



1<sup>st</sup>  
**Sunday**  
*in*  
**Lent**

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**Saturday Evening Worship - 5:30 p.m.**  
**Sunday Morning Worship - 10:00 a.m.**  
**February 17 & 18, 2024**

## First Sunday in Lent

**A Warm Welcome** to all as we gather as God's people to worship our Lord. We pray our worship together would strengthen your faith and desire to know and serve the One who loves us with an everlasting love as made known to us in Jesus Christ.

*(In preparation for our worship together, you are invited to take a moment of silence to offer your own prayers of worship and praise.)*

**KEY:** ELW and any page number = Worship hymnal (cranberry),  
OSB = Other Song Book (red), W&P = Worship & Praise (purple).

\* Indicates please stand if able. Congregational responses are printed in **BOLD** type.

**Prayer Before Worship:** Lord God, you led your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide now the people of your Church, that, as we journey through this time we call Lent, we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

### Prelude Music

### Welcome and Announcements

#### ‡WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS‡

Welcome Hymn:

“When Morning Gilds the Skies”

ELW #853  
vv. 1,2,4&5

1. When morning gilds the skies,  
my heart awaking cries:  
may Jesus Christ be praised!  
When evening shadows fall,  
this rings my curfew call:  
may Jesus Christ be praised!

2. When mirth for music longs,  
this is my song of songs:  
may Jesus Christ be praised!  
God's holy house of prayer  
has none that can compare  
with "Jesus Christ be praised!"

**4. Let all of humankind  
in this their concord find:  
may Jesus Christ be praised!  
Let all the earth around  
ring joyous with the sound:  
may Jesus Christ be praised!**

**5. Sing, sun and stars of space,  
sing, all who see his face,  
sing, "Jesus Christ be praised!"  
God's whole creation o'er,  
today and evermore  
shall Jesus Christ be praised!**

**\*Confession and Forgiveness**

*(All may make the sign of the cross † the sign marked at baptism, as we begin)*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who writes the law on our hearts, who draws all people together through Jesus. **Amen.**

Held in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*(Silence is kept for reflection)*

Holy God,

**we confess that we are caught in snares of sin and cannot break free. We hoard resources while our neighbors are hungry and cold. We speak in ways that silence others. We are silent when we should speak up. We keep score in our hearts. We let hurts grow into hatred. For all these things and for sins only you know, forgive us, Lord. Amen.**

Here is an abundance of grace: Out of love for the whole world, God draws near to us, breaks every snare of sin, washes away our wrongs, and restores the promise of life through † Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

**\*Greeting**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## **\*Prayer of the Day**

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.**

## **‡GOD'S WORD SPEAKS TO US‡**

### **Old Testament Reading: Genesis 9:8-17**

<sup>8</sup>Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, <sup>9</sup>"As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, <sup>10</sup>and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. <sup>11</sup>I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." <sup>12</sup>God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: <sup>13</sup>I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. <sup>14</sup>When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, <sup>15</sup>I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. <sup>16</sup>When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." <sup>17</sup>God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 25:1-10**

<sup>1</sup>To you, O LORD,  
I lift up my soul.

<sup>2</sup>**My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame,  
nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

<sup>3</sup>Let none who look to you be put to shame;  
rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

<sup>4</sup>**Show me your ways, O LORD,  
and teach me your paths.**

<sup>5</sup>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.

<sup>6</sup>**Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love,  
for they are from everlasting.**

<sup>7</sup>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.

<sup>8</sup>**You are gracious and upright, O LORD;  
therefore you teach sinners in your way.**

<sup>9</sup>You lead the lowly in justice  
and teach the lowly your way.

<sup>10</sup>**All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast love and faithfulness  
to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.**

### **Epistle Reading: 1 Peter 3:18-22**

<sup>18</sup>For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, <sup>19</sup>in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, <sup>20</sup>who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. <sup>21</sup>And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you — not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, <sup>22</sup>who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**\*Lenten Verse**

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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**

*Response after the announcement of the gospel:*  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>9</sup>In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup>And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. <sup>11</sup>And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

<sup>12</sup>And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. <sup>13</sup>He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

<sup>14</sup>Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, <sup>15</sup>and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near, repent, and believe in the good news."

*Response after the gospel reading:*  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Kid's Sermon (Sun):**

**Angie Hinze**

**Sermon:**

**Pastor Kathy**

*(Silence for reflection and meditation)*

**‡WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD‡**

**Hymn of the Day:**

**"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.**

**\*Profession of Faith: The Apostles Creed**

**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 Church:**

*Each petition ends with:*

Hear us, O God...**your mercy is great.**

*The prayers conclude with:*

...Accompany us on our journey, God of grace, and receive the prayers of our hearts,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

**\*Sharing of the Peace**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*(You are invited to share the peace of Christ with one another)*

**“He Is My Peace” (Sun)**

**Choir**

**\*Offertory Prayer**

God our provider,

**you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**✠HOLY COMMUNION✠**

*Here our Lord gives to us His own Body and Blood for the forgiveness of all our sins.*

**\*The Great Thanksgiving**

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The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**\*Words of Institution**

Holy God,

You alone are holy, you alone are God. The universe declares your praise: beyond the stars; beneath the sea; within each cell; with every breath. **We praise you, O God.**

Generations bless your faithfulness: through the water; by night and day; across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future. **We bless you, O God.**

We give you thanks for your dear Son: at the heart of human life; near to those who suffer; beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now. **We thank you, O God**



In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering his love for us on the way, at the table, to the end, we proclaim the mystery of faith. **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

We pray for the gift of your Spirit: in our gathering; within this meal; among your people; throughout the world.

Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit, in your church, without end. **Amen.**

#### **\*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.**

#### **\*Invitation to Communion**

These are the gifts of God for the people of God. All is ready and all are welcome.

#### **Distribution of Communion:**

Christ is truly present in the Lord's Supper with gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation.

All are welcome and invited to receive Holy Communion.

*(Communion will be served continuously at two stations in the front of the church.*

*APPLE JUICE and GLUTEN FREE WAFERS are available. Just ask the server.*

*Children who are not yet communicants are invited to come forward for a blessing.)*

**Distribution Music**

Tahnee Hutchinson

### **\*Post-Communion Blessing**

### **\*Post-Communion Prayer**

Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice; our alms, a making of peace; and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

### **‡WE DEPART TO SERVE‡**

### **\*Benediction**

Beloved, we are God's own people, holy, washed, renewed. God bless you and keep you, shower you with mercy, fill you with courage, and ‡ give you peace. **Amen.**

**Sending Hymn:**

**"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"**

**ELW #504**

**1. A mighty fortress is our God,  
a sword and shield victorious;  
he breaks the cruel oppressor's rod  
and wins salvation glorious.**

**The old satanic foe  
has sworn to work us woe!  
With craft and dreadful might  
he arms himself to fight.  
On earth he has no equal.**

**2. No strength of ours can match his might!**

**We would be lost, rejected.  
But now a champion comes to fight,  
whom God himself elected.  
You ask who this may be?  
The Lord of hosts is he!  
Christ Jesus, mighty Lord,  
God's only Son, adored.  
He holds the field victorious.**

**3. Though hordes of devils fill the land  
all threat'ning to devour us,  
we tremble not, unmoved we stand;  
they cannot overpow'r us.**

**Let this world's tyrant rage;  
in battle we'll engage!  
His might is doomed to fail;  
God's judgment must prevail!  
One little word subdues him.**

**4. God's Word forever shall abide,  
no thanks to foes, who fear it;  
for God himself fights by our side  
with weapons of the Spirit.  
Were they to take our house,  
goods, honor, child, or spouse,  
though life be wrenched away,  
they cannot win the day.  
The kingdom's ours forever!**

### **\*Dismissal**

Go in peace. Share your bread.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### **Postlude**

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Virginia Hilbers, 2/20; Mike Moravec, 2/20;  
Marj Nikont, 2/23; Shelly Koehler, 2/23;

*If we have missed your birthday, please let the office know. Thanks.*

## In Our Thoughts and Prayers†

Prayers for healing: **Edna Hartman** (friend of Pastor Kathy), **Sherrill Miller** (cancer treatment—Travis Miller family) **Butch Feil** (recovering from surgery—Guerrero family), **Leah Nikont** (recovering from surgery), **Mary Jo Huelle** (recovering from surgery), **Drew Selck** (Cancer), **LuVerne Knoedler** (recovering from surgery), **Ruth Harris** (recovery from a fall), **Joni** (stage 4 cancer), **Kathy Johnson** (health issues), **William Gibbs** (Cancer— Larry Gibbs' brother), **Vicki Schmidt** (cancer treatment), **Patty** (cancer—Jim Dorn's sister-in-law).

Prayers for comfort and peace for: Family and friends **Tamara Taylor** (Fran Johson & Barb Tallmon's niece).

Prayers for comfort and safety: **Zeke Chilcott** (deployed—friend of Marissa Wright), **Jeffery Christeleit** (deployed—Brian & Jodi Christeleit's son and Jim & Sheila Miller's grandson).



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### FEBRUARY FOOD DONATIONS REQUESTED

**FOOD PANTRY:** Canned Meat

**BACKPACKS:** Granola Bars

Containers are located outside Fellowship Hall.

Thanks for your generosity.



### **CLCW FEBRUARY MISSION PROJECT: Bake-less Bake Sale**



Instead of spending the money to make baked items and asking people to purchase them, the women are asking for cash donations in the amount that you might normally spend to make or buy items at a bake sale. Money raised goes to our mission projects for the world, our nation, and our local community. Donations may be placed in the tan "*Designated Giving*" envelopes in the pews. Please be sure to mark on them CLCW Project on the envelope. Thank you for your support.



## NO JAM THROUGH LENT!

Instead, we invite all JAM youth and their families to join us for our Lenten dinners (5:30p.m. – 6:15p.m.) and Worship Services (6:30p.m.)

The Parish Ed Committee is considering forming a fellowship aimed at "young adults." We would like the congregations' feedback to determine interest.

Please check out our Facebook page to take our survey. If you have any questions, please contact a committee member.



### Coffee and Fellowship

We would like to invite people to stay after worship for a time of fellowship. The coffee pot will be on, but if you would like to provide treats, please sign up on the sheet outside the office.



**February 21<sup>st</sup>**, the meal is @ 5:30 pm with worship to follow @ 6:30 pm. This week is Enchiladas Casserole sponsored by Social Ministry.



The Five Solas are the theme for our Wednesday evening Lenten services this year. These are five central truths that came out of the Reformation – 1 Scripture Alone, 2 Christ Alone, 3 Faith Alone, 4 Grace Alone and 5 Glory of God Alone. Join us at 6:30 PM on Wednesday evenings.

## **2024 LENTEN LUNCHES**

will be held on Tuesdays from Noon to 1 p.m. during Lent.

### **SCHEDULE**

- February 20** - First Presbyterian Church  
*101 E. 20<sup>th</sup> St., Scottsbluff*
- February 27** - First United Methodist Church  
*2002 4th Ave., Scottsbluff*
- March 5** – Calvary Lutheran Church  
*17 E. 27<sup>th</sup> St., Scottsbluff*
- March 12** - Westway Christian Church  
*1701 W. 27th St., Scottsbluff*
- March 19** - St. Francis Episcopal Church  
*14 E. 20th St., Scottsbluff*



### **First Communion Class**

**March 9<sup>th</sup> from 9:30-11:30 a.m. in the fellowship hall**

Parents: Do you have a child who is not yet receiving the Sacrament of Holy Communion and is interested in doing so? At Calvary, there is no specific age at which a child may begin receiving Communion; it is at the parent's discretion. However, if we understand that in the bread and wine of Holy Communion, we receive the gift of Christ's forgiveness and promise of his presence and love, then it is never too early to begin receiving communion. If interested, or if you have questions, please talk with Pastor Kathy.

## WORSHIP LEADERS

**Pastor Kathy**

**This Sunday – February 18**

**USHERS:** Chris & Barb Jensen

**LAY READER:** Mary Jo Huelle

**HEAD COMMUNION ASST:** Bill Huelle

**COMMUNION ASSTS:** Abby Newsom & Marissa Wright

**POWERPOINT:** Andi Dorn

**ACOLYTES:** Brody & Matea Weitzel

**MEDIA:** Maunette Loeks-Van Patten

**AUDIO:** Jim Dorn

**ALTAR GUILD:** Abby Newsom, Maunette Loeks-Van Patten, Barb Jensen, Nannie Walsh

**ORGANIST:** Tahnee Hutchinson

**COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP:** *Please sign up!*

**Next Sunday – February 25**

**USHERS:** Deb Brown & Vicki Howell

**LAY READER:** Chris Jensen

**HEAD COMMUNION ASST:** Shari Copsey

**COMMUNION ASSTS:** Rick & Lynn Margheim

**POWERPOINT:** Maunette Loeks-Van Patten

**ACOLYTES:** Kippen & Jacey Cochran

**MEDIA:** Jeff Van Patten

**AUDIO:** Jack Martin

**ALTAR GUILD:** Deb Brown, Vicki Howell, Tracy Steele, Shari Copsey

**PIANIST:** Tahnee Hutchinson

**COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP** *Please sign up!*

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Sunday, February 18**

10 a.m. – Worship

11 a.m. – Coffee & Fellowship

**Monday, February 19**

5 p.m. – Elders

6 p.m. – Worship & Music

6:30 p.m. – Stewards

**Tuesday, February 20**

12 p.m. – Sarah Circle

1 p.m. – Quilting

**Wednesday, February 21**

5:30 p.m. – Lenten Meal

6:30 p.m. – Lenten Worship

7p.m. – Choir Practice

**Saturday, February 24**

5:30 p.m. – Worship

**Sunday, February 25**

10 a.m. – Worship

11 a.m. – Coffee & Fellowship

FEBRUARY 18, 2024  
FIRST SUNDAY  
IN LENT



*Jesus brings the good news of God's reign.*

### DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	Mark 1:9-15	Temptation of Jesus
Monday	Genesis 9:8-17	God's promise to Noah
Tuesday	1 Peter 3:18-22	Suffering for doing right
Wednesday	Romans 14:13-23	Do not make someone stumble
Thursday	Psalms 16:5-11	Song of trust
Friday	James 3:13-18	Two kinds of wisdom
Saturday	Psalms 25:1-10	Prayer for guidance
Sunday	Mark 8:31-38	Jesus predicts his death

### SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

*Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent and believe in the good news."*  
Mark 1:14-15 (NRSV)

### PRAYERS AND BLESSING

#### **A Prayer for the Week:**

Almighty God, you love what you have created; we thank you for your protection and that you come to bring us peace, joy, and love through Jesus Christ, your Beloved Son. Amen.

#### **Mealtime Prayer:**

Dear God, you remember the lowly and the hungry; we thank you for remembering us with your love and with this meal that gives us strength. Amen.

#### **A Blessing to Give:**

May the good news of Jesus give you joy.



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FEBRUARY 18, 2024  
HYMN OF THE WEEK  
*Jesus Calls Us: o'er  
The Tumult*



**WEEKLY MILESTONES:** Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

### CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- How would you survive in the wilderness?
- How would you describe God's reign to someone?

### DEVOTIONS

*Read: Mark 1:9-15.*

It is easy to miss the power and drama of Jesus' message that now is the time for the kingdom of God. His message seems so brief. Yet, in Jesus, God's reign is taking on all other claims to power and glory. The arrest of John the Baptist calls attention to another kind of power, the kind that seeks to control and destroy. In a world ordered by inequalities, unfairness, and brutality, another power is needed that can take on such harmful ways. That power is seen in Jesus' ability to take on Satan's deceitful testing of him. We also see it in Jesus being protected from wild beasts that could otherwise cause harm. God's justice and mercy has always championed life, love, and peace. Jesus, the Beloved Son of God, now steps out of his baptismal waters with the power of God's spirit and takes on all forms of evil and death. We are now called to join this kingdom by turning away from destructive powers and trusting this good and awesome news and kingdom that Jesus brings.

*Discuss:* How do you see God's kingdom in Jesus bringing you and the world good news?

*Pray:* Merciful and loving God, give us courage to trust the power and presence of your reign of life, love, and peace through Jesus Christ, your Beloved Son, our Redeemer and Lord. Amen.

### SERVICE



Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, how can you bring Jesus' message of love and peace to others?

### RITUALS AND TRADITIONS



The cross is an ancient symbol of the Christian faith. It reminds us Jesus died that we may live with God forever and is a reminder of a way of life for Jesus' followers. Lay out a purple cloth (the color for repentance and Lent) and place seven votive candles or battery-operated votive candles in the shape of a cross on the cloth. Light one of the candles this first week in Lent. Sit in silence for a moment while looking at the cross.

*Then pray:* Dear God, we give you thanks for your steadfast love and goodness that forgives and renews us in Christ. Amen.



In addition to *Taking Faith Home*, celebrate milestones in your daily life as an effective faith formation tool. Go to: [www.milestonesministry.org](http://www.milestonesministry.org)