

7:00pm ~ March 2, 2016

#### WELCOME and RELATIONSHIPS of PEACE

**OPENING SONG "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"** [LW 113, v. 1, 3, 5, 6]

#### **INVOCATION**

- P: In your baptism, you received the sign of the cross on your forehead and on your heart to mark you as one redeemed by Christ, the crucified.
- C: The sign of the cross always reminds us who we are and to Whom we belong.
- P: In the name of the Father, and of the ♣ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: Amen. We are marked with God's name, and we now live under the sign of the cross! Amen.

# SCRIPTURE Romans 8:18-28 [NIV84]

<sup>18</sup>I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. <sup>19</sup>The creation waits in eager expectation for the sons of God to be revealed. <sup>20</sup>For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope <sup>21</sup>that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the glorious freedom of the children of God.

<sup>22</sup>We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. <sup>23</sup>Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. <sup>24</sup>For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what he already has? <sup>25</sup>But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.

<sup>26</sup>In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express. <sup>27</sup>And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints in accordance with God's will. <sup>28</sup>And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

**SERMON HYMN** "On My Heart Imprint Your Image" [LW 100]

SERMON "ADOPTION"

# **SERMON RESPONSE** "On My Heart Imprint Your Image" [LW 100]

**OFFERING** "What Wondrous Love is This"

arr. John Carter

### PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

**CLOSING HYMN "Lord of All Hopefulness"** [LSB 738]

#### **BENEDICTION**

### **LUTHER'S EVENING PRAYER**

C: I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

**POSTLUDE** "Prelude in E minor"

J.S. Bach

SERMON: Rev. James L Mueller LITURGIST: Rev. Morgan Hamilton

# **HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE:**

Palm Sunday Worship | March 20 | 8:30a & 11:00a Mission Festival | Sunday, March 20 | 4pm | RSVP Online! Maundy Thursday Worship | March 24 | 7:00p Good Friday Worship | March 25 | 6:00p & 8:00p Easter Celebration & Egg Hunt | March 26 | 9:00-10:45a

## **EASTER SUNDAY SCHEDULE:**

Easter Sunrise Worship | March 27 | 7:00a Easter Breakfast | March 27 | 7:30-9:30a | Register Online Easter Celebration Worship | March 27 | 8:00a, 9:30a & 11:00a

