



First Sunday
in
Lent

"Helping others receive grace, purpose and direction by proclaiming Christ's love."

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Sunday Morning Worship
10:00 a.m.
March 1, 2020

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Prayer Before Worship: Saving Lord, you know there is nothing we can do to save ourselves. Make us joyful in your promise of eternal life, which is ours because you choose to give it to us and not because we do anything to earn it; in Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

(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.

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.

***Visitors**, we are especially glad to have you worshipping with us today.*

Please join us in the reception area after worship for coffee and fellowship.

Worship Information Cards: Everyone is invited to fill out a Worship Information card as you enter so that we know you are here, will be communion today or if you have a prayer request you would like us to include during worship today. Once you have filled out the card, please pass them to the inside aisle for the ushers to pick up. Thanks!

Prelude Music

Welcome and Announcements

✠WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS✠

Call to Worship

We begin our worship by reminding ourselves:

That it is not we who chose Christ,

but Christ who chose us,

That we are not here because of our goodness

but because of Christ's grace,

That we are not here to enlighten ourselves,

but to allow Christ to enlighten us,

That we have not come to be entertained

but to worship God with heart, soul, mind and strength.

Welcome Song: "We Are Called"

ELW #720

***Confession of Sins/Assurance of Forgiveness**

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

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † who brings us out of captivity into freedom, out of the wilderness into the promised land, out of death into life. **Amen.**

If you were to keep watch over sins, O Lord, who could stand?
Yet through you we have the promise of forgiveness, and so we confess.

(silence for reflection and self-examination)

Gracious God,

have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned away from you, knowingly and unknowingly. We have wandered from your resurrection life. We have strayed from your love for all people. Turn us back to you, O God. Give us new hearts and right spirits, that we may find what is pleasing to you and dwell in your house forever. Amen.

By water and the Holy Spirit, God gives us a new birth, and through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ † God forgives us all our sins. Almighty God strengthen us in all goodness and keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

***Song of Praise: "Seek Ye First"**

W&P #122

***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**

Lord of abundant riches,

When asked to give everything to follow Jesus, a rich man faltered. Give us the courage and will to give everything that we have to you, knowing that what you offer is more valuable than all the riches in the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

‡**GOD'S WORD SPEAKS TO US**‡

First Reading: Deuteronomy 8:11-14

Pew Bible p. 165, Old Testament

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 19:7-10

Read Responsively

⁷The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul;
the decrees of the LORD are sure, making wise the simple;
⁸**the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart;**
the commandment of the LORD is clear, enlightening the eyes;
⁹the fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever;
the ordinances of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.
¹⁰**More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold;**
sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:18-22

Pew Bible p. 234, New Testament

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

***Lenten Verse**

“Return to the Lord”

Jay Beech

**Return to the Lord, your God,
Return to the Lord, your God,
Who is gracious and merciful,
Slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.**

***Gospel: Mark 10:17-31**

Pew Bible p. 46, New Testament

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

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

Kids' Sermon:

Angie Hinze

Sermon:

Pastor Chris

(Silence for Reflection and Meditation.)

‡WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD‡

***Hymn: "Take My Life, That I May Be"**

ELW #583

***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**

ELW #752

(Sung Prayer Response)

**Lord, listen to your children praying,
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord listen to your children praying,
send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.**

***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.)

Offering

Offertory: “In the Garden”

Choir

***Offertory Prayer**

Gracious God,

were we to place the whole of our fortunes upon your altar; still it would not be enough to buy our salvation. So accept these gifts, O God, as a token of our gratitude for all that you have already given us, and as offerings in service to your mission on earth. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

‡HOLY COMMUNION‡

(The Words of Institution are spoken by the pastor, ending with... “now and forever. Amen.” The congregation responds with “In the Singing”)

ELW #466

**“Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ, be the wine of grace;
Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ, be the bread of peace.”**

***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**

God’s love is poured out in Christ for you. Open yourselves to receive it.

***Invitation Song:**

“Now in this Banquet”
(Sung Response)

W&P #104
Verse s: 1 & Lent

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.

WHITE GRAPE 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.)

Prayer Stations:

If you wish to have someone pray for and with you this evening, please feel free to make your way to the narthex either before or after you receive Communion. All prayers and conversations will be confidential.

Distribution Song: "How Can I Be Free from Sin?"

W&P #65

***Post-Communion Blessing and Prayer**

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.**

‡WE DEPART TO SERVE‡

***Benediction**

***Hymn: "Will You Come and Follow Me"**

ELW #798

***Dismissal**

Go in peace. Remember the poor.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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March FOOD DONATIONS REQUESTED

FOOD PANTRY: boxed dinners (tuna/hamburger helper)

BACKPACKS: fruit cups



WOMEN OF THE ELCA March MISSION PROJECT:

Food for meals at the Lakota Center

Cash donations will be used to help supplement the food ministry at the Lakota Center. Meals are an important part of community at the center and reach a large number of people. Make donations in the tan "designated giving" envelopes and mark them for WELCA.



Brad Johnston, 3/3; Nancy Steele, 3/4; Craig Bartel, 3/5; Ella Foote, 3/5;

Jennifer Schafer, 3/6; Elizabeth Buckley, 3/6; Melissa Guerrero, 3/7; Joe Lentz, 3/7

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



WEDNESDAY, March 4, the Lenten meal is @ 5:30 pm with worship to follow @ 6:30 pm. This week is a baked potato bar sponsored by JAM and EPIC.

The Generosity Project

&

Cross+Generational Ministry Lab

Offered at Calvary on Saturday, March 7, from 9 to 3.

See Pastor Chris for more information.



✠In Our Thoughts and Prayers✠

Prayers for healing: **Linda Spomer** (heart tests), **Mylah Buckley** (RSV—granddaughter of Jim & Sheila Miller), **Jordan Hein** (cancer surgery—former member of Calvary), **Wes Sell** (recovering), **Neal Blomenkamp** (recovering from surgery), **Dee Brady** (recovering from surgery), **Steve Kaufman** (recovering), **Norman Stevens** (Dave Steven's brother), **Michael Lueningborg** (heart surgery—brother of Deanna Zweifel), **Ron Hettinger** (heart & medical conditions—Marcy Miller's father), **Mabel Dedlow** (healing), **Candy** (cancer surgery--friend of Susan Martin), **Michael Dietrich** (friend of Dave & Penny Stevens), **Julie** (cancer treatment--Travis Miller family), **Barb** (cancer--Marlene Downer's sister-in-law), **Joan** (cancer--niece of Marj Nikont), **Patty** (cancer--Jim Dorn's sister-in-law), **Kevin Feil** (healing--Melissa Guerrero's father), **Bonnie Noble** (Leah Nikont's mother).



Habitat for Humanity

Scotts Bluff County Habitat for Humanity

Home dedication and Open House for the Ormond Family, Saturday, March 7,

from 1 to 3 pm

401 Bentley, Melbeta, NE 69355



Busy...Reconnecting with an Unhurried God

is our theme for this year's Wednesday night Lenten services. The season of Lent has often been a time when we think about "giving something up"—a holdover from its penitential flavor in the medieval church and while "giving something up" can be a helpful practice; what if

this year, we thought less about "giving up" and more about "*making room*" for God?

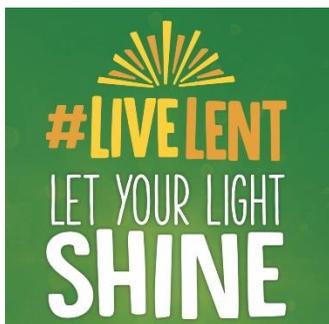
Join us at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday evenings during Lent starting on Ash Wednesday, February 26 for worship and a chance to "make room" for God as we journey through this Lenten Season.

2020 ECUMENICAL LENTEN LUNCHESES

will be held on Tuesdays from Noon to 1 p.m. during Lent. If you are interested in helping with the luncheon at Calvary , March 17, the **signup sheet is on the credenza** between the pastors' offices.

SCHEDULE

- March 3** - First United Methodist Church
2002 4th Ave., Scottsbluff
- March 10** - WestWay Christian Church
1701 W. 27th St., Scottsbluff
- March 17** - Calvary Lutheran Church
17 E. 27th St., Scottsbluff
- March 24** - St. Francis Episcopal Church
14 E. 20th St., Scottsbluff
- March 31** - First Christian Church
2102 Avenue A, Scottsbluff



WORSHIP LEADERS

Pastors Chris and Sheryl Kester Beyer

This Sunday – March 1

USHERS: Kent & Dawn Holub

PRAYER ASSISTANTS: Marsha Bueide,
Val Rahrs

LAY READER: Susan Martin

COMMUNION ASSTS: Vicki Howell,
Marlene Downer, Mary Jo Huelle

POWERPOINT: Sydney Hinz

ACOLYTE: Ayden Tompkins

ALTAR GUILD: Barb Jensen, Nannie
Walsh, Abby Newsom, Maunette Loeks

PIANIST: Dee Brady

COFFEE SET UP: Volunteer today!

HOSPITALITY: Volunteer today!

Next Sunday – March 8

USHERS: Chris & Barb Jensen

LAY READER: Kathy Randall

COMMUNION ASSTS: LaDonna Schmidt,
Deb Brown, Jeannie Stormoe

POWERPOINT: Jeff Van Patten

ACOLYTE: Josh Miller

ALTAR GUILD: Deb Brown, Vicki Howell,
Tracy Steele

ORGANIST: Rhonda Boettcher

COFFEE SET UP: Volunteer today!

HOSPITALITY: Volunteer today!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, March 1

9 a.m. – Adult Study

10 a.m. – Worship

Tuesday, March 3

8:30 a.m. – Men's Study

Noon – Lenten Lunch

Noon – Women's Study

1 p.m. – Quilting

7:30 p.m. – Priscilla Circle

Wednesday, March 4

10 a.m. – Ruth Circle

Noon – OWLS Luncheon

5:30 p.m. – Lenten Meal

6:30 p.m. – Worship & Confirmation

7 p.m. – JAM

7 p.m. – Choir Practice

Thursday, March 5

6:45 p.m. – Bible Study @ Steeles

Saturday, March 7

9 to 3 **Generosity Project and
Cross+Generational Lab @ Calvary**

5:30 p.m. – Worship

Sunday, March 8

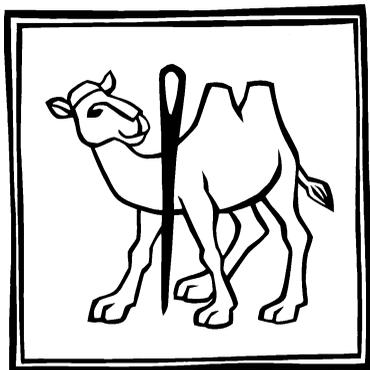
**Daylight Savings Time Begins
(Spring Forward)**

9 a.m. – Adult Study

10 a.m. – Worship

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Living in God's kingdom is not about possessions, but about our love toward others. Today's reading teaches clearly about what is expected of those who are part of God's kingdom. The rich man's wealth is not important in God's kingdom. In fact, that is what is keeping him from taking part in the kingdom. Instead, Jesus' prediction of his suffering and death is shown as the true way to be great—serving by giving his life for ours. His greatness through service contrasts the rich man's unwillingness to let go of his possessions.

Daily Bible Readings @ Home

Sunday – Read Mark 10:17-22 A rich man asks Jesus how to inherit eternal life, but struggles with Jesus' answer. What things would you struggle to give up if Jesus asked. Ask God for help to let go of those things, but also give thanks for God's grace.

Monday – Read Exodus 20:12-16 An excerpt from the Ten Commandments. What are the unspoken promises of God to humanity behind each commandment?

Tuesday – Read Mark 10:23-27 Jesus explains the nature of wealth and the kingdom of God. Reread this short passage a few times, noting the words and phrases that come to mind. Reflect on the words or phrases that keep coming up.

Wednesday – Read 1 Timothy 6:6-10 The love of money is a root of evil. What ways does money have a hold in your life beyond what is necessary? What might you do to lessen its hold on you?

Thursday – Read Mark 10:28-31 The last shall be first and the first shall be last. Reflect on how we tend to praise and admire the rich and powerful in our world. Pray for those who are the least and the last in our world. Seek to find ways to help the least and the last during Lent.

Friday – Read Romans 8:18-25 Put your trust and hope in the Lord. Say a prayer of thanksgiving for God's grace in Christ Jesus.

Saturday – Read Mark 10:32-34 Jesus foretells his coming death and resurrection. How would you react if you were a disciple to Jesus telling you that he was going to die soon?