



The 3rd Sunday in Lent March 3, 2024

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Tammy Bull, Pastor

Our mission: to share our faith in Christ by serving all with respectful compassion.

GATHERING

Gathering Music: *At the First Light of the Day*
When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Lani Smith
Lowell Mason/arr. A. L. Page

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude: *God of Grace and God of Glory*

J. Hughes/arr. Robin McGee

We begin in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

L: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C: Amen.**

L: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

L: Gracious God, **C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and the things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

L: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Gathering Song: God of Grace and God of Glory

ELW #705

1. God of grace, and God of glory, on your people pour your pow'r;
Crown your ancient church's story; bring its bud to glorious flow'r.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.
2. Lo! The hosts of evil round us scorn the Christ, assail his ways!
From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the living of these days,
for the living of these days.
3. Cure your children's warring madness; bend our pride to your control;
Shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things but poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss your kingdom's goal,
lest we miss your kingdom's goal.
4. Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore;
Let the gift of your salvation be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving you whom we adore,
serving you whom we adore.

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C: And also with you.**

Kyrie

ELW p. 138

L: We pray together the Prayer of the Day...

C: Holy God, through your Son you have called us to live faithfully and act courageously. Keep us steadfast in your covenant of grace, and teach us the wisdom that comes only through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

1st Reading: Exodus 20:1-17

Word of God, word of life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

All Comers' Choir: *Cross of Jesus*

arr. R. Benson

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

Word of God, word of life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

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Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and abounding in steadfast love.

Gospel: John 2:13-22

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

The Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Time

Pastor Tammy Bull

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: Canticle of the Turning

ELW #723

1. My soul cries out with a joyful shout that the God of my heart is great,
And my spirit sings of the wondrous things
that you bring to the ones who wait.
You fixed your sight on your servant's plight,
and my weakness you did not spurn.
So from east to west shall my name be blest.
Could the world be about to turn?

REFRAIN:

My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your justice burn.
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is about to turn.

2. Though I am small, my... God, my all, you... work great things in me,
And your mercy will last from the depths of the past
to the end of the age to be.
Your very name puts the proud to shame,
and to those who would for you yearn,
You will show your might, put the strong to flight,
For the world is about to turn.

REFRAIN:

My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your justice burn.
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is about to turn.

3. From the halls of pow'r to the fortress tow'r, not a stone will be left on stone.
Let the king beware for your justice tears ev'ry tyrant... from his throne.
The hungry poor shall weep no more, for the food they can never earn;
There are tables spread, ev'ry mouth be fed, for the world is about to turn.
(refrain)
4. Though the nations rage from age to age, we remember who holds us fast:
God's mercy must deliver us from the conqueror's crushing grasp.
This saving word that our forebears heard
is the promise which holds us bound,
Till the spear and rod can be crushed by God,
who is turning the world around. (refrain)

L: Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith...

Apostles' Creed

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C: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living 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.

Prayers of the People (each petition ends... “Lord, in your mercy... **hear our prayer.**”)

Sharing the Peace of Christ

L: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. **C: And also with you.**

MEAL

Offering: (At this time we bring our gifts and offerings to God in gratitude and joy. In response to God’s love, we care for others in the name of Jesus. We do this, in part, through our congregational gifts in support the Montana Synod of the ELCA. We appreciate your gifts of time, money, energy, and prayers to this work! If you are our guest today - either in person or online – we invite you to join us in caring for God’s people and God’s world!)

Offertory Music: *Peace Within These Walls*

David Paxton

Offering Response: Create in Me

ELW #186

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.

Offertory Prayer: **C: God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us with these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

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L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

L: It is indeed right, ...and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy

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Words of Institution and Lord’s Prayer

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, [...] Now, Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray: **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.

Invitation to Communion

Lamb of God

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Hymn during Communion: For the Bread Which You Have Broken ELW #494

1. For the bread which you have broken, for the wine which you have poured,
For the words which you have spoken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.
2. By this promise that you love us, by your gift of peace restored,
By your call to heav'n above us, hallow all our lives, O Lord.
3. With the saints who now adore you, seated at the heav'nly board,
May the church still waiting for you keep love's tie unbroken, Lord.
4. In your service, Lord, defend us; in our hearts keep watch and ward;
In the world to which you send us let your kingdom come, O Lord.

P: The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen us, unite us, and keep us in his grace. **C: Amen.**

L: Let us all pray... **C: Merciful God, accompany our journey through these forty days. Renew us in the gift of baptism, that we may provide for those who are poor, pray for those in need, fast from self-indulgence, and above all that we may find our treasure in the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

SENDING

L: The blessing of God Almighty, the wisdom and power of + Christ Jesus, and the light of the Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always. **C: Amen.**

Sending Song: When I Survey the Wondrous Cross ELW #803

1. When I survey the wondrous cross on which the prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss and pour contempt on all my pride.
2. Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the death of Christ, my God;
All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood.

3. See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down.
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?
4. Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

L: Go in peace. Remember the poor. **C: Thanks be to God!**

Postlude: *A Song of Redemption*

Gerald Peterson

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Keeping in Prayer... Friends and family of Judi Jonas following her death; Holly Hesper & family following the death of her mother; family & friends of Dorothy Sowa following her death, Arvin Swenson, Hy & Becky, John & Elizabeth, Pat, Chris Bender, Dawn, Brian, Kathy, Beth, Jim, Arnie Depping, Larry & Peggy Johnson, Rachel, Don & Donna, Diana, Rose Ulery, Ann, Ted, Carl & Harley, Sandy Kirkegaard, Noah, Elaine Rice, Dorothy Roseth, Jerry, Toni Sperle, Steven, Scott, Haley, Esther Bender, Reta.

ANNOUNCEMENTS for the Week of March 3:

- 1st Monday Night Quilters meet Monday, March 4 from 6-8 pm in the Social Hall.
- *FLOWING WATER* noon recital series Wed., 3/6. Bring a sack lunch; beverages and cookies will be provided.
- Lent Soup Supper is Wednesday, 3/6 from 6:00-6:45 pm followed by Holden Evening Prayer worship from 6:45 – 7:30 pm in the Social Hall.
- Handbells rehearse Thurs. at 5:40 pm in the Library.
- GF Community Band rehearses Thur. 7 pm in the Fireside Room.

Accompanist: James Rickley

Cantor: Gaynell Tempel

Reader: Lynn Coons

Communion Assistant: Ron Coons

Fellowship: