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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 9, 2025

Verse 2:

**Help me tread in the paths of righteousness,
be my aid when Satan and sin oppress.
I am putting all my trust in thee.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me. *Chorus***

Verse 3:

**I am lost if you take your hand from me,
I am blind without thy light to see.
Lord just always let me thy servant be.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me. *Chorus***

***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, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

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

(Silence for reflection and self-examination)

Compassionate One, **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.**

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. **Amen.**

***Song of Praise:**

"Let There Be Praise"

W&P #87

**Let there be praise,
let there be joy in our hearts.
Sing to the Lord,
give God the glory.**

**Let there be praise,
let there be joy in our hearts.
Forevermore let His love fill the air,
and let there be praise.**

***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 Lord God, you led your people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide us now, so that, following your Son, we may walk safely through the wilderness of this world toward the life you alone can give, 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‡

First Reading: Deuteronomy 26:1-11

¹When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, ²you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. ³You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us." ⁴When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, ⁵you shall make this response before the LORD your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. ⁶When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, ⁷we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. ⁸The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; ⁹and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me." You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. ¹¹Then

you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

Read Responsively

¹You who dwell in the shelter of the Most High,
who abide in the shadow of the Almighty—

²**you will say to the LORD, “My refuge and my stronghold,
my God in whom I put my trust.”**

⁹Because you have made the LORD your refuge,
and the Most High your habitation,

¹⁰**no evil will befall you,
nor shall affliction come near your dwelling.**

¹¹For God will give the angels charge over you,
to guard you in all your ways.

¹²**Upon their hands they will bear you up,
lest you strike your foot against a stone.**

¹³You will tread upon the lion cub and viper;
you will trample down the lion and the serpent.

¹⁴**I will deliver those who cling to me;
I will uphold them, because they know my name.**

¹⁵They will call me, and I will answer them;
I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue and honor them.

¹⁶**With long life will I satisfy them,
and show them my salvation.**

Second Reading: Romans 10:8b-13

⁸But what does scripture say? "The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. ¹¹The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." ¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

***Gospel Acclamation: "Return to the Lord Your God"**

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: Luke 4:1-13**

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

¹Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, ²where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. ³The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." ⁴Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'"

⁵Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. ⁶And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. ⁷If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." ⁸Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'"

⁹Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, ¹⁰for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,' ¹¹and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'"

¹²Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" ¹³When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

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

Children's Sermon:

Christine Howlett

Sermon:

Pastor Kathy

(Silence for reflection and meditation)

‡WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD‡

***Song of the Day:**

"I Want Jesus to Walk with Me"

ELW #325

**1. I want Jesus to walk with me;
I want Jesus to walk with me;
all along my pilgrim journey,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.**

**2. In my trials, Lord, walk with me;
in my trials, Lord, walk with me;
when my heart is almost breaking,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.**

**3. When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me;
when I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me;
when my head is bowed in sorrow,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.**

***Profession of Faith: the Nicene Creed**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,**

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 in a semi-circle in the front of the church.

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

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

Distribution Music

"Jesus, Remember Me"

ELW #616

*Post-Communion Blessing

And now, may the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ † strengthen you and keep you in his grace this day and always. **Amen.**

*Post-Communion Prayer

Generous Host, you have shared your feast with us and made us new. Send us now to set tables of love and grace in our communities, that your liberating love might nourish the world into freedom, in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

†WE DEPART TO SERVE†

*Benediction

God our tender parent, God the crucified one, God the reconciling Spirit, † bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

*Sending Song:

"The Summons"

W&P #137

v. 1, 4, 5

**1. "Will you come and follow me
if I but call your name?**

**Will you go where you don't know
and never be the same?**

**Will you let my love be shown,
will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown
in you and you in me?**

4. "Will you love the you you hide
if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside
and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found
to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound
in you and you in me?"

5. Lord, your summons echoes true
when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you
and never be the same.
In your company I'll go
where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow
in you and you in me.

*Dismissal

Go in peace and love. Care for others as God cares for you.

Thanks be to God!

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‡In Our Thoughts and Prayers‡

Prayers for healing: **Diane Chapman** (cancer treatment - Deb Brown's cousin), **Colton** (PTSD- Laurie Ruzicka's nephew), **Catherine Rahrs** (major medical issues - Val Rahrs' mother), **Carter & Family** (relatives of Janine Hergenreder), **Marcy Miller** (ongoing health issues), **Tom Smith** (illness), **Joni** (cancer - friend of Laurie Ruzicka), **Lynne** (illness from cancer treatment - friend of Laurie Ruzicka), **Charlie** (cancer - Tracy Steele's Uncle), **Patty** (cancer - Jim Dorn's sister-in-law), **Mylah Buckley** (health issues), **Sharon Koch** (healing and recovery - Julie Aschenbrenner's mother). **Doug Leafgreen** (friend of Deb Brown), **David** (recovering from surgery - son of Virginia Pickett), **Larry Spomer** (surgery recovery & illness - former Pastor), **Christine Howlett** (illness). **Workplace Harmony** (Kurt & Leah Nikont), **Stuart Hardin** (illness - friend of

Kurt & Leah Nikont), **John Haynie** (Parkinson's - brother-in-law of Pastor Kathy).

Prayers of comfort and peace: For the family and friends of Mike Zeiler.

Prayers for comfort and safety: **Josh Kasting** (deployed - nephew of Cory & Gretchen Foster).

Prayer Requests



If you have a prayer request you would like added to the prayers of the people on Sunday morning, you may notify Cynthia in the church office during the week or during worship use the Attendance and Prayer Request card and pass them towards the center aisle to be picked up by the ushers (for those worshipping with us online you will find the form under the worship tab on our website and prayer requests will be added to the prayer list in the bulletin the following weekend.



Neal Blomenkamp, 3/11; Marv Braaten, 3/12; Doug Harris 3/12
Andrea Miller, 3/15; Crystal Newton, 3/15; Kenneth Shriver, 3/15

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



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MARCH FOOD DONATIONS REQUESTED

FOOD PANTRY: Sauces

BACKPACKS: Fruit Cups

Containers are located in the hallway by the garden doors.

Thanks for your generosity.



CLCW 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 CLCW.

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 for future fellowships, please reach out to Lynn Margheim



NO JAM starting this Wednesday as we start the Lent season with Ash Wednesday. Confirmation Classes will be held after worship services on Sundays during the Lenten season.



Lenten meals start this Wednesday, **March 12th**, the meal is @ 5:30 pm with worship to follow @ 6:30 pm. This week is spaghetti casserole, salad, and garlic bread, made and served by EPIC.

Upcoming Middle School Gathering in Kearney, NE!

The cost to attend is \$45. Deadline to register is April 4th! Please reach out to Christine with any questions.





Calvary's Vitality Initiative Committee has been given an assignment - to collect photos and stories from throughout the history of Calvary Lutheran Church for our first project.

If you have photos you can share, reach out to Maunette Loeks, 308-765-0029, or email to mloeks@allophone.com. You can also leave these items in the office, but please include information about the photos or how we can contact you for more details.

We'd love to have photos of celebrations, important events and others that you may have in your photo albums. All photos will be scanned and returned.

If you have a story about Calvary, please feel free to share it by writing it up or reaching out so one of the committee members can chat with you. The deadline to submit photos is March 19th.

Watch for more updates from the committee as we undertake this journey!



Birthday Invitation – Save the Date!



Our very own Kenny Shriver is turning 90! Everyone is invited to attend his birthday party / open house **Saturday, March 15th** from **1pm to 3pm** in the Fellowship Hall.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Pastors Kathy

This Sunday – March 9

USHERS: Monty & Shari Copsey

LAY READER: Marti Wegelin

HEAD COMMUNION ASST: Barb Jensen

COMMUNION ASST: Gretchen Foster and Tracy Steele

POWERPOINT: Andi Dorn

ACOLYTES: DaKota Newsom and Dyllen Pierce

MEDIA: Maunette Loeks

AUDIO: Jeff Van Patten

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

PIANIST: Tahnee Hutchinson

COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP: Volunteers needed! Please contact Lynn Margheim!

Next Sunday – March 16

USHERS: Cory Foster & Jeff Van Patten

LAY READER: Gretchen Foster

HEAD COMMUNION ASST: Shari Copsey

COMMUNION ASST: Vicki Howell & Barb Jensen

POWERPOINT: Mary Jo Huelle

ACOLYTES: Brody & Mattea Weitzel

MEDIA: Chris Jensen

AUDIO: Jim Dorn

ALTAR GUILD: Andi Dorn, Shelly Koehler, Allisha Weitzel

ORGANIST: Tahnee Hutchinson

COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP: Volunteers needed! Please contact Lynn Margheim!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, March 9

Daylight Savings Time – Spring Ahead

NO Confirmation

10 a.m. – Worship

11 a.m. – Coffee & Fellowship

12 p.m. – Council Meeting/Retreat @
Scottsbluff Runza

Monday, March 10

10:30 a.m. – Chrism Mass @Sidney

2 p.m. – Priscilla Circle @ Joan Smith's

7 p.m. – USD Choir Concert

Tuesday, March 11

12 p.m. – Lenten Lunch @ UMC Vine

1 p.m. – Quilting

Wednesday, March 12

5:30 p.m. – Lenten Meal (EPIC)

6:30 p.m. – Worship

7 p.m. – Choir Practice

NO Jam/Confirmation

Saturday, March 15

1 p.m. – Kenny Shriver's 90th Birthday

Party/Open House

5:30 p.m. – Worship

Sunday, March 16

10 a.m. – Worship

11 a.m. – Coffee & Fellowship

11:30 a.m. – Confirmation Class

MARCH 9, 2025
FIRST SUNDAY
IN LENT



Trust in God to protect us.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Luke 4:1-13	The temptation of Jesus
Monday	Deuteronomy 26:1-11	A confession of faith
Tuesday	Romans 10:8b-13	Salvation is for all
Wednesday	Psalm 62	Song of trust in God alone
Thursday	Isaiah 12:1-6	Thanksgiving and praise
Friday	Proverbs 3:5-6	Trust God
Saturday	Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16	The Lord is my fortress
Sunday	Luke 13:31-35	Jesus' sorrow over Jerusalem

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty, will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress; my God in whom I trust." Psalm 91:1-2 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Dear God, help us to face the dangers of life with trust in your protection that will be with us always, through Jesus Christ, the Son of God. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Almighty God, may the gift of this food remind us of your loving protection that provides for our needs through Christ Jesus our Savior and Lord. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May you trust in the Lord with all your heart.



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MARCH 9, 2025
HYMN OF THE WEEK
Guide My Feet



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:
- Who do you turn to when you are afraid? Why that person?
 - How does trust in God help you in times of fear?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16.

Lent helps us honestly face our vulnerability—our fear of being hurt—and our need for God's help. Psalm 91 addresses our fears and God's desire and ability to protect us. The writer understands that we need to face our fears, or they will overwhelm us. This psalm helps us name our fears with hope in God. There is a three-way dialog in this psalm: 1) the poet, who speaks directly to us and for us; 2) ourselves, as the ones praying and *"who live in the shelter of the Most High"* (v. 1); and, 3) God, who responds to our need for protection. This psalm is a conversation that honestly deals with the fears and challenges of life while affirming the assurance of the protection of God. Reasons for fear will always be present in life. God is our fortress; the one we can trust, and the one who offers shelter during fearful times.

Discuss: What fears and concerns keep you up at night?
Pray: Almighty God, as we face our fears and the dangers around us, we thank you for your love and protection through Jesus Christ, the Son of God. Amen.

SERVICE

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, who do you know that is feeling fearful? How can you help them?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Prayer is an important spiritual practice for Christians. Lent is a season of the church year when we focus on prayer. This Lenten season, take time to focus on the prayer Jesus taught us to pray, the Lord's Prayer (Luke 11:2-4). This first week in Lent we reflect on *"Father, hallowed be your name"* (v. 2a). Draw an outline of a cross on a sheet of paper. Write verse 2a at the top of the paper around the outside of the cross. Take a moment to think or talk about what this verse means to you. Place the cross in a visible place in your home to use as a devotional focus during Lent. Each week, another verse will be added around the cross.
Pray: The Lord's Prayer.



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