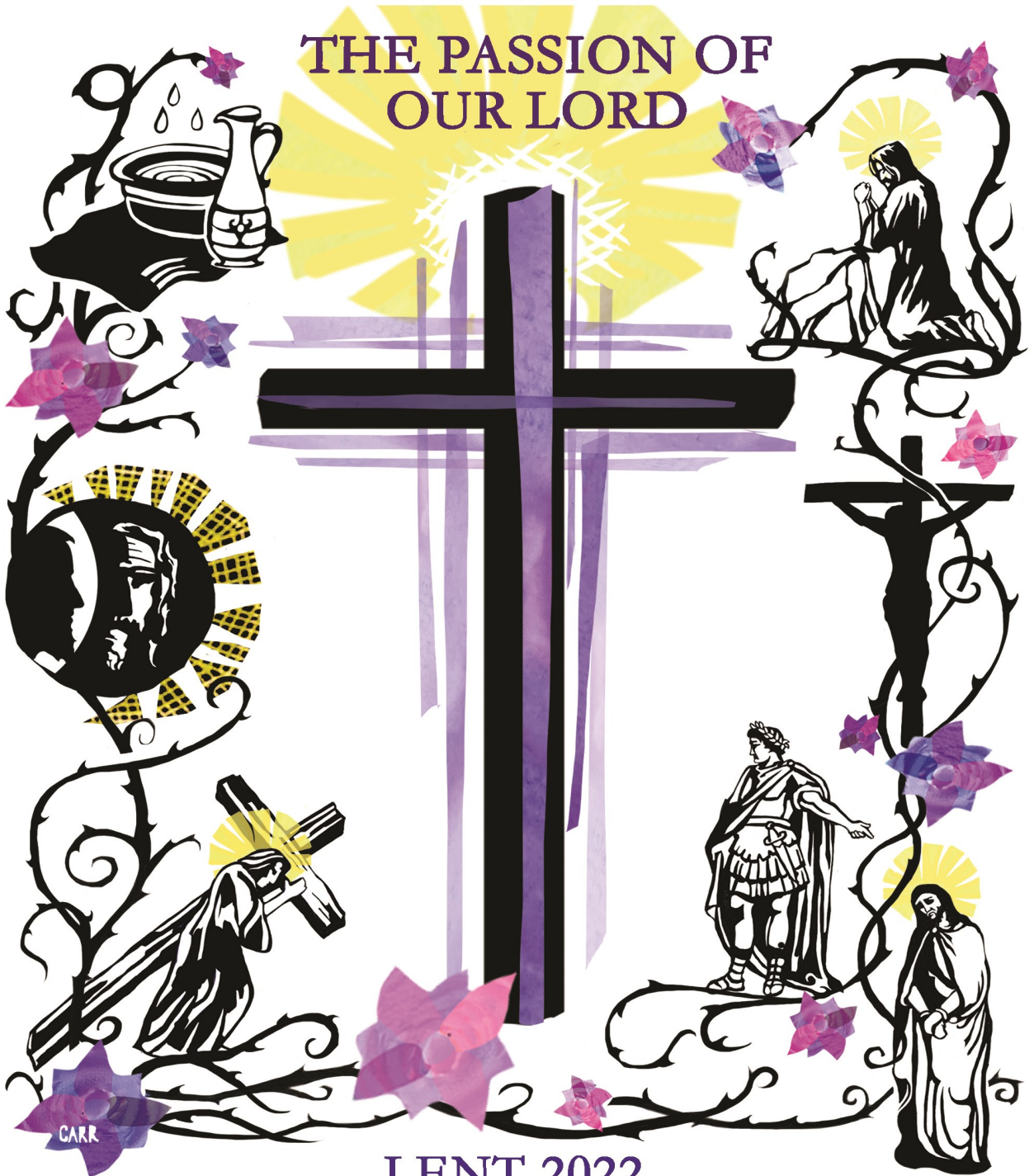


# THE PASSION OF OUR LORD



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RUTHFRED LUTHERAN CHURCH

# Welcome to Ruthfred Lutheran Church!

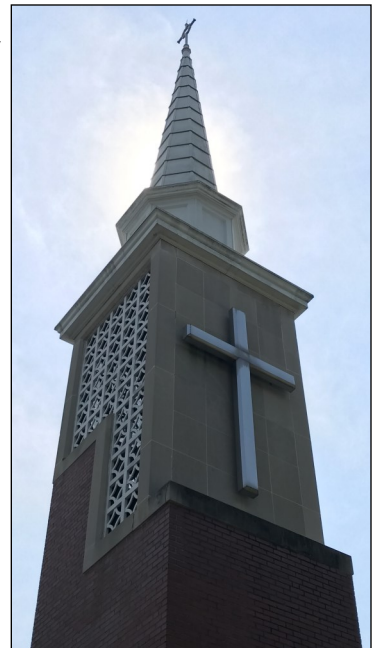
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**We are delighted to have you with us this morning as we gather to worship the Lord Jesus Christ.**

If you are visiting today, we are glad you are here! Whether you are visiting from out of town, seeking a new church home, or for any other reason, thank you for choosing to worship with us. We would love to get in touch with you. Please fill out your contact information in the red folder at the end of your pew, or fill out the information on the back cover of this bulletin, and place it in the offering basket.

## About Us:

- ♦ Since her opening service on Christmas Eve in 1948 and her charter the following year, Ruthfred Lutheran Church has been a congregation rooted in the conviction that the Bible is inspired by God, living and active, capable to produce faith in its hearers, and true and faithful in all its parts. As such, our preaching and teaching aim to be faithful to its correct interpretation and is central to our worship of God.
- ♦ Our Divine Service, called the “Common Service,” possesses a rich history that stems from the early days of the Lutheran Reformation. It is centered upon God’s Word, and proclaims the realities of God’s abundant grace in Jesus Christ from its start to its close. If this is a new form of worship for you, this bulletin will serve as a welcome companion. The order of service begins on page 3.
- ♦ The Divine Service begins as our organist begins the Prelude. When the music starts, please quiet your hearts as you prayerfully prepare for worship.



Our cover is a paper cut or *scherschnitte* created specially for our church by our very own Kathryn Carr. The artwork will reflect liturgical and Ruthfred-specific themes that occur throughout the year.

# The Divine Service of the Word

The Fourth Wednesday in Lent, March 23, 2022

**"Our Lord Is Tried Before Pilate"**

## **Prelude:**

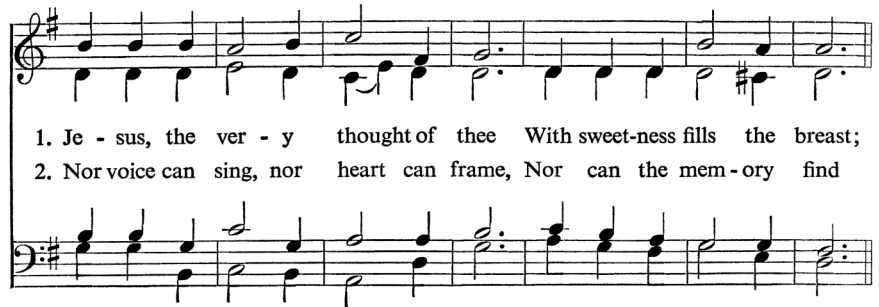
### **"Air from the Orchestral Suite in D"**

(J. S. Bach)


### **"Jesus the Very Thought of Thee"**

(SBH481)

(Please stand as we  
join our hearts in  
song)



1. Je - sus, the ver - y thought of thee With sweet-ness fills the breast;  
2. Nor voice can sing, nor heart can frame, Nor can the mem - ory find



But sweet-er far thy face to see, And in thy pres-ence rest.  
A sweet-er sound than thy blest Name, O Sav-iour of man-kind! A-men.

3 O hope of every contrite heart,  
O joy of all the meek,  
To those who fall, how kind thou art,  
How good to those who seek!

4 But what to those who find? Ah, this  
Nor tongue nor pen can show;  
The love of Jesus, what it is,  
None but his loved ones know.

5 Jesus, our only joy be thou,  
As thou our prize wilt be;  
Jesus, be thou our glory now,  
And through eternity. Amen.

*Ascribed to Bernard of Clairvaux, 1091–1153  
Tr. Edward Caswall, 1814–78*

We confess our sins at the beginning of each service, because we are coming into the presence of a holy God. Though we are sinners who daily struggle with sin, we are invited to come to Him to receive the forgiveness of sin earned for us by Jesus. Through this forgiveness, we are given a right standing before a holy God.

Because sin is both corporate and personal, we confess our sins together, and privately in the silence of our hearts.

The Absolution is based upon God's instruction in Luke 24:47 that repentance and the forgiveness of sins should be widely proclaimed in the name of Jesus. (See also 1

## **The Call to Worship and Invocation**

Pastor (P): We open this service in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Congregation (C): Amen**

## **The Confession of Sin**

Pastor (P): Let us continue by confessing our sin.

**Together:**

**Most merciful God, 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; and 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.**

## **The Absolution:**

**The Introit** (Read Responsively; Please stand)

P: O come, let us worship and bow down.

**C: Let us kneel before the Lord our maker. For he is our God.**

P: And we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand. O come, let us sing unto the Lord.

**C: Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.**

**The Gloria Patri** (Sung in Unison; SBH p. 17)

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

**The Reading of the Passion History 4** (Page 17)  
*"Jesus Before Pilate"*

**The Holy Gospel Lesson: Matthew 27:1, 2, 11-14**(NASB)

The Congregation shall rise and sing, **“Glory be to Thee, O Lord.”**

<sup>1</sup> Now when morning came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people conferred together against Jesus to put Him to death; <sup>2</sup> and they bound Him, and led Him away and delivered Him to Pilate the governor.

<sup>11</sup> Now Jesus stood before the governor, and the governor questioned Him, saying, “Are You the King of the Jews?” And Jesus said to him, “It is as you say.” <sup>12</sup> And while He was being accused by the chief priests and elders, He did not answer. <sup>13</sup> Then Pilate said to Him, “Do You not hear how many things they testify against You?” <sup>14</sup> And He did not answer him with regard to even a single charge, so the governor was quite amazed.

The Congregation shall sing, **“Praise be to Thee, O Christ.”**

During different seasons of the year, we confess our faith using Luther’s explanation of the 2nd Article of the Apostles’ Creed, which concerns the person and work of Jesus. In it we confess who Christ is, and what we believe about Him. This serves as a public witness of our faith, as well as personal and corporate affirmation of the salvation that is ours in Him.

**The Confession of Faith:** (Confessed in Unison)

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord: who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned creature, bought me and freed me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with silver and gold, but with His holy and precious blood, and with His innocent sufferings and death, in order that I might be His own, live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence and blessedness; even as He is risen from the dead, and lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.

### **The Special Music**

2:00 Will Charlton, piano—*Our Foundation, Our Guide* (arr. Ruth E. Schram)

7:30 Praise Team—*Amazing Love (You Are My King)* (Billy J. Foote; CCLI Song #2456623)

I'm forgiven because You were forsaken  
I'm accepted; You were condemned  
I'm alive and well, Your Spirit is within me  
Because You died and rose again

I'm forgiven because You were forsaken  
I'm accepted; You were condemned  
I'm alive and well, Your Spirit is within me  
Because You died and rose again

Amazing Love, how can it be  
That You, My King would die for me?  
Amazing love, I know it's true  
It's my joy to honor You  
In all I do, may I honor You

You are my King  
You are my King, Jesus  
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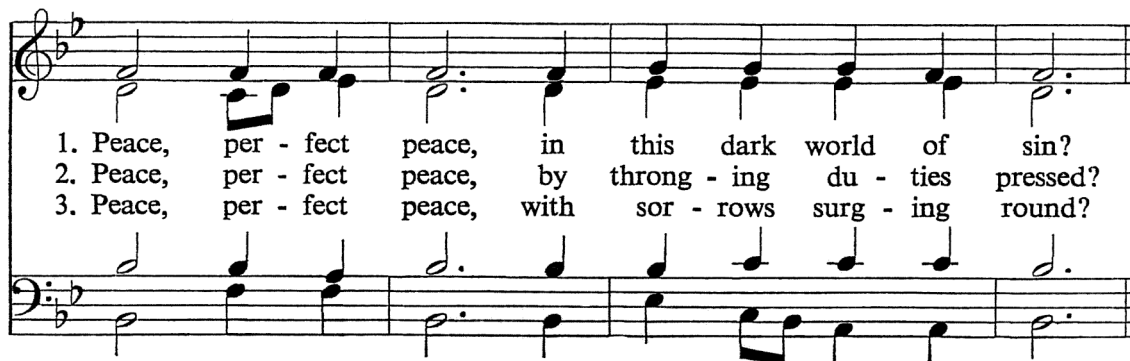
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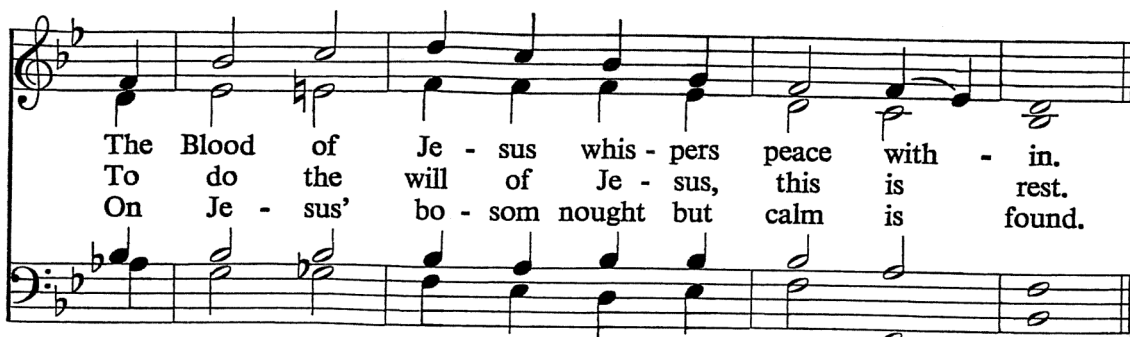
### **The Announcements**

## The Sermon Hymn:

"Peace, Perfect Peace" (SBH571)



1. Peace, per - fect peace, in this dark world of sin?  
2. Peace, per - fect peace, by throng - ing du - ties pressed?  
3. Peace, per - fect peace, with sor - rows surg - ing round?



The Blood of Je - sus whis - pers peace with - in.  
To do the will of Je - sus, this is rest.  
On Je - sus' bo - som nought but calm is found.

- 4 Peace, perfect peace, with loved ones far away?  
In Jesus' keeping we are safe, and they.
- 5 Peace, perfect peace, our future all unknown?  
Jesus we know, and he is on the throne.
- 6 Peace, perfect peace, death shadowing us and ours?  
Jesus has vanquished death and all its powers.
- 7 It is enough; earth's struggles soon shall cease,  
And Jesus call us to heaven's perfect peace.

*Edward Henry Bickersteth, 1825–1906*

The Sermon is the central component of our Worship. In it, we hear God's Word taught and explained. We hear His Law, convicting of sin and guiding the believer. We also hear the promises of His Gospel, the Good News of Christ's work for us—His redemption, forgiveness and provision of life eternal.

### **The Sermon:**

"Our Lord Is Tried Before Pilate" | Matthew 27:1, 2, 11-14

### **The Offertory Response** (Sung in Unison; Please Stand)

**Create in me a clean heart, O God: and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence: and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation: and uphold me with Thy free Spirit.** (Psalm 51:10-12)



**The Closing & Silent Prayer** (Please bow or kneel in prayer)

**The Lord's Prayer** (Prayed in Unison)

**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; 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 Benediction**

P: May the Lord bless you and keep you.

May He make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you

May He lift up His countenance upon you and give you His peace.

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

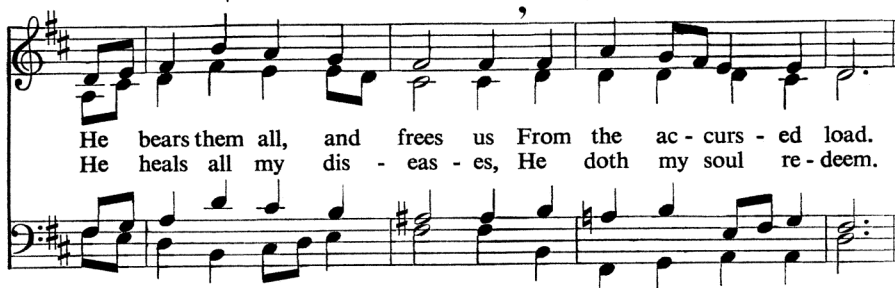
(Numbers 6:24-26)

**C: Amen.**

**The Closing Hymn:**  
**"I Lay My Sins on Jesus"** (SBH 492)



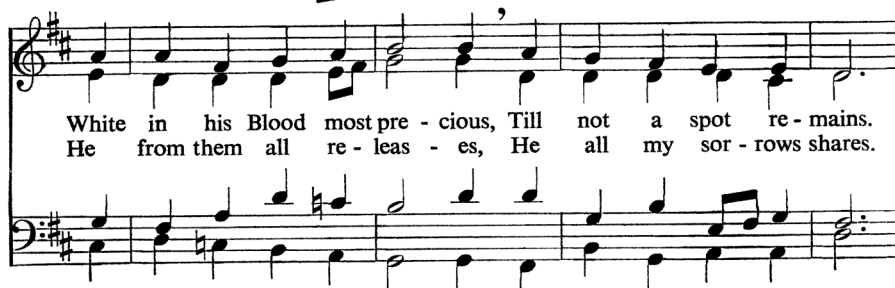
1. I lay my sins on Je - sus, The spot - less Lamb of God;  
 2. I lay my wants on Je - sus; All full - ness dwells in him;



He bears them all, and frees us From the ac - curs - ed load.  
 He heals all my dis - eas - es, He doth my soul re - deem.



I bring my guilt to Je - sus, To wash my crim - son stains  
 I lay my griefs on Je - sus, My bur - dens and my cares;



White in his Blood most pre - cious, Till not a spot re - mains.  
 He from them all re - leas - es, He all my sor - rows shares.

3 I long to be like Jesus,  
 Meek, loving, lowly, mild;  
 I long to be, like Jesus,  
 The Father's holy child.

I long to be with Jesus,  
 Amid the heavenly throng,  
 To sing with saints his praises,  
 To learn the angels' song.

*Horatius Bonar, 1808-89*

**The Silent Prayer & Chimes**

We welcome you to our service. This is a time of deep reflection and commitment. Let us make every effort to attend all Lenten services and spend time in fellowship with our Lord and Savior, Jesus. Christ.



## Prayer Requests

Please use this space to let the  
pastors, elders and/or church  
know of your prayer needs.

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- ☐ Please keep this request Private (to be kept amongst the pastors and vicar only).
- ☐ Please make this request known to the Ruthfred prayer team and announce it to the congregation when appropriate.

## Visiting with us?

Please use this tear-off section to help us get to know a little bit about you and how we may best serve you.

If you have a specific concern or prayer request, please use the space on the other side of this fold.

Date:

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Name:

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Children:

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Address:

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Phone (indicate home, cell, etc.)

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Email:

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I am a/an:

- ☐ 1st-Time Visitor
- ☐ 2nd-Time Visitor
- ☐ Out-of-Town Visitor
- ☐ Regular Attendee

I would like to learn more about:

- ☐ What It Means To Be a Christian
- ☐ Church Membership
- ☐ Ruthfred's Ministries or Groups
- ☐ Ways To Share My Gifts

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