

The First Sunday in Lent

March 9, 2014

9:30 and 11:00 AM Worship with Holy Communion



The Christian Church is now in the season of Lent. There are 40 days in Lent and it is a season for reflection, repentance and prayer. The liturgical color in the season of Lent is Purple, a color for royal mourning and repentance. In the season of Lent, we mourn our sinful lives and come to the Lord in repentance seeking His grace and forgiveness.

Worship Note: Throughout the service there are suggested times for the congregation to stand. These are suggested times and if you are unable to stand or prefer not to stand, please feel free to remain seated.

PASTORAL WELCOME

We also welcome today those watching our service live via our Live Web Stream on the Internet.

SHARING OF GOD'S PEACE

+ GATHERING +

GATHERING HYMN

“O Lord, Throughout These Forty Days”

LSB #418

(alternate tune: LSB #577 “Almighty God, Your Word is Cast” - St. Flavian)

(We focus on the Processional Cross and the Light as they are brought forward in worship symbolizing the Lord's presence among us.)

INVOCATION

P: We gather In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen!**

CONFESSION

P: Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has gone through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are-yet was without sin. Let us approach the throne of grace with confidence so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time.

Hebrews 4:14-16

C: **O Lord God, forgive, I pray! I said, Lord, be merciful to me; heal my soul, for I have sinned against you.**

Amos 7:2 and Psalm 41:4

A Time of Silence for Personal Confession

P: We confess to God our failure to follow His will, and our lives of selfishness and greed. We confess to God the times that we have not loved others as Christ has loved us. We confess to God our doubt and lack of faith.

C: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. *Psalms 51:10*

FORGIVENESS

P: While we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. *Romans 5:6-8*

Rejoice for the Lord is good - God's Word declares that our sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Jesus himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds we have been healed. *1 Peter 2: 24*

C: I will walk in love, as Christ also has loved me and given Himself for me. Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift! Amen! *Ephesians 5:2 and 2 Corinthians 9:15*

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

(Please be seated.)

CHORAL PRAISE

The King's Kids Choir

"For Love Shall Be Our Song"

by Douglas Wagner; Text: Col. 3:12-15

God is love, God is peace, God is joy and gladness,
May we then live our lives in love, in peace, in joy with Christ our Lord.

For love shall be our song, as we lift our hearts to the Lord;
So as members of the family of God, rejoice, give thanks and praise.

So when others do us wrong patience we will show,
To forgive as Christ did us; seeds of love we'll sow.

+ WORD +

(11:00) KID'S STORY TIME

Children up through 1st grade are welcome to join the childcare staff in the nursery for a Bible story and will return during the offering.

SONG

"Ancient Words"

Words and Music by Lyn DeShazo

**Holy words of our faith Handed down to this age,
Came to us through sacrifice; O, heed the faithful words of Christ.**

**Holy words long preserved For our walk in this world;
They resound with God's own heart; O let the ancient words impart.** (Refrain)

Refrain: **Ancient words ever true, changing me, changing you;
We have come with open hearts, O let the ancient words impart.**

THE WORD OF THE LORD

Matthew 22:34-40

Pastor: A reading of the Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

³⁴ But when the Pharisees heard that [Jesus] had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. ³⁵ And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. ³⁶ "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?" ³⁷ And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. ³⁸ This is the great and first commandment. ³⁹ And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. ⁴⁰ On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ!

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Speak, O Lord, Your Servant Listens"

LSB #589

THE STUDY OF THE TEXT

Pastor Bill Harmon

CONFESSION OF FAITH

The Apostles Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty
Maker of heaven and earth.**

Genesis 1:1

**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, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.**

Mark 1: 11 and John 20: 28

Luke 1: 35

Luke 2: 7

Mark 15: 15-20

Mark 15: 24-46

1 Peter 3: 18-20; 4: 6

Mark 16: 6

The third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven,

and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

1 Peter 3: 22

From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

Mark 13: 26-27& Acts 10: 42

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen

Matthew 28: 19
Ephesians 2: 19-22; 5: 25-27
Ephesians 1: 7
Philippians 3: 20-21
John 3: 16
Revelation 22: 21

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

(please see Prayer Ministry page)

After each petition, the leader will say: "Lord, in Your mercy,"
and the congregation responds: "Hear our prayer."

LORD'S PRAYER

All: 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.

Matthew 6:9-13

+ RESPONSE +

GATHERING OF THE OFFERINGS

(At this time, please pass the pew registers back and forth, making sure that everyone in attendance has had a chance to sign in. We also have a parish guest register in the Narthex. We rejoice in having you with us!)

(9:30 AM) CHORAL OFFERING

The King of Glory Choir

"If I Can Help Somebody"

Words and music by Alma Bazel Androzzo

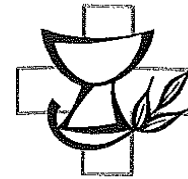
If I can help somebody as I pass along;
If I can help somebody with a word or song,
If I can show somebody he is traveling wrong,
Then my living shall not be in vain.
If I can point somebody to the Lamb once slain;
If I can tell somebody that He rose again,
That He can cleanse the guilty, He can wash the stain,
Then my living shall not be in vain.
If I can help somebody as I journey through this world,
Then my living shall not be in vain.

(11:00 AM) OFFERING HYMN

"Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service"

LSB #848

+ SACRAMENT +



If you are communing with us today, please take a moment to reflect upon our scriptural understanding of the Lord's Supper, found on the inside front cover.

If you choose not to receive communion today, we invite you to:

- come forward to receive a blessing,
- or you may remain seated and join in singing the hymns and songs,
- or simply use this opportunity as a time of prayer and connection to God.

We pray: Gracious Father in Heaven, be near me, guide me, and equip me in your love and grace. May this time of worship remind me of the sacrifice of your Son, the Savior of the world, and His victory over death and the grave. Enable me through the power of Your Spirit to depart in Your peace and live according to Your will. This I ask in the name of Jesus. Amen!

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

Colossians 3:1

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

Psalms 136

People: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Matthew 26:26-29, Mark 14:22-25, Luke 22:14-20, 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

1 Corinthians 11:26

People: **Amen! Come, Lord Jesus!**

Revelation 22:20

THE GREETING OF PEACE

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: **And also with you.**

THE COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

- When we commune in a continuous fashion the usher will invite you to line up in the center aisle.
- As the line moves forward, come and receive the Host and then either the individual cup from the first assistant or the common cup from the second assistant.
- Individual cups are then placed in the basket near the side aisle of the church as you return to your seat.
- After you receive the gifts, you are welcome to kneel at the altar area for silent prayer and then return to your seat down the side aisle.
- For those who have difficulty walking or if there is a need to stay at their seat, indicate so to an usher and Holy Communion will be brought to those persons individually.
- For more information about our communion practice, please see the front cover of the worship folder.

COMMUNION SONGS

“Your Grace Is Enough”

Words and Music by Matt Maher

**Great is Your faithfulness O God; You wrestle with the sinner's restless heart.
You lead us by still waters into mercy And nothing can keep us apart.
So remember Your people, Remember Your children
Remember Your promise, O God.**

Refrain: **Your grace is enough; Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough for me.** (repeat)

**Great is Your love and justice God of Jacob; You use the weak to lead the strong.
You lead us in the song of Your salvation And all Your people sing along.
So remember Your people, Remember Your children
Remember Your promise, O God.**

**Your grace is enough; Heaven reaches out to us
Your grace is enough for me, God I sing.
Your grace is enough, I'm covered in Your love
Your grace is enough for me, for me.**

“Amazing Love” (You Are My King)

Words and Music by Billy Foote

**I'm forgiven because You were forsaken.
I'm accepted; You were condemned.
I'm alive and well; Your Spirit is within me
Because You died and rose again!**

Refrain: **Amazing love, how can it be
That You, my King, would die for me?
Amazing love, I know it's true; It's my joy to honor You.**

(Repeat verse 1 and Refrain)

Bridge: **In all I do, I honor You.
You are my King. You are my King.
Jesus, You are my King. Jesus, You are my King.**

**I'm forgiven because You were forsaken.
I'm accepted; You were condemned.
I'm alive and well; Your Spirit is within me
Because You died and rose again!** (Refrain)

In all I do, I honor You!

+ SENDING +

PRAYER OF THANKS

- P: We praise You, Lord Jesus, for all Your gifts to us. We thank You especially for the gifts we receive at this table through Your Word and promises!
- C: **Strengthen us as Your people, connected to You by Your Spirit, that we may grow in faith and love to share the Good News of Jesus as we live in Him! Amen!**
- P: As God's people, we proclaim:
- C: **Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen!** (Ephesians 3:20-21)

BENEDICTION

- P: May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope. (Romans 15:13)
- C: **Amen!**

SENDING HYMN

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

LSB #657

(We focus on the Processional Cross and the Light as they lead us to leave this place to love and serve the Lord, carrying with us the Light and Life of Jesus into the world.)

Pastor: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Scripture: The English Standard Version,
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