



Second 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 8, 2020**

## Second Sunday in Lent

**Prayer Before Worship:** Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth in whom all things are possible, have mercy on us and heal us, that sustained by the power of your word and by the constant intercession of our Lord and Savior, we may draw near to you and follow in your way as faithful disciples. 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 give you thanks and praise, O God,  
**that you have called us to this place**  
to hear the promise of your holy word,  
**to be immersed in the font of your grace,**  
**and to drink the cup of your blessing.**

Draw us deeper into your presence  
**and send us out to love and serve;**  
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Hymn: "Give Me Jesus"**

**ELW #770, vv. 1,3,5**

**\*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.**

**\*Kyrie**

**ELW #157**

**\*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**

O Jesus Christ,

**Teacher and healer, you heard the cry of the blind beggar when others would have silenced him. Teach us to be attentive to the voices others ignore, that we might respond through the power of the Spirit to heal the afflicted and to welcome the abandoned for your sake and the sake of the gospel; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

‡GOD'S WORD SPEAKS TO US‡

First Reading: Isaiah 53:3-6

Pew Bible p. 683-4, Old Testament

The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 34:11-22

Read Responsively

<sup>11</sup>Come, O children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the LORD.

<sup>12</sup>**Which of you desires life, and covets many days to enjoy good?**

<sup>13</sup>Keep your tongue from evil, and your lips from speaking deceit.

<sup>14</sup>**Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it.**

<sup>15</sup>The eyes of the LORD are on the righteous, and his ears are open to their cry.

<sup>16</sup>**The face of the LORD is against evildoers,  
to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth.**

<sup>17</sup>When the righteous cry for help, the LORD hears,  
and rescues them from all their troubles.

<sup>18</sup>**The LORD is near to the brokenhearted, and saves the crushed in spirit.**

<sup>19</sup>Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the LORD rescues them from them all.

<sup>20</sup>**He keeps all their bones; not one of them will be broken.**

<sup>21</sup>Evil brings death to the wicked, and those who hate the righteous will be condemned.

<sup>22</sup>**The LORD redeems the life of his servants;  
none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.**

Second Reading: Mark 10:32-45

Pew Bible p. 46-7, New Testament

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 10:46-52

Pew Bible p. 47, 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**

**Pastor Sheryl**

**Sermon**

**Pastor Sheryl**

*(Silence for Reflection and Meditation.)*

**‡WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD‡**

**\*Hymn: "Healer of Our Every Ill"**

**ELW #612 vv. 1-3**

**\*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:*

**God of grace...hear our prayer.**

*The prayers conclude with:*

**....by the grace and mercy of your Son Jesus Christ. 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.)*

**Offering**

**Offertory: “Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)”**

**Choir**

**\*Offering 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 Great Thanksgiving**

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**\*Holy, Holy, Holy...**

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**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow’r and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

**\*Words of Institution**

**\*The Lord’s Prayer**

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**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.

**"Lamb of God"** (sung)

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## **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.)*

**Distribution Music**

**Rhonda Boettcher**

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

### **\*Post-Communion 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: "Bless Now, O God, the Journey"**

**ELW #326**

## **\*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.



*Caleb Payne, 3/8; Neal Blomenkamp, 3/11; Marv Braaten, 3/12;*

*Michael Schuler, 3/14; Syl Holdt, 3/14*

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



**WEDNESDAY, March 11**, the Lenten meal is @ 5:30 pm with worship to follow @ 6:30 pm.

The menu this week is pizza casserole sponsored by the choir.



## ‡In Our Thoughts and Prayers‡

*Prayers for healing:* **Kenny & Alice Shriver** (hospitalized), **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 Luenenborg** (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).



### **Busy...Reconnecting with an Unhurried God**

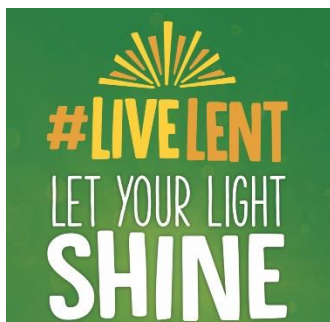
is our theme for this year’s Wednesday night Lenten services. The season of Lent has often been a time when we think about “giving something up”—a holdover from its penitential flavor in the medieval church and while “giving something up” can be a helpful practice; what if

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.

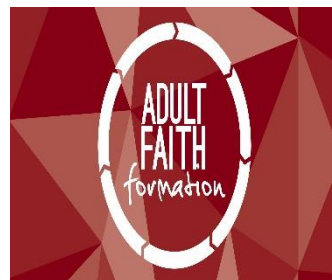


### **SCHEDULE**

- March 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*

### **The Apostles' Creed - Saturday, April 25, 2020**

What are we actually saying when we profess the creed? How do I put words to my own faith? During this course, we will dive into these questions in the context of the Apostles' Creed from Luther's Small Catechism. Cost of \$25 includes programming, lunch, and a copy of Luther's Small Catechism.



Location: **Sullivan Hills Camp** - 10 miles N of Lodgepole, NE

Questions: Katherine Albin @ [KAlbin@NLOM.org](mailto:KAlbin@NLOM.org) or 402-944-2544.

### **WELCOMING OUR NEW OFFICE MANAGER**

WE ARE EXCITED TO WELCOME CHRISTY THOMPSON  
AS OUR NEW OFFICE MANAGER.

CHRISTY'S FIRST DAY WAS MARCH 2ND.

PLEASE BE SURE TO STOP IN THE OFFICE WHEN YOU ARE AT CALVARY  
TO WELCOME HER AND INTRODUCE YOURSELF SO THAT SHE CAN  
BEGIN TO GET TO KNOW US.

**THANK YOU!**  
THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Thank you everyone for your prayers for our great-granddaughter, Mylah Buckley. She is doing better. Jim & Sheila Miller

## WORSHIP LEADERS

Pastors Chris and Sheryl Kester Beyer

**This Sunday – March 8**

**USHERS:** Chris & Barb Jensen

**LAY READER:** Kathy Randall

**COMMUNION ASSTS:** LaDonna Schmidt,  
Deb Brown, Jeannie Stormoe

**POWERPOINT:** Jeff VanPatten

**ACOLYTE:** Josh Miller

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

**ORGANIST:** Rhonda Boettcher

**COFFEE SET UP: Volunteer today!**

**HOSPITALITY: Volunteer today!**

**Next Sunday – March 15**

**USHERS:** Maunette Loeks/Jeff VanPatten

**LAY READER:** Jack Martin

**COMMUNION ASSTS:** LaDonna Schmidt,  
Joan Smith, Nannie Walsh

**POWERPOINT:** Matt Payne

**ACOLYTE:** Merrick Walsh

**ALTAR GUILD:** Shelly Koehler, Andi Dorn,  
Jessica Laughlin, Carmen Kleager, Angela  
Bonow

**PIANIST:** Dee Brady

**COFFEE SET UP: Volunteer today!**

**HOSPITALITY: Volunteer today!**

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Sunday, March 8**

**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS**

9 a.m. – Adult Study

10 a.m. – Worship

**Monday, March 9**

6 p.m. – Council

7 p.m. – Hannah Circle

**Tuesday, March 10**

8:30 a.m. – Men's Study

9 a.m. – Esther Circle

Noon – Lenten Lunch

Noon – Women's Study

1 p.m. – Quilting

**Wednesday, March 11**

5:30 p.m. – Lenten Meal

6:30 p.m. – Worship & Confirmation

7 p.m. – JAM

7 p.m. – Choir Practice

**Thursday, March 12**

6:45 p.m. – Bible Study @ Steeles

**Saturday, March 14**

5:30 p.m. – Worship

**Sunday, March 15**

9 a.m. – Adult Study

10 a.m. – Worship

## Second Sunday in Lent

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Jesus came to serve and calls us to do the same. James and John were thinking of themselves when they asked Jesus for seats of honor. He expected the opposite attitude of them. In Jesus' healing of Bartimaeus, Jesus reminds them (and us) that it's not about positions of power or being served; it's about caring about and serving others as God gives us opportunity.

### Daily Bible Readings @ Home

**Sunday – Read Mark 10:35-45** James and John ask for positions of prestige and power in Jesus' coming kingdom. Jesus reminds them that following him is not about seeking positions of power; it's about serving others. Pray that you might have a servant's heart.

**Monday – Read Mark 10:46-52** Jesus heals Bartimaeus, restoring his sight. Pray for all in need of healing.

**Tuesday – Read Mark 11:12-19** Jesus cleanses the temple. Why do you think Jesus become angry and clears the temple of the money changers?

**Wednesday – Read Mark 11:20-25** Jesus uses the fig tree as a lesson for his disciples. Follow Jesus' advice in verse 25 and think of someone you are holding a grudge against and forgive them. If you find it difficult to forgive, then confess that to God and ask for him to help you to get to where you can forgive.

**Thursday – Read Mark 11:27-33** Jesus' authority is questioned by the religious leaders. How well do you accept God's authority over your life?

**Friday – Read Mark 12:1-12** Jesus tells the parable of the wicked tenants. Pray for all who are victims of violence.

**Saturday – Read Psalm 118:21-26** The corner stone that was rejected has become the chief cornerstone. Reflect or journal on a time when you rejected Jesus (perhaps even without realizing it).