. Then Joseph bought a linen cloth, and taking down the body, wrapped it in the linen cloth. (Mark 15:42-43,45-46a)

(Reflection)

P I will pour out a spirit of compassion:

C **And supplication on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that when they look on the one whom they have pierced, they shall mourn for him, as one mourns for an only child, and weep bitterly over him, as one weeps over a firstborn. (Zechariah 12:10)**

P Let us pray.

Gracious Lord and Consoler of all who mourn, comfort us in all our partings. Turn the darkness of death into the brightness of day for those we love. Help us always to put our faith in you and entrust our loved ones into your infinite care; through Christ our Lord.

C **Amen**

HYMN: O Sacred Head, Now Wounded LSB 450 v.7

7 Be Thou my consolation,
My shield, when I must die;
Remind me of Thy passion
When my last hour draws nigh.
Mine eyes shall then behold Thee,
Upon Thy cross shall dwell,
My heart by faith enfold Thee.
Who dieth thus dies well.

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THE FOURTEENTH STATION: Jesus Is Laid in the Tomb

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

(Bow)

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

P Nicodemus, who had at first come to Jesus by night, also came, bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, weighing about a hundred pounds. He and Joseph took the body of Jesus and wrapped it with the spices in linen cloths, according to the burial custom of the Jews. Now there was a garden in the place where Jesus was crucified, and in the garden there was a new tomb in which no one had ever been laid. And so, because it was the Jewish day of Preparation, and the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there. (John 19:39-42)

(Reflection)

- P** Thus says the Lord GOD:
- C** "I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the LORD. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act," says the LORD. (Ezekiel 37:12-13a,14)
- P** Let us pray.
God of hope, you have promised that if we are buried with Christ in the waters of Baptism, then we too will rise with him to new life. Make us ever mindful of our baptism and remove all stain of sin from us through repentance, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C** Amen

HYMN "On My Heart Imprint Your Image" LSB 422

- 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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- P** Far be it from me to glory:
- C** **Except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.**
- P** Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore, God also highly him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. (Philippians 2:5-11)

THE LORD'S PRAYER Matthew 6:9–13

- 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.**

THE CLOSING PRAYER

- P** Almighty God, we thank you for your Son, Jesus Christ, and for the gift of our salvation that he won for us through the way of the cross. Make our paths straight and keep our feet upon that way of the cross until you bring us safely into your heavenly kingdom; where you reign with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen
- P** Let us follow the way of the cross:
- C** **Until our life's end. Amen**

(The Congregation May Leave in Silence Now)

We look forward to celebrating the resurrection of our King & Savior, Jesus Christ, this Sunday with you for one of our 3 Easter services:

7:00 AM (Sunrise/Traditional)

9:00 AM (Traditional)

11:00 AM (Blended)

8:00am - 10:30am: Easter Breakfast “drop-in” buffet in the Fellowship Hall

10:15am: Easter Egg Hunt in the courtyard (gym if rain)

Easter Services

April 5, 2026 Easter Sunday

7:00 am Sunrise Service

9:00 am Traditional

11:00 am Blended

Easter Breakfast

8:00 - 10:30 am

Easter Egg Hunt

in the courtyard at 10:15 am

Breakfast is "Drop-in" style with bacon, eggs, sausage, and biscuits and gravy

The Egg Hunt will be in the gym if there is inclement weather

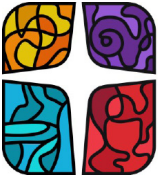
UPCOMING:

Join us on April 12th at 12:30pm Voter's Meeting

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;
- 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.



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CHURCH & SCHOOL
ASHEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA

BOARD of DIRECTORS:

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Weekly Calendar

Saturday, April 4:

Sunday, April 5:

7:00am Easter Sunrise Service

8:00am -10:30am Drop-in Easter Breakfast in Fellowship Hall

9:00am Easter Service

10:15am Easter Egg Hunt in Courtyard (or gym if rain)

11:00am Easter Service

Monday, April 6:

Tuesday, April 7:

Wednesday, April 8:

12:00pm Midweek Worship Service

Thursday, April 9:

Friday, April 10:

6:00pm Pickleball

CHURCH STAFF:

Senior Pastor: Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Skopak

Director of Christian Education: Alexi Lundquist

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Organist: Lula Meulenberg;

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CHURCH ELDERS:

John Jennejahn (Head), Marni Jennejahn, Susan Roby,

Kevin Lorenz, Rich Baldwin, Lisa Baldwin, Joel Helms,

Doug Piercy, Heather Renner, Wayne Samuel

SCHOOL K-8:

Principal/STEAM: Mark Edmiston

Admin. Assistant: Shari Reaves

Asst. Principal/MS English: Denise Ball

Director of Admissions: Emily Leatherwood

Kindergarten: Kim Noel & Jamie Wertham

First Grade: Kerry Stead & Mackenzie Knapp

Second Grade: Leigh Weaver & Annie Jacobsen

Third Grade/Curriculum Coordinator: Kiara Studer

Fourth Grade: Chelsey Towery

Fifth Grade: Emily Lundquist

MS Science: Leigh Conner

MS Math: Jenelle Lanham

MS Social Studies: Mindy Stackhouse

PE/Athletic Director: Jennifer Jenkins "Coach J"

Art: Tammy Reilly

Music & Spanish: A.L. Brown

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION:

Director: Nicole Loria

Admin Assist: Carolyn Mashburn

Younger Infants: Paula Jones and Rachel Bishop

Older Infants: Becky Swatzell & Hydeia Beck

Toddlers 1: Lindsey Smathers & Kayla Greene

Toddler2: Neesie Castillo & Heather Hensley

PS2: Veronica Milner & Sydney Kerr

PS-2/3: Amy Bair & Julia Chambers

PS3: Maranda Rice & Jasmine Riddle

PS3/4: Robin Rutherford & DeAsia Little

PreK-1: Madison Peach & Cleo Green

PreK-2: Faith Noell & Crystal McCormick

Floating Aid: Felicia Norton

BIRTHDAYS

4/4 Chris Zurofsky

4/5 Mark Edmiston

4/5 Patricia Frazier

4/5 Kay Thorp

4/7 Coleen Leyva

4/8 Edith Walker

4/8 Gloria Spude

4/10 Adelaide Hastings

4/10 Elizabeth Meyer

Last Sunday's Attendance & Stats

In-person Services: 8:30am - 88 11:00am - 82

Online: Website: 24 FB: 29

Maundy Thursday:

6:30: FB and Website:

ELC Grab-N-Go Food Pantry

March 22, 2026

164 Households, 652 Individuals served

God Provided!

Previous Week's Offerings

General Offering Received:\$ 13742.01

Building Funds Received: \$

*Weekly Offering Budget: \$ (13173.00)