



# The 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent February 18, 2024

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

## GATHERING

Gathering Music:

Welcome & Announcements

Handbell Prelude: I Heard the Voice of Jesus

arr. Sandra Eithun

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.**

1. Guide me ever, great Redeemer, pilgrim through this barren land.  
I am weak, but you are mighty; hold me with your pow'rful 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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L: We pray together the Prayer of the Day...

**C: Holy God, heavenly Father, in the waters of the flood you saved the chosen, and in the wilderness of temptation you protected your Son from sin. Renew us in the gift of baptism. May your holy angels be with us, that the wicked foe may have no power over us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## WORD

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Genesis 9:8-17

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

Responsive reading of Psalm 25:1-10

L: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

**C: My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

L: Let none who look to you be put to shame; rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

**C: Show me your ways, O Lord, and teach me your paths.**

L: Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

**C: Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting.**

L: Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.

**C: You are gracious and upright, O Lord; therefore you teach sinners in your way.**

L: You lead the lowly in justice and teach the lowly your way.

**C: All your paths, O Lord, are steadfast love and faithfulness to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.**

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Peter 3:18-22

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: Mark 1:9-15

**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: When We Are Tempted

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.

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 financial and volunteer support of Helping Hands, Inc. – a local food ministry that brings gospel hospitality and love to downtown neighbors in need. 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:

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: 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: Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song

ELW #808

1. Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey;  
I'll tell ev'rybody about you wherever I go:  
You alone are our life and our peace and our love.  
Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey.
2. Lord Jesus, I'll praise you as long as I journey.  
May all of my joy be a faithful reflection of you.  
May the earth and the sea and the sky join my song.  
Lord Jesus, I'll praise you as long as I journey.
3. As long as I live, Jesus, make me your servant,  
To carry your cross and to share all your burdens and tears.  
For you saved me by giving your body and blood.  
As long as I live, Jesus, make me your servant.
4. I fear in the dark and the doubt of my journey;  
But courage will come with the sound of your steps by my side.  
And with all of the fam'ly you saved by your love,  
We'll sing to your dawn at the end of our journey.

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

Postlude:



**Keeping in Prayer...** 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's friend, Beth, Jim, Arnie Depping, Larry & Peggy Johnson, Rachel, Don & Donna, Diana, Rose Ulery, Amy, Ann, Ted, Carl & Harley, Sandy Kirkegaard, Noah, Elaine Rice, Dorothy Roseth, Jerry, Toni Sperle, Steven, Megan, Scott, Haley, Judi Jonas, Esther Bender, Reta.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS for the Week of February 11:**

- *FLOWING WATER* noon recital series Wed. Feb. 21. Bring a sack lunch; beverages and cookies will be provided.
- Lent Soup Supper is Wednesday, 2/21 from 6:00-6:45 pm followed by Holden Evening Prayer worship from 6:45 – 7:30 pm in the Social Hall.
- Handbells rehearsal Thurs. at 5:40 pm in the Library.
- GF Community Band rehearses Thur. 7 pm in the Fireside Room.

Accompanist: James Rickley

Cantor: Victoria Bull

Reader: Melanie Jensen

Communion Assistant:

Fellowship:

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