



2nd Sunday in Lent March 16, 2025

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

GATHERING

Gathering Music: *"Processional" from Little Lyric Suite* Kenneth T. Kosche

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude: *"Fanfare" from Little Lyric Suite* Kenneth T. Kosche

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: O Christ, Your Heart Compassionate ELW #722

1. O Christ, your heart, compassionate, bore ev'ry human pain.
Its beating was the pulse of God; its breadth, God's vast domain.
The heart of God, the heart of Christ combined in perfect rhyme
To write God's love in human deeds, eternity in time.

2. As once you welcomed those cast down and healed the sick, the blind,
So may all bruised and broken lives through us your help still find.
Lord, join our hearts with those who weep that none may weep alone,
And help us bear another's pain as though it were our own.
3. O Christ, create new hearts in us that beat in time with yours,
That, joined by faith with your great heart, become love's open doors.
We are your body, risen Christ; our hearts, our hands we yield
That through our life and ministry your love may be revealed.
4. O Love that made the distant stars, yet marks the sparrow's fall,
Whose arms stretched wide upon a cross embrace and bear us all:
Come, make your church a servant church that walks your servant ways,
Whose deeds of love rise up to you, a sacrifice of praise!

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: God of the covenant, in the mystery of the cross you promise everlasting life to the world. Gather all peoples into your arms, and shelter us with your mercy, that we may rejoice in the life we share in your Son, 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: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

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

Responsive Reading from Psalm 27

L: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

C: Though an army encamp against me, my heart will not fear. Though war rise up against me, my trust will not be shaken.

L: One thing I ask of the Lord; one thing I seek; that I may swell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life; to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to seek God in the temple.

C: For in the day of trouble God will give me shelter, hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary, and raise me high upon a rock.

L: Hear my voice, O Lord, when I call; have mercy on me and answer me.

C: My heart speaks your message – “Seek my face.” Your face, O Lord, I will seek.

L: Hide not your face from me, turn not away from your servant in anger. Cast me not away – you have been my helper; forsake me not, O God of my salvation.

C: Though my father and my mother forsake me, the Lord will take me in.

L: Teach me your way, O Lord; lead me on a level path, because of my oppressors.

C: Wait for the Lord and be strong. Take heart and wait for the Lord!

2nd Reading: Philippians 3:17-4:1

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 13:31-35
L: The Gospel of our Lord.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Time
Sermon

Rev. Tammy Bull

Hymn of the Day: Around You, O Lord Jesus

ELW #468

1. Around you, O Lord Jesus, your own you gather still
To share the feast you give us with grace our lives to fill.
You say to us so lovingly, "Take, eat! This is my body!
Take, drink! This is my blood!"
2. We hear your invitation, and heed, O Lord, your call;
Your work of consolation is spoken here to all.
It draws us to your loving heart; it brings to us your blessing,
which never will depart.
3. We are your own forever; until our final breath
We will be true and never – in joy, in grief, in death –
Depart from you, for you are still among your people dwelling,
as you have said you will.

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 (petitions end "Lord, in your mercy... **hear our prayer.**")

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: *Savior, Again to Your Dear Name* E. J. Hopkins/ arr. Robert Powell

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 ELW p. 190

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: Day By Day

ELW #790

1. Day by day, your mercies, Lord, attend me, bringing comfort to my anxious soul.
Day by day, the blessings, Lord, you send me draw me nearer to my heav'nly goal.
Love divine, beyond all mortal measure, brings to naught the burdens of my quest;
Savior, lead me to the home I treasure, where at last I'll find eternal rest.
2. Day by day, I know you will provide me
strength to serve and wisdom to obey;
I will seek your loving will to guide me o'er the paths I struggle day by day.
I will fear no evil of the morrow, I will trust in your enduring grace.
Savior, help me bear life's pain and sorrow till in glory I behold your face.
3. Oh, what joy to know that you are near me
when my burdens grow too great to bear;
Oh, what joy to know that you will hear me when I come, O Lord, to you in prayer.
Day by day, no matter what betide me, you will hold me ever in your hand.
Savior, with your presence here to guide me, I will reach at last the promised land.

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

Postlude: *Trumpet Tune*

Willaim Phemister

Accompanist: James Rickley

Cantor: Victoria Bull

Acolyte:

Reader: Communion Asst: Peggy Dean

Fellowship: Peggy Dean

Altar Care: Gaynell Tempel & Michelle Yoder

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



ANNOUNCEMENTS for the Week of March 16:

- TODAY: Executive Team meets in the Library following worship
- Tues. 3/18: Church Council meets at 7 pm in the Library
- Wed. 3/19: Lent Soup Supper and worship. Soup at 6 pm; worship from 6:30 – 7:15 pm in the Social Hall.
- Thu. 3/20: R.O.M.E.O. men's lunch group meets at 11:30 am - Fireside Room
- Sat. 3/22: Church Council Retreat from 9 am – 1 pm in the Fireside Room. Lunch will be provided.

Keeping in Prayer... Larry; Jeff & family; Tommi; 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.

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.

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