

# ELIZABETH LEE METHODIST CHURCH

Our Vision: "To love God and to love others just like Jesus."

Sunday, March 10, 2024

11:00 a.m.

4th Sunday in Lent

Liturgical Color: Purple

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

Ollie Elleman, Ayla Elleman

PRELUDE

Alex Mejias, Organist

OPENING PRAYER

\*HYMN 23

*Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty*

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!**

**Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;**

**Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty! God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!**

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!**

**All Thy works shall praise Thy name, in earth and sky and sea;**

**Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty! God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!**

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH 'The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;**

**and 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, dead and buried;**

**the third day He rose from the dead;**

**He ascended into heaven,**

**and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;**

**from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,**

**the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,**

**the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

\*GLORIA PATRI

**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. Amen.**

RITUAL OF CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

HUNGER BANK

\*CHORUS 49

*Be Thou My Vision*

**Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;  
naught be all else to me, save that Thou art;  
Thou my best thought by day or by night,  
waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.**

**Be Thou my Wisdom and Thou my true Word;  
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;  
Thou my great Father, and I Thy true son,  
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.**

MORNING PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

OFFERTORY

*It Is Well*

Tim & Heather Roark, Alex Mejias, Pianist

\*DOXOLOGY **Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;**

**Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;**

**Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 1:18-23

Patty Board

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 11:12-14

MESSAGE

**"Does Jesus Really Curse Us?"**

Rev. Zach Fitzpatrick

LENT SERMON SERIES: Journey To The Cross

\*HYMN 47

*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

**Guide me, O my great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land;  
I am weak, but you art mighty; hold me with Thy pow'rful hand.  
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more,  
feed me till I want no more.**

**When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside.  
Death of death, and hell's Destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side.  
Songs of praises, songs of praises I will ever give to Thee,  
I will ever give to Thee.**

BENEDICTION

\*Stand as able.



@ Elizabeth Lee Methodist  
March 10, 2024 - 9:00 a.m.

*Lion*

*God So Loved*

*Reckless Love*

Apostles' Creed / Hunger Bank / Morning Prayer / Lord's Prayer

Offertory - *Lead Me To The Cross*

Scripture Lesson - Mark 11:12-14

Message - **"Does Jesus Really Curse Us?"** - Rev. Zach Fitzpatrick

LENT SERMON SERIES: Journey To The Cross

*Jesus Paid It All*

Benediction



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**WELCOME TO ELIZABETH LEE!** If you are a first time guest at our 9 a.m. service at The Well in the Lillian Ellis Center, please fill out the connection card in the bulletin and place it in the offering plate & stop by the Welcome desk, located by the entrance, to pick up a welcome gift.

If you are a first-time guest at the 11 a.m. service, please fill out the connection card in the bulletin and place it in the offering plate & stop by the Welcome Center in the corridor to your right as you exit the Sanctuary to pick up a welcome gift.



### **ELEE KIDS & YOUTH**

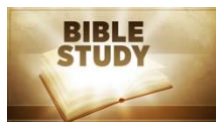
5:30 p.m. Dinner  
6-7 p.m. Kids & Youth



**COMMUNITY GARDEN** - Anyone interested in being part of the group that starts a Community Garden at Matthew's House is invited to an exploratory planning meeting **Monday, March 11**, at 6 p.m. in the Food Pantry.

### **NEW LADIES MONDAY MORNING BIBLE**

**STUDY** - This is a 7 week Bible study during the season of Lent on **Mondays (Feb. 19 - March 25)** at 10:30 a.m. in the Food Pantry. The session should last about 1 hour. This class is for all women of the church.



The book is *From Death to Life: 40 days of dying to self + living for Christ*, it is \$10 and can be purchased at this website: <https://thedailygraceco.com/products/death-to-life-40-days-of-dying-to-self-and-living-for-christ>

**A NEW SMALL GROUP (SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS)** for Young Adults in their 20's & 30's has begun and is meeting in Matthew's House at 10 a.m. between the two worship services! All are welcome! We'd love to have you! If interested in more information, find Dylan Queen, or reach out to him at [dqueen@elmc.church](mailto:dqueen@elmc.church) or at 706-639-7887.



**NURSERY WORKER** - ELMC is seeking Nursery Workers to support our worship services on Sundays and other church events. (2 paid positions available at \$20/hr) The position will offer 3-6 hours a month with a possibility of more hours in the

future. Must be 18 years of age or older, pass a background check and be CPR certified or attend a CPR Class (*paid for by the church*). If interested, please email Stacey Barclay at [SBarclay@elmc.church](mailto:SBarclay@elmc.church)



**GRADUATE SUNDAY** is coming up fast! We would love to honor and celebrate your senior in high school or college with you in both services on May 5. Please contact Amber Burns at [aburns@elmc.church](mailto:aburns@elmc.church) to let her know about your senior's graduation.

**EASTER LILIES** - The Altar Guild invites you to place Easter Lilies in the Sanctuary and the Well. Please complete the form below with **\$9.00 per plant** and place it in the offering plate or return it to the church office by **Sunday, March 17**.



### **Easter Lilies**

*Please place my order for \_\_\_\_ Easter Lilies at \$9 each.*

In honor of \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

Given by \_\_\_\_\_

### **Cancer Patients**

Don Towns  
Sheila Evans  
Mike Nitschke  
Eric Carreathers  
Grady Stewart  
Sarah Lou  
Esther James  
Brenda Mendenhall  
Sybil Topel  
Greg Stewart  
Sheila Brock  
Massimo Sciarretta  
Ed Graham  
Daniet Thompson  
Amy Nave  
Carla Garner

### **Health Concerns**

Gary Dykes  
Jim Sikes  
Rick Bruyette  
Debra Merciers  
Ann Ledbetter  
Jeff Brown  
Joy Gentry  
Patsy Jacoby  
Jane Johnson  
Charlie Wallace  
Kassandra Avery  
Steve Dean  
Doug Jordan  
Jeri Harris  
Amber Kaiser  
Gabi Pietsch  
Jake Ledbetter  
Jeff Conklin  
David Watson, Sr.

### **Home/Asst. Living**

Martha Crowder  
Eldon Decker  
Jane Martin  
Jerry Berwanger  
Dorothy Caldwell  
Peggy Young  
Nella Maynor  
Mary Veazey

### **Special Request**

Mike & Jane O'Neal  
Ed & Jacqueline Green  
Robert & Dianne Thacker  
The Fleming Family  
Ryan Brewington

### **Military**

Liam Urban

## SERMON NOTES: MARCH 10

Today's Scripture: Mark 11:12-14

And while he was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he was reclining at table, a woman came with an alabaster flask of ointment of pure nard, very costly, and she broke the flask and poured it over his head. There were some who said to themselves indignantly, "Why was the ointment wasted like that? For this ointment could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii<sup>[b]</sup> and given to the poor." And they scolded her. But Jesus said, "Leave her alone. Why do you trouble her? She has done a beautiful thing to me. For you always have the poor with you, and whenever you want, you can do good for them. But you will not always have me. She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for burial. And truly, I say to you, wherever the gospel is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in memory of her."

The \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of God were satisfied at  
the \_\_\_\_\_.

Original sin is the \_\_\_\_\_ of every human soul with a propensity  
to \_\_\_\_\_ that comes by virtue of being a descendant  
of \_\_\_\_\_.

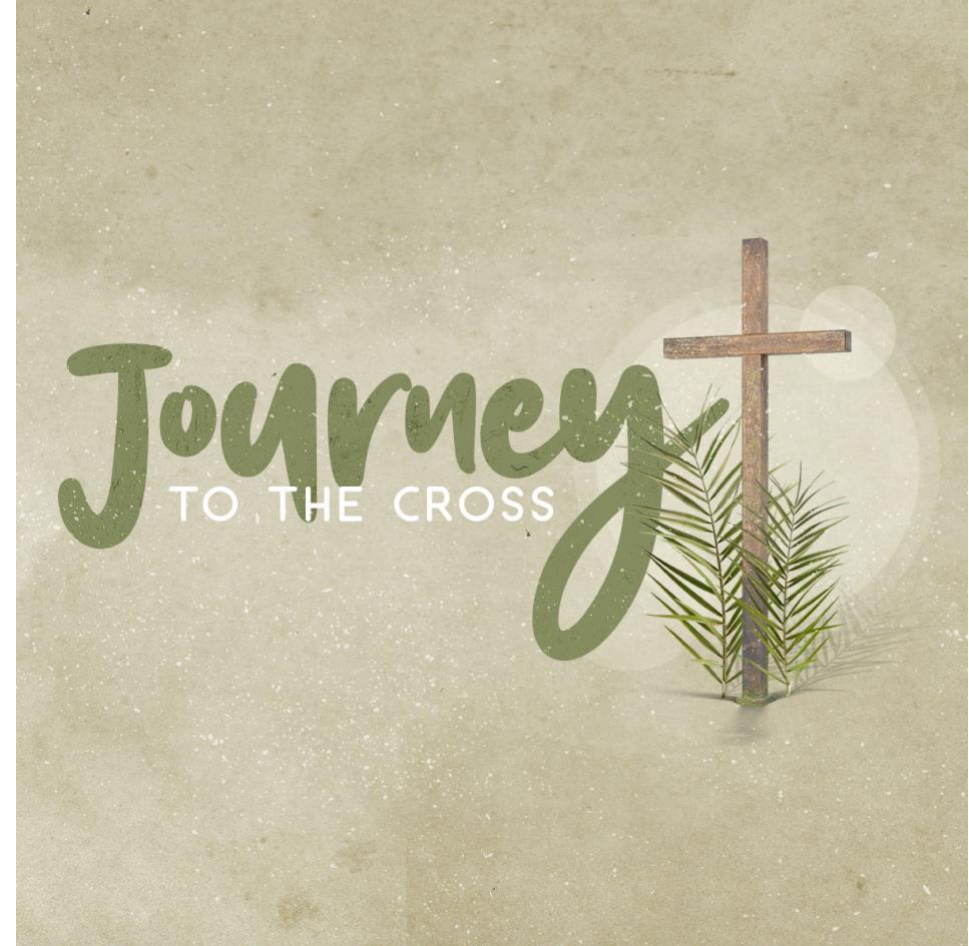
Let's don't blame \_\_\_\_\_ for what \_\_\_\_\_ is responsible for.

We've come to believe that we produce fruit by picking up  
our \_\_\_\_\_. Jesus knows we produce fruit by picking up  
our \_\_\_\_\_.

Put down our \_\_\_\_\_ and pick up our \_\_\_\_\_.

**Today's Focus:** God's curses and wrath were satisfied at the cross, but God's anger remains a very real part of his character. Because God sometimes becomes angry, we think we can, too. Though God's anger is always righteous anger, ours rarely is. Instead of picking up our sword in anger, God asks us to pick up our cross in humble obedience.

**Prayer:** Lord, we confess that far too often in life we've picked up our sword out of anger. Forgive us. Give us the confidence and courage to leave the anger to you and love on all people with a Christ-like love. Help us to pick up our cross and not our sword. In Jesus' name, Amen.



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# Easter Egg Hunt

**March 24**

**11 AM** Family Crafts/Games

**12 PM** Potluck Lunch

**1 PM** Easter Egg Hunt

**We Need  
Candy  
Donations for  
Eggs!**

Drop off in bins at the  
Well or Sanctuary, or  
bring to the church  
office by March 20th!

## SAVE THE DATE FOR HOLY WEEK SERVICES

### **PALM SUNDAY**

Sunday, March 24, Normal Worship Hours  
9 a.m. (Well), & 11 a.m. (Sanctuary)

Kids Palm Processional 9 & 11 a.m.

Potluck Lunch 12 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)

Easter Egg Hunt at 1 p.m. (Matthew's House)

### **HOLY WEEK LUNCHEON**

Monday, March 25, Noon  
Elizabeth Lee Methodist

### **MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE**

Thursday, March 28, 6:30 p.m. (The Well)

### **GOOD FRIDAY**

Friday, March 29 6:30 p.m. (Sanctuary)

### **EASTER SUNDAY**

Sunrise Service at 7:30 a.m. (Sanctuary Front Lawn)

Breakfast at 8:00 a.m. (Fellowship Hall)

Normal Worship Hours

9 a.m. (Well), & 11 a.m. (Sanctuary)

Please mark your calendars and plan to join us for each service.

## **CONNECTION CARD**

Thank you for coming! We'd love to get to know you. Please complete this form, tear it off and drop it in the offering plate. Also, please pick up a welcome gift from the Welcome Center. We're glad you're here!

**1st visit** \_\_ **2nd visit** \_\_ **3rd visit** \_\_      **Attended 9:00** \_\_ **11:00** \_\_  
**Church member** \_\_      **Regular attendee** \_\_      **Update my information** \_\_

Today's Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred phone \_\_\_\_\_

Children's names/ages \_\_\_\_\_

**I'd like more information about:** Baptism \_\_ Membership \_\_ Getting involved \_\_

**I'd like to receive:** The Elizabeth Lee Weekly Word \_\_  
Children's ministry news (occasional) \_\_ Youth ministry news (occasional) \_\_

**Please contact me regarding:** Adult Sunday School/Small Group \_\_  
Music ministry \_\_ Missions \_\_ Children's ministry \_\_ Youth ministry \_\_  
Men's group \_\_ Women's groups \_\_ Senior adult group \_\_

**How did you first hear about us?**  
Facebook \_\_ YouTube \_\_ Website \_\_ Drive by \_\_

Invitation from: \_\_\_\_\_

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## **PRAYER REQUEST**

Please describe your specific prayer concern below, tear off this panel, and drop it in the offering plate. *\*Prayer requests can also be submitted at [elumc.com](http://elumc.com)*

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Unspoken prayer request \_\_\_\_

Please have the following people pray: Pastor \_\_\_\_ Congregation \_\_\_\_

I would like a phone call from the pastor \_\_\_\_

Today's Date\_\_\_\_\_

Your Name\_\_\_\_\_

Email\_\_\_\_\_

Phone\_\_\_\_\_

**Prayer Request for:**

Name\_\_\_\_\_

Specific Concern\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Do we have permission from this person to share this concern in the bulletin/The Elizabeth  
Lee Weekly Word?

Yes \_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_

**Have you ever given online?**



**Scan to give through our online giving portal!**