



1st Sunday in Lent

March 9, 2025

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Rev. Tammy Bull, Pastor

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

GATHERING

Gathering Music: *Now the Green Blade Rises* arr. Karen Beaumont

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude: *In the Cross of Christ I Glory* arr. Jason W. Krug

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God: who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **C: Amen.**

L: Let us return to God, confessing our sin in the assurance of God's abiding love.

L: Compassionate One,

C: You are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, but our lives do not always reflect you and your love for the world. We do not show others the tender compassion you have shown to us. We do not welcome others with the radical hospitality you grant to all people. We oppress others, even though you have set us free again and again. We squander the abundant gifts of the earth. Transform our lives and guide us again in the way of the cross. Amen.

L: Beloved in Christ, God's arms are always stretched open wide to welcome the wandering ones home. In + Christ your sins are forgiven. You have a place in God's house forever **C: Amen.**

Gathering Song: Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer ELW #618

1. Guide me ever, great Redeemer, pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but you are mighty; hold me with your pow'ful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me now and ever more.
Feed me now and evermore.

2. Open now the crystal fountain where the healing waters flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliv'rer, strong deliv'rer, shield me with your mighty arm.
Shield me with your mighty arm.
3. 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 and praises, songs and praises I will raise forevermore,
I will raise forevermore.

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

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Refrain: Kyrie... eleison, on our world and on our way. Kyrie... eleison, ev'ry day.

1. For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all;
For this holy house, for all who worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. (refrain)
2. That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor;
That we may live out truth and justice and grace,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. (refrain)
3. For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family;
For life and for love, for our work and our play,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. (refrain)
4. For your Spirit to guide; that you center our lives in the water and the Word;
That you nourish our souls with your body and blood,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. (refrain)

L: We pray together the Prayer of the Day:

C: O Lord God, you led your people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide us now, so that, following your Son, we may walk safely through the wilderness of this world toward the life you alone can give, 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: Deuteronomy 26:1-11

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

Responsive Reading from Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

L: You who dwell in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty –

C: you will say to the Lord, “My refuge and my stronghold, my God in whom I put my trust.”

L: Because you have made the Lord your refuge, and the Most High your habitation,

C: no evil will befall you, now shall affliction come near your dwelling.

L: For God will give the angels charge over you, to guard you in all your ways.

C: Upon their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.

L: You will tread upon the lion cub and viper; you will trample down the lion and the serpent.

C: I will deliver those who cling to me; I will uphold them, because they know my name.

L: They will call me, and I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue and honor them.

C: With long life will I satisfy them, and show them my salvation.

2nd Reading: Romans 10:8b-13

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

Lenten Response:

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Let your steadfast love come to us, O Lord.

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Save us as you promised; we will trust your Word.

Let your steadfast love come to us, O Lord.

Gospel Reading: Luke 4:1-13

L: The Gospel of our Lord.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Hymn of the Day: When We Are Tested

ACS #922

1. When we are tested and wrestle alone,
Famished for bread when the world offers stone,
Nourish us, God, by your word and your way,
Food that sustains us by night and by day.
2. When in the desert we cry for relief,
Pleading for paths marked by certain belief,
Lift us to love you beyond sign and test,
Trusting your presence, our only true rest.
3. When we are tempted to barter our souls,
Trading the truth for the pow'r to control,
Teach us to worship and praise only you,
Seeking your will in the work that we do.
4. When we have struggled and searched through the night,
Sorting and sifting the wrong from the right,
Savior, surround us with circles of care,
Angels of healing, of hope, and of prayer.

Apostles' Creed

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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

Sharing the Peace of Christ

L: The peace of the Lord be with you always. **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 local partnerships with the Helping Hands food ministry, and Family Promise of Great Falls. 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: *St. Flavian*

arr. Edward Landin

Offering Response: Spirit, Open My Heart (refrain only)

ACS #1043

Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living.

As you love may I love, in receiving and in giving. Spirit, open my heart.

Offertory Prayer: **C: Gracious Provider, you set your immense treasures among us, opening your heart to the world. As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love, deepen our commitment to sharing those treasures with others, through our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

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... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy

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Holy, holy, holy Lord. God of pow'r and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory, full of your glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Words of Institution and 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.

Invitation to Communion

All who are hungry, come! The feast of grace is spread.

Lamb of God

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Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

Hymn during Communion: Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness

ELW #488

1. Soul, adorn yourself with gladness, leave the gloomy haunts of sadness,
Come into the daylight's splendor, there with joy your praises render.
Bless the one whose grace unbounded this amazing banquet founded;
Christ, though heav'nly, high, and holy, deigns to dwell with you most lowly.
2. Hasten as a bride to meet him, eagerly and gladly greet him.
There he stands already knocking; quickly, now, your gate unlocking,
Open wide the fast-closed portal, saying to the Lord immortal:
"Come, and leave your loved one never; Dwell within my heart forever."
3. Now in faith I humbly ponder over this surpassing wonder
That the bread of life is boundless though the souls it feeds are countless;
With the choicest wine of heaven Christ's own blood to us is given.
Oh, most glorious consolation, pledge and seal of my salvation.
4. Jesus, source of lasting pleasure, truest friend, and dearest treasure,
Peace beyond all understanding, joy into all life expanding:
Humbly now, I bow before you, love incarnate, I adore you;
Worthily let me receive you, and, so favored, never leave you.

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: Generous Host, you have shared your feast with us and made us new. Send us now to set tables of love and grace in our communities, that your liberating love might nourish the world into freedom, in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

SENDING

L: God our tender parent, God the crucified one, God the reconciling Spirit, + bless you now and forever. **C: Amen.**

Sending Song: Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word ELW #517

1. Lord, keep us steadfast in your word; curb those who by deceit or sword
 Would wrest the kingdom from your Son and bring to naught all he has done.
2. Lord Jesus Christ, your pow'r make known, for you are Lord of lords alone;
 defend your holy church, that we may sing your praise eternally.
3. O Comforter of priceless worth, send peace and unity on earth;
 support us in our final strife and lead us out of death to life.

L: Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you. **C: Thanks be to God!**

Postlude: *Fanfare*

James Conely

Accompanist: James Rickley Cantor: Gaynell Tempel Acolyte:
Reader: Julie Haviland Communion Asst: Donna Winters
Fellowship: Harrison/Lux Altar Care: Gaynell Tempel & Michelle Yoder



ANNOUNCEMENTS for the Week of March 9:

TODAY: Installation of Rev. Dawn Busch at Bethel – 1 pm.

Wed. 3/12: Lent Soup Supper and worship. Soup at 6 pm; worship from 6:30 – 7:15 pm in the Social Hall.

Fri. 3/14: Game Night at the Church! 6:30 – 8 pm in the Social Hall. Bring your favorite game, or learn a new one. Friends are welcome.

March Special Offering: Month-long **Toilet Paper** Collection for Helping Hands

Lent Mid-week Soup Suppers and Holden Evening Prayer on Wednesdays during Lent. Please sign up to bring a pot of your favorite soup! Soup supper begins at 6 pm followed by worship at 6:30 pm in the Social Hall.

32nd St. from 5th Ave. S. to Central Ave. will remain closed through April 30.

Keeping in Prayer... Jeff & family; Tommi; John & Linda; Pam; Christina; Chase; Mari; Beth; Jean; Connor; Kameron & family; Peggy; Bob; Carol; Bud & Linda; Susan; Jane; Barbara & Jerry; Sumner; Sue; Dee; Triston; MaryAnn; Carl & Harley; Ann; Arvin; Beth; Arnie; Peggy & Larry; Sandy; Dorothy; Toni; Scott; Haley; Esther; Reta; Elaine.

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