



# Alamance Lutheran Church

Alamance, NC

## The Passion of Our Lord

Good Friday

March 30, 2018

7:00pm

## **WELCOME to**

### **Alamance Lutheran Church**

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## **OFFICE HOURS**

Mon. – Thurs. 9:00a – 12:00p

and by appointment

**If you are a guest with us today, please sign the guest registry located in the hallway as you enter the chapel.**

***Also, Pastor Ron would like all worshippers to sign the Communion record book found at the end of each pew, denoting any prayer concerns and requests for pastoral visits. Thank you.***

## **CLERGY:**

**Rev. Ron Philabaum, *Pastor***

## **STAFF:**

**Kay Howe, *Bookkeeper***

**Matt Swaim, *Director of Contemporary Music;*  
*Coordinator for Media and Publications***

**Joy Rust, *Director of Traditional Music***

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## **GENERAL WEEKLY CALENDAR**

### **Sunday**

8:30 Contemporary Worship

10:00 Sunday School

11:00 Traditional Worship

For a complete calendar of events, please see our monthly newsletter or our website.

### **Large Print Bulletins Are Available**

Call the church office and request one in advance.

**Bulletins can be accessed from our website**, [www.alamancelutheran.org](http://www.alamancelutheran.org), on the “Publications” page for viewing on your mobile device.

As Lutherans we understand that in, with and under the forms of bread and wine, we receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. We do not pretend to understand how this can be, we trust only in the promises he made—“this is my body...” and “this is my blood” Matthew 26, Mark 13, Luke 22, and I Corinthians 11. **If you are visiting with us, you are welcome to receive this gift with us.** We offer either wine or grape juice for those who prefer it. The pre-filled glasses contain juice. For people unable to tolerate gluten in their diet, gluten-free bread is available. Simply say “gluten free” when bread is offered.

**Restrooms** are located between the sanctuary and the chapel near the church office and are accessed via the steps and ramp to the rear of the chapel.

## THE GATHERING

*All gather in silence.*

### **PRELUDE (7:00PM)**

#### **“Death with Dignity”**

*Words and music by Sufjan Stevens and Matt Swaim*

*Spirit of my silence I can hear you, but I'm afraid to be near you  
And I don't know where to begin  
And I don't know where to begin*

*Somewhere in the desert there's a forest, and an acre before us  
But I don't know where to begin  
Yes I don't know where to begin  
Again I lost my strength completely, oh be near me just as I am  
With the thorns in your hair*

*Frankincense and flowers on the table, is it real or a fable?  
Well I suppose a friend is a friend  
And we all know how this will end*

*Chimney swift that finds me be my keeper, silhouette on the cedar  
What is that song you sing for the dead?  
What is that song you sing for the dead?  
I can see the first rays of the morning, in the window of my room  
I never knew you before*

*I forgive you father I can hear you, and I long to be near you  
But every road leads to an end  
Yes every road leads to an end  
Your apparition passes through me, in the willows and three red hens  
You'll be with me again  
And You'll be with me again*

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P:** Let us pray.

**C:** Almighty God, look with loving mercy on your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, to be given over to the hands of sinners, and to suffer death on the cross; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

**THE WORD****FIRST READING****Isaiah 52:13--53:12**

L The first reading is from the 52<sup>nd</sup> chapter of Isaiah.

See, my servant shall prosper; he shall be exalted and lifted up, and shall be very high. Just as there were many who were astonished at him—so marred was his appearance, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of mortals—so he shall startle many nations; kings shall shut their mouths because of him; for that which had not been told them they shall see, and that which they had not heard they shall contemplate. Who has believed what we have heard? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him. He was despised and rejected by others; a man of suffering and acquainted with infirmity; and as one from whom others hide their faces he was despised, and we held him of no account.

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. He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. By a perversion of justice 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. When you make his life an offering for sin, 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.

L: Word of God, word of life,

**C: Thanks Be To God.**

**SECOND READING****Hebrews 10:16-25**

L The second reading is from the 10<sup>th</sup> chapter of Hebrews.

And every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, “he sat down at the right hand of God,” and since then has been waiting “until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet.” For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us, for after saying, “This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds,” he also adds, “I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.” Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

L: Word of God, word of life,

**C: Thanks Be To God.**

*Please rise and remain standing as you are able.*

**THE HOLY GOSPEL**

P: The Holy Gospel according to John (18:1—19:42).

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

**SERMON****Rev. Ron Philabaum**

“So What’s Good About it?”

*A silence for reflection follows the sermon. Please stand for the Lighting of Candles.*

**THE LIGHTING OF CANDLES**

*Those desiring to honor or remember a friend or loved one may come forward to light a candle for them or to the glory of God during the chanting of the Taizé hymn.*

**ELW 348**

**“Stay with Me”**

**BIDDING PRAYERS***(ELW p. 263)*

*The congregation stands as they are able. The assisting minister leads the invitations to prayer (the bids).  
Silence for prayer follows each bid. The presiding minister leads the prayers that conclude the silence.*

A Let us pray, brothers and sisters, for the holy church throughout the world.

*Silent prayer.*

P Almighty and eternal God, you have shown your glory to all nations in Jesus Christ. By your Holy Spirit guide the church and gather it throughout the world. Help it to persevere in faith, proclaim your name, and bring the good news of salvation in Christ to all people. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Let us pray for Tim Smith and Elizabeth Eaton, our bishops, for Ron Philabaum, our pastor, and all servants of the church, and for all the people of God.

*Silent prayer.*

P Almighty and eternal God, your Spirit guides the church and makes it holy. Strengthen and uphold our bishops, pastors, other ministers, and lay leaders. Keep them in health and safety for the good of the church, and help each of us in our various vocations to do faithfully the work to which you have called us. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Let us pray for those preparing for baptism.

*Silent prayer.*

P Almighty and eternal God, you continue to bless the church. Increase the faith and understanding of those preparing for baptism. Give them new birth as your children, and keep them in the faith and communion of your holy church. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Let us pray for our sisters and brothers who share our faith in Jesus Christ.

*Silent prayer.*

P Almighty and eternal God, you give your church unity. Look with favor on all who follow Jesus your Son. Make all the baptized one in the fullness of faith, and keep us united in the fellowship of love. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Let us pray for the Jewish people, the first to hear the word of God.

*Silent prayer.*

P Almighty and eternal God, long ago you gave your promise to Abraham and your teaching to Moses. Hear our prayers that the people you called and elected as your own may receive the fulfillment of the covenant's promises. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Let us pray for those who do not share our faith in Jesus Christ.

*Silent prayer.*

P Almighty and eternal God, gather into your embrace all those who call out to you under different names. Bring an end to inter-religious strife, and make us more faithful witnesses of the love made known to us in your Son. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Let us pray for those who do not believe in God.

*Silent prayer.*

P Almighty and eternal God, you created humanity so that all may long to know you and find peace in you. Grant that all may recognize the signs of your love and grace in the world and in the lives of Christians, and gladly acknowledge you as the one true God. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Let us pray for God's creation.

*Silent prayer.*

P Almighty and eternal God, you are the creator of a magnificent universe. Hold all the worlds in the arms of your care and bring all things to fulfillment in you. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Let us pray for those who serve in public office.

*Silent prayer.*

P Almighty and eternal God, you are the champion of the poor and oppressed. In your goodness, give wisdom to those in authority, so that all people may enjoy justice, peace, and freedom. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Let us pray for those in need.

*Silent prayer.*

P Almighty and eternal God, you give strength to the weary and new courage to those who have lost heart. Heal the sick, comfort the dying, give safety to travelers, free those unjustly deprived of liberty, and deliver your world from falsehood, hunger, and disease. Hear the prayers of all who call on you in any trouble, that they may have the joy of receiving your help in their need. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Finally, let us pray for all those things for which our Lord would have us ask.

*All whisper the Lord's Prayer.*

**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.**

*Please be seated.*

### **PROCESSION OF THE CROSS**

*(ELW p. 264)*

*A large cross is carried in procession through the church and placed before the congregation. The congregation stands and faces the cross as it is brought forward.*

P Behold the life-giving cross, on which was hung the Savior of the whole world.

**C Oh, come, let us worship him.**

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P Behold the life-giving cross, on which was hung the Savior of the whole world.

**C Oh, come, let us worship him.**

P We glory in your cross, O Lord, and we praise your holy resurrection, for by your cross joy has come into the world. May God be merciful and bless us; may the light of God's face shine upon us. Let your way be known upon earth, your saving health among all nations. We glory in your cross, O Lord, and we praise your holy resurrection, for by your cross joy has come into the world. Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. May God give us blessing, and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe. We glory in your cross, O Lord, and we praise your holy resurrection, for by your cross joy has come into the world.

*After a brief silence, the presiding minister continues.*

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

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

### "Mystery of Love"

*Words and music by Sufjan Stevens and Matt Swaim*

*Oh, to see without my eyes  
Betrayed when first you kissed me  
Boundless by the time I cried  
I built your walls around me  
Whips crack, what an awful sound  
Nailed upon a dog-wood  
Feel my feet above the ground  
Hand of God, deliver me*

*Oh, woe is me  
The first time that I called out  
Oh, will wonders ever cease?  
Blessed be the mystery of love*

*Lord, I no longer believe  
Drowned in living waters  
Saved by the love that I received  
From my Lord my father  
Like the other two who died  
Remembered in your kingdom  
Now my riverbed has dried  
Shall I find no other?*

*Oh, woe is me  
Why have you forsaken me?  
Oh, will wonders ever cease?  
Blessed be the mystery of love*

*How much sorrow can I take?  
Blackbird on my shoulder  
And what difference does it make  
When this love is over?  
Shall I fall upon my knees?  
River of unhappiness  
Hold your hands upon my head  
Till I breathe my last breath*

*Oh, woe is me  
I said "it is finished"  
Oh, will wonders ever cease?  
Blessed be the mystery of love*

**All depart in silence.** *Worshippers may reverence the cross before they depart. Reverencing the cross may include actions such as pausing before the cross, bowing, kneeling before it for prayer, or touching it.*



PARISH CALENDAR**Friday, March 30****Good Friday**

7:00pm Good Friday Passion Worship  
(Chapel)

**Saturday, March 31**

Easter Vigil (The Chapel and Sanctuary will be open all day for prayer and meditation)

**Sunday, April 1****Easter Sunday**

7:00am Sunrise Service (Cemetery)  
 8:00am Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)  
 8:45am Easter Egg and Hunt and Games  
 9:15am Chapel Choir Sound Check  
 9:25am Alamance Ringers Rehearsal  
 9:45am Chancel Choir Rehearsal  
 10:30am Easter Celebration Worship

**Monday, April 2**

6:00pm PoundFit

**Wednesday, April 4**

10:00am Alanon  
 10:30am Bible Study at Low's  
 6:30pm Chapel Choir Practice

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**PLEASE CONTINUE TO WORSHIP WITH US DURING THIS SPECIAL TIME OF THE CHURCH YEAR:**

- ***Easter Vigil, Saturday, March 31<sup>st</sup>***, the chapel and the sanctuary will be open all day for those who would like to meditate or pray.
- ***Easter Morning, April 1<sup>st</sup>***:
  - *Sunrise Service*, 7:00am in the Cemetery.
  - *Breakfast* will be served following the sunrise service in the fellowship hall at around 8:00am. If you are interested in helping to prepare breakfast, please bring breakfast casseroles, fruit, pastries, etc. Unbaked casseroles can be left in the church refrigerator on Saturday evening and the men will bake them on Sunday morning.
  - *Easter Egg Hunt and Games*, 8:45am. All children are invited to an egg hunt and games Easter morning. The older children will hide eggs at 8:30am.
  - *Easter Celebration Worship*, 10:30am in the Sanctuary. A festive worship service will be held with special music and instrumentalists to celebrate Christ's resurrection.