



Third Sunday of LENT



11:11 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service March 8

As followers of Jesus, we rejoice in God's plan for a just, loving and peaceful world. We commit ourselves to making it a reality for all people everywhere. Just as all are welcome at the Lord's table during holy communion, all are welcome to this family of faith. People of all races, ages, social status, sexual orientations and gender identities are united here in our mission to love God, Love Others, Serve.

***If you are new,** please sign a worship card and place it in the offering plate.*

Adult Bible Class: In the classroom side of the Cup

Teen Sunday School (6th - 12th grade): In the Youth Room

Confirmation Class (8th - 10th grade): In the Library

Children's Sunday School for 5th grade and younger:

- *Ye Littles of Faith for Kindergarten and younger in East hallway classroom next to Nursery*
- *The Mighty Kids Kingdom for 1st - 5th grades in West hallway classroom, 2 doors past youth room*

Tuesday Bible Study (Open to All): In the classroom side of the Cup

Sunday School Classes are regularly held at 10:15 a.m.

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- CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE -
March 8, 2026 • 11:11am
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GATHERING SONG

*The Lion and The Lamb
Lead Me To The Cross*

CALL TO WORSHIP FOR LENT

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

Congregation: Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: 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.

P: 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.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Greg Bohlken, Ministry Associate

PARISH NEWS

Pastor Bob Stelter

FIRST READING: Romans 5:1-11 *pew Bible page 1029*

Though we often hear that God helps those who help themselves, here Paul tells us that through Jesus' death God helps utterly helpless sinners. Since we who had been enemies are reconciled to God in the cross, we now live in hope for our final salvation.

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely, therefore, since we have now been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 16:24-26 *pew Bible, page 896*

Jesus instructs his disciples concerning self-denial. Our ambition is to be weighed against the cross.

Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?"

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

Congregation: Praise to you, O Christ!

SERMON *Lent Sermon Series on Evil*

Pastor Bob Stelter

Today: *"The Issue of Natural Evil (Why Does God Let Disease Kill Kids?)"*

SERMON SONG *Hold On To Me*

SHARING OF GOD'S PEACE

OFFERINGS FOR MISSION & MINISTRY

OFFERING PRAYER

Pastor: Merciful God,

Congregation: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OFFERING SONG

Sandra Bohlken

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

COMMUNION SONG

Sandra Bohlken

COMMUNION BLESSING

Pastor: May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you
in His grace.

Congregation: Amen.

BENEDICTION FOR LENT

Pastor: As this new week begins, we pause to breathe, to listen and to remember that love is practiced one day at a time. A blessing for you: May the God of mercy and courage steady you when the road feels uncertain; open your eyes to the needs around you; open your hands to serve with care; and open your hearts to remain soft in a hard and weary world. †

Congregation: Amen.

SENDING SONG *Hosanna (Praise Is Rising)*

SENDING

Praise Band Leader: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

Congregation: Love God, love others, serve.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS TODAY

ALTAR GUILD	Vicki Adams
GREETER	Joanne Sills
USHERS	Earl Kripas, Nelson Titsworth
COMMUNION MINISTERS	Debbie Pinchok, Yvette Edwards, Kristie Turner, Cadence Titsworth, Cortlyn Titsworth.
PROJECTION & LIGHTS	Lisa Stelter

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and determination during the Lenten season.*

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PRAYERS

(Prayers are refreshed at the beginning of each month)

Members: Terry Biesboer, Gene Bird, Dave Birkholz, Jan Bishop, Mary Blackburn, Nathan Blackburn, Rob Blackburn, Roger Brown, Jaigne Christman, Nancy & Leon Cole, Katie Condon, Michael Condon, Ian Cooper, Myles Cooper, Debbie Courtney, Nancy Dean, Nancy Dickinson, Irene Dorfinger, Patsy Elmore, John Elmore, Karoline Frasch, Pat Gary, Doug Goins, Mary Beth & Alex Green, Jonas Greenman, Chip Hester, Deb & Doug Houck, Tom Jayne, Paul Jurkoic, Lin & Mike McKinley, Diane Lee, Debbie Palatinus, Scarlett Parrott, Harold Peters, Joe Poole, Dr. Ted Primka, Sandra Prior, the Roberts family, the Saylor families, Linda Shoemaker, Pamela Spaar, Bill Steele, Rich Wellner, Jean Witte, John Woods, Matt Wright.

Friends & Families: App family, Dave Berry, Bill Birkholz, Jim Birkholz, Sheila Birkholz, Michael Carfi, Steve Case, Hilda Chapel, Chris Clark, Meg Corrigan, Nancy Crain, Michael Damico, Dennis Family, Van Dudley, Brandy & Brian Duke, Dan Edmunds, Favre family, Alanna & Arnie Fenske, Kathi Fenske-Hong, Allison Galloway Kraft, Phylis Garrison, Cindy Gioe, Wil Glafenhein & family, Angél Gobel, Matthew Green, Gutelius family, Blanche Hall, Hall family, Jeff Herbold, Joy Hymer, Don Karlstad, Bob Kessling, Barb Korsmo, Loyacano family, Dorothy McMahan, Scott Nelson, Josh Nichols, Rev. Dan Pavaloa, Chris Patrick, Rose & Steve Penney, Julie Reed, Alyssa Powers Rivers, Jim Russell, Sarah Rye, Salles families, Laney Saviisky, Marilyn Saviisky, Scaglione family, Richard Sena, Jim Shea, Lynn Siegfried & family, baby Ruth Sommerfeld and family, Leora Stewart, Brody Taylor, Audra Tyler Moore, Frank Tyler, Doug Trout. Sheli Voorhees, Janet Wengert, Townley Whalen, Mya, Ro & Haven Wolfe, Zehner family, Adelaide, Alex Kate & her mother, Angel & Ben, Carolyn, Cheri & George, Shannington, Sharon & family, Darcy, Duskin, Jim, Jodi, Judy, Karen, Kim, Laura, Lucy, Max, Micki, Touranne *and those we name to You.*

Joy & Growth: Our commitment to give time and talents.

Joy at the birth of Naziah to Genesis Figeroa, uncle Gabe Figeroa; Abel James Simpson to Ashley & Tait Simpson; grandparents, Deanne & Larry Benorden.

Comfort in the midst of death for the family and friends of: James Stephens.

Shepherd of Hope Pantry Friends: Amanda & her children, Sasha & daughter, Savannah & Devon, Max, Patti Morgan & family, Charlie & Weston, Chris, Josefina, Long Ho, Betty, Tiffany, Nita & family, Amanda & me, Ted & Sandra, Charline, Tommy, Kristi & Trent, Tom, Paul, Robby, Retha, Mary, Sally, Pryors, Mytohia & family, Christine & family, Happy, Patricia & children, Sherry & Mike, Taissi, Denis, Daniela, Mark *and those known to God.*

Salvation Army Friends: Paula, Sandra, Lacy & family, Stephanie & family, Christie & her daughter, Hunter, Jonathan, Diamond & her father Daryn, her daughter Royalty, Darren, Jason, Eli & Brianna, his pregnant wife, Doug, Richard, Chris & Mary Jo and his son Sean, Gary, Alfredo, Mark, Kent & Tammy *and those known to God.*

Concern & Assistance: Those dealing with addiction while incarcerated. Mentally & physically challenged. Veterans. First Responders. Refugees and those living in fear of deportation. Persecuted Christians. The people of Nigeria, Iran, Israel, Syria, Palestine, Ukraine, Russia.

Partnerships: Bishop Yehiel Curry & the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America; Bishop Kevin Strickland & the Southeastern Synod; Alicia & David Brondos, Missionaries in Mexico; Seminarian Sam Sosebee; Shepherd of Hope Food Pantry; English Language Learning Classes, Quiet Music Ministry; Tyson House; Deacon Ministry; Knox Area Rescue Ministry; Via de Cristo Ministry; Salvation Army Homeless Shelters; Street Hope; Alzheimer's Support Group; Cole Center Caregivers and Parkinson Band; Mercy Ships; Lutheran Church & School in Guatemala; AL-ANON; Narcotics Anonymous.

Peace & Protection for all armed forces, especially: Jacob Cole, Anthony Hu, HM, Andrew McDonald, Alex Primka, Christine Russ, Sam Thompson, Chris Yonke, Mitchell Yount.

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EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY, MARCH 8

- 9 a.m.** Traditional Worship Service
- 10:15 a.m.** Sunday School, Coffee & Donuts
- 10:15 a.m.** Bonnie Legako Interment
- 11:11 a.m.** Contemporary Worship Service
- 5 p.m.** Anglican Worship - Open to All

MONDAY, MARCH 9

- 9 a.m.** PEO Chapter S
- 12 p.m.** Via de Cristo Reunion
- 6:15 p.m.** English Language Class

TUESDAY, MARCH 10

- 1:30 p.m.** Bible Study Class
- 6 p.m.** Evening Prayer
- 7:30 p.m.** Narcotics Anonymous

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11

- 9:30 a.m.** PEO Chapter AH Meeting
- 10:30 a.m.** Pantry Leadership Meeting
- 3:30 p.m.** Northshore Moms Pantry
- 4:15 p.m.** Staff Meeting
- 5:30 p.m.** Handbell Choir Rehearsal
- 6 p.m.** Lent Book Discussion and Soup Supper
- 6:30 p.m.** Chancel Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, MARCH 12

- 7:30 p.m.** Narcotics Anonymous

FRIDAY, MARCH 13

- 7 p.m.** Narcotics Anonymous

SATURDAY, MARCH 14

- 10:00 a.m.** Families with Littles Play Date
- 10:30 a.m.** Serve Lunch at KARM
- 11 a.m.** Al-Anon

SUNDAY, MARCH 15

- 9 a.m.** Traditional Worship Service
- 10:15 a.m.** Sunday School, Coffee & Donuts
- 11:11 a.m.** Contemporary Worship Service
- 2 p.m.** Choir Open House

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Lent Book Discussion and Soup Supper**
 - Wednesday, March 11 at 6 p.m.
- **Serve Lunch at KARM**
 - Saturday, March 14 at 10:30 a.m.
- **Choir Open House**
 - Sunday, March 15 at 2 p.m.
- **Salvation Army Stuffed Animals**
 - We are accepting new or lightly used stuffed animals for the children staying at the shelter.

DAILY LECTIONARY READINGS THIS WEEK

Monday: Genesis 24:1-17, 2 John 1-13, Psalm 81

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Thursday: 1 Samuel 15:10-21, Ephesians 4:25-32, Psalm 23

Friday: 1 Samuel 15:22-31, Ephesians 5:1-9, Psalm 23

Saturday: 1 Samuel 15:32-34, John 1:1-9, Psalm 23

Sunday: 1 Samuel 16:1-13, Psalm 23, Ephesians 5:8-14, John 9:1-41

FAITHFUL RESPONSE

Offerings last week: \$ **33,898**

Offerings year to date: \$ **195,747**

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