

# **WELCOME**

## **SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT**

**SAT. FEBRUARY 24/SUN. FEBRUARY 25, 2024**



**“FROM SUFFERING TO HOPE”**

### **AS WE GATHER**

Today we hear the apostle Paul proclaim something rather odd: that we can rejoice in our sufferings. Paul says this because—as he tells us—suffering produces endurance, endurance produces character, character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame because our hope is in Jesus who died and is risen for us and our reconciliation and peace. That is something to rejoice in!

### **WELCOME**

**✠ PREPARATION ✠**

**OPENING HYMN** “Chief of Sinners Though I Be” *LSB 611*

**1. Chief of sinners though I be,  
Jesus shed His blood for me,  
Died that I might live on high,  
Lives that I may never die.  
As the branch is to the vine,**

**I am His, And He is mine.**

**2. Oh, the height of Jesus' love,  
Higher than the heav'ns above,  
Deeper than the depths of sea,  
Lasting as eternity!  
Love that found me—wonderous thought!  
Found me when I sought Him not.**

**3. Only Jesus can impart  
Balm to heal the wounded heart  
Peace that flows from sin forgiv'n,  
Joy that lifts the soul to heav'n,  
Faith and hope to walk with God  
In the way that Enoch trod.**

**4. Chief of sinners though I be,  
Christ is all in all for me;  
All my wants to Him are known,  
All my sorrows are His own.  
He sustains the hidden life  
Safe with Him from earthly strife.**

**5. O my Savior, help afford  
By Your spirit and Your word!  
When my wayward heart would stray,  
Keep me in the narrow way;  
Grace in time of need supply  
While I live and when I die.**

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1Tim. 1:15; Rom. 5:8-11; 1John 4:10; Heb. 4:15-16**

## INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

## OPENING SENTENCES

Pastor: Our Lenten journey continues toward the cross.

People: **It is a journey marked with suffering,**

Pastor: but suffering produces endurance.

People: **Endurance produces character.**

Pastor: Character produces hope,

People: **and hope in Christ does not put us to shame.**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *1 John 1:8–9*

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

People: **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

Pastor: Almighty God, merciful Father,

People: **we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left**

**undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

**Pastor:** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People:** Amen.

**✠ WORD ✠**

**KYRIE**

*(LSB, page 186)*

**Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

**SALUTATION**

**Pastor:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**Pastor:** Let us pray. Lord Jesus Christ, in Your perfect timing, You died for us who are weak and ungodly. Be present with us as we endure the sufferings of this world, so that we may learn how

suffering leads to endurance, character, and a hope that never puts us to shame; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**    *Genesis 17:1–7, 15–16*    (*God renames Abram as Abraham.*)

**17** When Abram was ninety-nine years old the LORD appeared to Abram and said to him, “I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless, <sup>2</sup> that I may make my covenant between me and you, and may multiply you greatly.” <sup>3</sup> Then Abram fell on his face. And God said to him, <sup>4</sup> “Behold, my covenant is with you, and you shall be the father of a multitude of nations. <sup>5</sup> No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham, for I have made you the father of a multitude of nations. <sup>6</sup> I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make you into nations, and kings shall come from you. <sup>7</sup> And I will establish my covenant between me and you and your offspring after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.

<sup>15</sup> And God said to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. <sup>16</sup> I will bless her, and moreover, I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall become nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.”

Pastor:    This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:    Thanks be to God.**

**DUET ANTHEM:**

“How Deep the Father’s Love for Us”

*Stuart Townend*

**EPISTLE** *Romans 5:1–11* (Christ died for the ungodly.)

**5** Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>2</sup> Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. <sup>3</sup> Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, <sup>4</sup> and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup> and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

<sup>6</sup> For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup> For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— <sup>8</sup> but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. <sup>9</sup> Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. <sup>10</sup> For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. <sup>11</sup> More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

**Pastor:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

**VERSE**

*(LSB, page 157)*

**Return to the Lord, your God,  
for He is gracious and merciful,  
slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love,  
and abounding in steadfast love.**

**HOLY GOSPEL** *Mark 8:27–38 (Jesus is the Christ who must suffer, die, and rise again.)*

**Pastor:** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the eighth chapter.

**People:** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>27</sup> And Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi. And on the way he asked his disciples, “**Who do people say that I am?**” <sup>28</sup> And they told him, “John the Baptist; and others say, Elijah; and others, one of the prophets.” <sup>29</sup> And he asked them, “**But who do you say that I am?**” Peter answered him, “You are the Christ.” <sup>30</sup> And he strictly charged them to tell no one about him.

<sup>31</sup> And he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again. <sup>32</sup> And he said this plainly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. <sup>33</sup> But turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “**Get behind me, Satan! For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.**”

<sup>34</sup> And calling the crowd to him with his disciples, he said to them, “**If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. <sup>35</sup> For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. <sup>36</sup> For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? <sup>37</sup> For what can a man give in**

return for his soul? <sup>38</sup> For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

**Pastor:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People:** Praise to You, O Christ.

**HYMN OF THE DAY** “In the Cross of Christ I Glory”

*LSB 427*

**1. In the cross of Christ I glory,  
Tow’ring o’er the wrecks of time.  
All the light of sacred story  
Gathers round its head sublime.**

**2. When the woes of life o’er take me,  
Hopes deceive, and fears annoy  
Never shall the cross forsake me;  
Lo, it glows with peace and joy.**

**3. When the sun of bliss is beaming  
Light and love along the way,  
From the cross the radiance streaming  
Adds more luster to the day.**

**4. Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure  
By the cross are sanctified;  
Peace is there that knows no measure,  
Joys that through all time abide.**

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## **SERMON**

*Rev. Dr. Timothy Oswald*

### **CONFESSION OF FAITH – THE APOSTLES’ CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

## **OFFERING**

### **✠ SACRAMENT ✠**

**PREFACE**     *2 Timothy 4:22*

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

## **PROPER PREFACE**

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who died for us, the ungodly and weak, so that we might be justified and have peace with God. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

## **SANCTUS**

*(LSB page 208)*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;  
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.  
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;  
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!**

**THE WORDS OF OUR LORD** *Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24;  
Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

Pastor: 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**

**Pastor:** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

**People:** **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

**Pastor:** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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.**

## **PAX DOMINI**

**Pastor:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**People:** **Amen.**

**AGNUS DEI**            “The Lamb”            *(LSB 547, St. 1 & 2)*

**The Lamb, the Lamb, O Father, where’s the sacrifice?  
Faith sees, believes God will provide the Lamb of price!  
Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me His own!  
The Lamb is reigning on His throne!**

**The Lamb, the Lamb, One perfect final offering.  
The Lamb, the Lamb, Let earth join heav'n His praise to sing.  
Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me His own!  
The Lamb is reigning on His throne!**

**+DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION+**

***By communing, a person says publicly that they -***

- are baptized and confirmed*
- believe Christ's words*
- repent of their sins*
- fully agree with all that the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod teaches.*

***How to receive –***

- anyone may come to the altar but keep hands folded if not receiving Communion*
- the center of the tray has a cup with just a drop of wine for those who must minimize alcohol*
- smile, exude your joy, but keep a reverent demeanor as others commune*

**DISTRIBUTION HYMN**

**“I Will Sing Of My Redeemer”**

**1 I will sing of my Redeemer  
and his wondrous love to me;  
on the cruel cross he suffered,  
from the curse to set me free.  
Sing, O sing of my Redeemer!  
With his blood he purchased me;  
on the cross he sealed my pardon,  
paid the debt, and made me free.**

**2 I will tell the wondrous story,  
how my lost estate to save,  
in his boundless love and mercy,  
he the ransom freely gave.  
I will praise my dear Redeemer,  
his triumphant power I'll tell:  
how the victory he gives me  
over sin and death and hell.**

**3 I will sing of my Redeemer  
and his heavenly love for me;  
he from death to life has brought me,  
Son of God, with him to be.  
Sing, O sing of my Redeemer!  
With his blood he purchased me;  
on the cross he sealed my pardon,  
paid the debt, and made me free.**

**Text and Music: Philip P. Bliss**

**POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE**

**“On My Heart Imprint Your Image”**

*(LSB 422)*

**On my heart imprint Your image,  
Blessed 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!**

## **POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

Pastor: Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this Meal. Continually bring to our minds the profound reality that Jesus died for us, the ungodly, through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

## **BENEDICTION**     *Numbers 6:24–26*

Pastor: 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.

**People: Amen.**

## **CLOSING HYMN**     “Glory Be to Jesus”     *LSB 433*

**1. Glory be to Jesus,  
Who in bitter pains  
Poured for me the lifeblood  
From His sacred veins!**

**2. Grace and life eternal**

**In that blood I find;  
Bless be His compassion,  
Infinitively kind!**

**3.Blessed through endless ages  
Be the precious stream  
Which from endless torment  
Did the world redeem!**

**4.Abel's blood for vengeance  
Pleaded to the skies;  
But the blood of Jesus  
For our pardon cries.**

**5.Oft as earth exulting  
Wafts its praise on high,  
Angel hosts rejoicing  
Make their glad reply.**

**6.Lift we, then, our voices,  
Swell the mighty flood;  
Louder still and louder  
Praise the precious blood!**

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1 Peter 1:18-19; Eph. 1:6-8; Rev. 7:9-14**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT:**

**“Dedicated to knowing Christ and making Christ  
known to others”**

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- **Pastor: Rev. Dr. Timothy Oswald**
- **Liturgist (Sun.) Rev. Maurice Lind, Pastor Emeritus**
- **Sat. Organist: Lina Schaal**
- **Sun. Organist: George Kelm**
- **Choir Director: Gail Feick**
- **Ensemble Coordinator: Tabra Gomski**
- **A/V Team: Brian & Amanda Larie, Josh Walton  
Stan & Cheryl Grey**
  
- **EGG YOUR NEIGHBOR: We will be doing this again for Easter and need your help. First, we need donations of bags of candy to stuff the eggs. Candy needs to be wrapped and should be bite size/snack size that will fit in the eggs. A box is in the Narthex to collect the candy. AND, we need your help to stuff the eggs and put them in the bags that will be distributed. There will also be an insert showing the Holy Week and Easter services. The plan is to stuff the eggs and get the bags ready after Bible class on Sunday, March 10, so please join us for the fun!**
  
- **INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY: Scheduled services will be held in spite of inclement weather. Please use your best judgment to determine if you can safely attend.**
- **Please call (757-831-6948) or e-mail Pastor Oswald (oswald1@charter.net) with your prayer requests.**



- Please join us Wednesdays for Lenten Supper at 6pm and Lenten Worship at 7pm through March 20.

**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS TODAY**

**Duet:** Tabra Gomski and Dawn Oswald  
**Reader:** Mike Gomski  
**Communion:** Mike Gomski  
**Acolyte:** James Urban  
**Ushers:** Phyllis Klen & Kim Zembal  
**Fellowship:** Peggy Tueting

**NEXT WEEK**

**Reader:** Jm Tonkinson  
**Communion:** Jim Tonkinson  
**Acolyte:** Nathan Olsen  
**Ushers:** Mike & Tabra Gomski  
**Fellowship:** Phyllis Klen

**BIRTHDAYS**

**2/26** Jeannine Clark  
**3/2** Kevin Meyer

**Opportunities to Serve the Lord This Week**

**2/26/24 – 3/3/24**

**Wednesday: 6:00pm Lenten Supper  
7:00pm Lenten Worship**

**Saturday: 9:30am Worship Service**

**Sunday: 8:15am Choir Rehearsal  
9:00am Worship Service  
10:20am Bible Study “Theology of  
Suffering” and Sunday School  
5:00pm Bowling at Towne & Country**