

**LENTEN MIDWEEK SERVICE**  
10:00 AM and 6:00 PM  
Wednesday, March 13, 2013  
*The Price Paid for our Redemption*

**PRELUDE**

**HYMN #709**

**“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”**

The King of love my shepherd is, Whose goodness faileth never;  
I nothing lack if I am His And He is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow, My ransomed soul He leadeth  
And, where the verdant pastures grow, With food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, But yet in love He sought me  
And on His shoulder gently laid And home rejoicing brought me.

In death’s dark vale I fear no ill With Thee, dear Lord, beside me,  
Thy rod and staff my comfort still, Thy cross before to guide me.

Thou spreadst a table in my sight; Thine unction grace bestoweth;  
And, oh, what transport of delight From Thy pure chalice floweth!

And so through all the length of days Thy goodness faileth never;  
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise Within Thy house forever!

(Rise)

**INVOCATION AND SENTENCES**

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

**People: Amen.**

Pastor: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our  
sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus  
Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**People: who made heaven and earth.**

Pastor: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**People: and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

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Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father,

**People: 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; 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: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for  
His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ  
He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them  
the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it  
to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**People: Amen.**

**PSALM 2** *Responsively, half verse by half verse; all join in the Gloria*

Pastor: Why do the nations rage

**People: And the peoples plot in vain?**

Pastor: The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel  
together,

**People: against the Lord and against his anointed, saying,**

Pastor: “Let us burst their bonds apart

**People: and cast away their cords from us.”**

Pastor: He who sits in the heavens laughs,

**People: The Lord holds them in derision.**

Pastor: Then he will speak to them in his wrath,

**People: and terrify them in his fury, saying,**

Pastor: “As for me, I have set my King

**People: on Zion, my holy hill.”**

Pastor: I will tell of the decree:

**People: The Lord said to me, “You are my Son; today I have begotten you.**

Pastor: Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage,

**People: and the ends of the earth your possession.**

Pastor: You shall break them with a rod of iron

**People: and dash them in pieces like a potter’s vessel.”**

Pastor: Now therefore, O kings, be wise;

**People: be warned, O rulers of the earth.**

Pastor: Serve the Lord with fear,

**People: and rejoice with trembling.**

Pastor: Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and you perish in the way, for his wrath is  
quickly kindled.

**People: Blesséd are all who take refuge in him.**

**All: 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.**

**SALUTATION**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

**COLLECT**

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty God, your Son, Jesus, was arraigned before Herod and Pilate, earthly rulers who will one day stand before Him on the Day of Judgment. They conspired together against Jesus, according to your set plan, and handed Him over to be crucified for our salvation. Grant us to stand in awe of the mysteries of your ways, rejoice that Jesus was willing to suffer for our redemption, and humbly serve Him who is King of kings and Lord of lords; 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.**

(Be seated)

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** Isaiah 49:1-7 Listen to me, O coastlands, and give attention, you peoples from afar. The LORD called me from the womb, from the body of my mother he named my name. He made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow; in his quiver he hid me away. And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." But I said, "I have labored in vain; I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my right is with the LORD, and my recompense with my God." And now the LORD says, he who formed me from the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him; and that Israel might be gathered to him—for I am honored in the eyes of the LORD, and my God has become my strength—he says: "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to bring back the preserved of Israel; I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth." Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nation, the servant of rulers: "Kings shall see and arise; princes, and they shall prostrate themselves; because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** Acts 4:24-31 And when they heard it, they lifted their voices together to God and said, "Sovereign Lord, who made the heaven and the earth and the sea and everything in them, who through the mouth of our father David, your servant, said by the Holy Spirit, "'Why did the Gentiles rage, and the peoples plot in vain? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers were gathered together, against the Lord and against his Anointed'—for truly in

this city there were gathered together against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, along with the Gentiles and the peoples of Israel, to do whatever your hand and your plan had predestined to take place. And now, Lord, look upon their threats and grant to your servants to continue to speak your word with all boldness, while you stretch out your hand to heal, and signs and wonders are performed through the name of your holy servant Jesus." And when they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak the word of God with boldness.

(Rise)

**GOSPEL** Matthew 27:11-26 Now Jesus stood before the governor, and the governor asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus said, "You have said so." But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he gave no answer. Then Pilate said to him, "Do you not hear how many things they testify against you?" But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed. Now at the feast the governor was accustomed to release for the crowd any one prisoner whom they wanted. And they had then a notorious prisoner called Barabbas. So when they had gathered, Pilate said to them, "Whom do you want me to release for you: Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?" For he knew that it was out of envy that they had delivered him up. Besides, while he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, "Have nothing to do with that righteous man, for I have suffered much because of him today in a dream." Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowd to ask for Barabbas and destroy Jesus. The governor again said to them, "Which of the two do you want me to release for you?" And they said, "Barabbas." Pilate said to them, "Then what shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?" They all said, "Let him be crucified!" And he said, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Let him be crucified!" So when Pilate saw that he was gaining nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, "I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves." And all the people answered, "His blood be on us and on our children!" Then he released for them Barabbas, and having scourged Jesus, delivered him to be crucified.

**THE APOSTLES' CREED**

(Be seated)

**HYMN #439 "O Dearest Jesus, What Law Hast Thou Broken"**

(Stanzas 1-5)

O dearest Jesus, what law hast Thou broken  
That such sharp sentence should on Thee be spoken?  
Of what great crime hast Thou to make confession, What dark transgression?

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They crown Thy head with thorns, they smite, they scourge Thee;  
With cruel mocking to the cross they urge Thee;  
They give Thee gall to drink, they still decry Thee; They crucify Thee.

Whence come these sorrows, whence this mortal anguish?  
It is my sins for which Thou, Lord, must languish;  
Yea, all the wrath, the woe, Thou dost inherit, This I do merit.

What punishment so strange is suffered yonder!  
The Shepherd dies for sheep that loved to wander;  
The Master pays the debt His servants owe Him, Who would not know Him.

The sinless Son of God must die in sadness;  
The sinful child of man may live in gladness;  
Man forfeited his life and is acquitted; God is committed.

## MESSAGE

### "The Passion Before Pilate"

Matthew 27:11-26

**OFFERING** As your offering is collected, please sign our attendance book located at the end of the pew. If you are a visitor, please leave your address and phone. After you are finished, please pass the book along to others in your pew, and return the book to the center aisle.

(Rise)

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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Pastor: Friends in Christ, I urge you all to lift up your hearts to God and pray with me as Christ our Lord has taught us and freely promised to hear us. God, our Father in heaven, look with mercy on us, your needy children on earth, and grant us grace that your holy name be hallowed by us and all the world through the pure and true teaching of your Word and the fervent love shown forth in our lives. Graciously turn from us all false doctrine and evil living whereby your precious name is blasphemed and profaned. Lord, in your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: May your kingdom come to us and expand. Bring all transgressors and those who are blinded and bound in the devil's kingdom to know Jesus Christ, your Son, by faith that the number of Christians may be increased. Lord, in your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Strengthen us by your Spirit according to your will, both in life and in death, in the midst of both good and evil things, that our own wills may be crucified daily and sanctified to your good and gracious will. Into your merciful hands we commend all who are in need, praying for them at all times: Thy will be done. Lord, in your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Grant us our daily bread, preserve us from greed and selfish cares, and help us trust in you to provide for all our needs. Lord, in your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Forgive us our sins as we also forgive those who sin against us so that our hearts may be at peace and may rejoice in a good conscience before you, and that no sin may ever frighten or alarm us. Lord, in your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Lead us not into temptation, O Lord, but help us by your Spirit to subdue our flesh, to turn from the world and its ways, and to overcome the devil with all his wiles. Lord, in your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: And lastly, O heavenly Father, deliver us from all evil of both body and soul, now and forever. Lord, in your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: We trust, O Lord, in your great mercy to hear and answer us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**People: Amen.**

## BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION

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Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

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.**

## HYMN #528

### "Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

(Stanzas 1-3, 6-7)

Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing My great Redeemer's praise,  
The glories of my God and King, The triumphs of His grace!

My gracious Master and my God, Assist me to proclaim,  
To spread through all the earth abroad, The honors of Thy name.

Jesus! The name that charms our fears, That bids our sorrows cease;  
'Tis music in the sinner's ears, 'Tis life and health and peace.

See all your sins on Jesus laid; The Lamb of God was slain.  
His soul was once an off'ring made For ev'ry soul of man.

To God all glory, praise, and love Be now and ever giv'n  
By saints below and saints above, The Church in earth and heav'n.

Worship Leader  
Lectors  
Acolyte  
Organist

Pastor Harold Bender  
Frank Gabler, Jodi Drew  
Ben Reinhardt  
Roger Gottschalk

**Mid-Week Lenten Worship**

March 20<sup>th</sup> 10:00am & 6:00pm

**Lenten Dinner**

March 20<sup>th</sup> 4:45pm

Chicken noodle casserole, tossed green salad,  
French bread, dessert.

**Holy Week Worship**

March 23rd & 24th **Palm Sunday** 5:00pm (Saturday)  
8:00am & 10:30am (Sunday)  
March 28th **Maundy Thursday** 10:00am & 6:00pm  
March 29th **Good Friday** 1:00 & 6:00pm

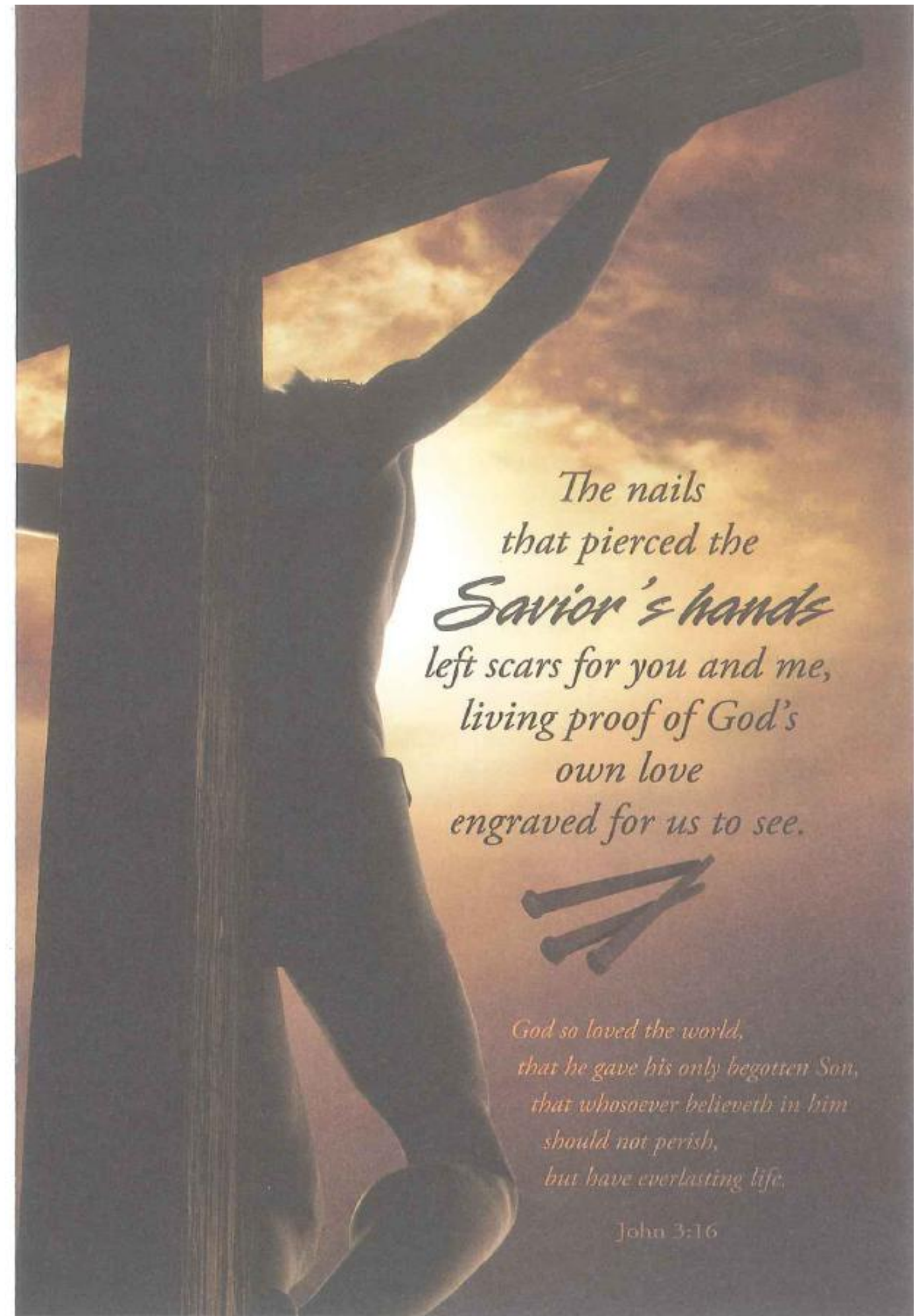
*"He's risen, He's risen, Christ Jesus, the Lord"* LSB #480

*Celebrate with us at*

*7:00, 9:00 or 11:00am*

*Easter Sunday March 31st.*

*St. Paul's Rangers will be serving an Easter Breakfast  
beginning at 8:00am in the Fellowship Hall*



*The nails  
that pierced the  
Savior's hands  
left scars for you and me,  
living proof of God's  
own love  
engraved for us to see.*



*God so loved the world,  
that he gave his only begotten Son,  
that whosoever believeth in him  
should not perish,  
but have everlasting life.*

John 3:16