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FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 30, 2025

8:15 AM

Consecrated Stewards Service over Sin



All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him.

...That I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity.

This is most certainly true.

God's Chosen
STEWARDS



ALTAR FLOWERS TODAY ARE GIVEN TODAY
TO THE GLORY OF GOD

At the beginning of the service all are asked to sign the attendance card located in the pew racks and place them in the offering plate during the collection. So that we may better serve you and send you more information, guests, please print your address and telephone number on this card.

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THIS WEEK AT FAITH

Elder on Duty	3/2/2025	3/9/2025	3/16/2025	3/23/2025	3/30/2025
8:15 Traditional	Ward Irvin Greg Sinatra	Steve Buchtrup Vinny Caracci	Tim Lambert Bill Smith	Steve Buchtrup Vinny Caracci	Tim Lambert Greg Schaag
11:00 Contemporary	Glenn Jones	Russ Couch Ron Shulteiss	Glenn Jones Ward Irvin	Ron Shulteiss	Glenn Jones Ron Shulteiss
Readers	3/2/2025	3/9/2025	3/16/2025	3/23/2025	3/30/2025
8:15 Traditional	Ward Irvin	David Barnett	Karen Cerny	Greg Schaag	Brennan Lambert
11:00 Contemporary	Elder on Duty	Ron Shulteiss	Laura Calfee	Russ Couch	Elder on Duty

WE BELIEVE GOD'S WORD... ON THE LORD'S SUPPER

We believe that in the Sacrament of Holy Communion Christ gives His true body and blood under the form of bread and wine for the assurance of the forgiveness of sins. We believe Jesus is truly present in the Sacrament, and as we come in faith to receive it, we receive Him. The Bible teaches that those who eat without recognizing the Lord's body, eat and drink judgment on themselves (*1 Corinthians 11:27-29*). Those baptized and believing Christians who share our confession of faith are welcome guests at the Altar. The Pastor would be glad to answer any questions relating to our faith or practice. Anyone not confirmed or communing is welcome to come and receive a blessing.

Also Happening This Week

Tuesday, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Create in Me - Ladies' Crafts
Wednesday, 8:30 and 9:15 a.m. Chapels: School and ECE

Our Discipleship in the past weeks:

Worship	3/2/2025	3/9/25	3/16/25	3/23/25	3/30/25
8:15 Traditional 11:00 Contemporary	93/84 49/45	70/69 66/56	57/56 61/57	88/87 55/53	
Sunday School			32	51	
Monthly Budget	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$60,000
Weekly Giving	\$12,082	\$25,049	\$5,992	\$5,284	
On-Line Giving	\$5,153	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Giving MTD	\$17,235	\$42,284	\$48,276	\$53,560	\$

AS WE GATHER

In the joy of the faithful father in Jesus' parable of the prodigal son, the forgiveness of our sin and reconciliation with God as His baptized sons and daughters, well, it just makes you want to sing! So we shall!

OPENING HYMN

O Jesus, King Most Wonderful

LSB 554

♪ 1. O Jesus, King most wonderful! O Conqueror renowned!
O Source of peace ineffable, In whom all joys are found:

2. When once You visit darkened hearts, Then truth begins to shine,
Then earthly vanity departs, Then kindles love divine.

3. O Jesus, light of all below, The fount of life and fire,
Surpassing all the joys we know, All that we can desire:

4. May ev'ry heart confess Your name, Forever You adore,
And, seeking You, itself inflame To seek You more and more!

5. Oh, may our tongues forever bless, May we love You alone
And ever in our lives express The image of Your own!

INVOCATION

In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Behold, God is my salvation;

I will trust, and will not be afraid;

for the Lord God is my strength and my song,

and He has become my salvation.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Beloved in the Lord, Paul reassures us, saying, "No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and He will not let you be tempted beyond your ability." Let us with confidence and gladness enter God's presence, confessing our sins and receiving His grace, assurance, and forgiveness.

Lord God, we are exceedingly glad to enter Your house this day, for we have heard and believe in the invitation of Your loving kindness and redemption through Jesus Christ, Your Son. In the trust and hope of the faith You have given us as Your baptized children, we confess to You all our sins and failures to share Your gifts of mercy with others. Grant us the forgiveness for which we ask and give us a renewed heart and spirit to sing Your praises in worship of You and to the joy of all.

“Sing to the Lord, bless His name; tell of His salvation from day to day.” Upon this, your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of Christ, announce the grace of God to all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 12:1–6

You will say in that day: “I will give thanks to you, O Lord, for though you were angry with me, your anger turned away, that you might comfort me. “Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid; for the Lord God is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation.” With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. And you will say in that day: “Give thanks to the Lord, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the peoples, proclaim that his name is exalted. “Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done gloriously; let this be made known in all the earth. Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalms 32

Blessèd is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

Blessèd is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long.

For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.

I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity;

I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,” and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Therefore, let everyone who is godly offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found; surely in the rush of great waters, they shall not reach him.

You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

Many are the sorrows of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the Lord.

Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!

EPISTLE

2 Corinthians 5:16–21

From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Please stand.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 19

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the nineteenth chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

Someone came to Jesus with this question: “Teacher, what good deed must I do to have eternal life?” “Why ask me about what is good?” Jesus replied. “There is only One who is good. But to answer your question—if you want to receive eternal life, keep the commandments.” “Which ones?” the man asked. And Jesus replied: “‘You must not murder. You must not commit adultery. You must not steal. You must not testify falsely. Honor your father and mother. Love your neighbor as yourself.’” “I’ve obeyed all these commandments,” the young man replied. “What else must I do?” Jesus told him, “If you want to be perfect, go and sell all your possessions and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.” But when the young man heard this, he went away sad, for he had many possessions. Then Jesus said to his disciples, “I tell you the truth, it is very hard for a rich person to enter the Kingdom of Heaven. I’ll say it again—it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the Kingdom of God!” The disciples were astounded. “Then who in the world can be saved?” they asked. Jesus looked at them intently and said, “Humanly speaking, it is impossible. But with God everything is possible.” Then Peter said to him, “We’ve given up everything to follow you. What will we get?” Jesus

replied, “I assure you that when the world is made new and the Son of Man sits upon his glorious throne, you who have been my followers will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And everyone who has given up houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or property, for my sake, will receive a hundred times as much in return and will inherit eternal life. But many who are the greatest now will be least important then, and those who seem least important now will be the greatest then.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON HYMN

No Temple Now, No Gift of Price

LSB 530 (tune: 698 Meribah)

- ♪ 1. No temple now, no gift of price, No priestly round of sacrifice,
Retain their ancient pow'rs. As shadows fade before the sun
The day of sacrifice is done, The day of grace is ours.
2. The dying Lord our ransom paid, One final full self-off'ring made,
Complete in ev'ry part. His finished sacrifice for sins
The covenant of grace begins, The law within the heart.
3. In faith and confidence draw near, Within the holiest appear,
With all who praise and pray; Who share one family, one feast,
One great imperishable Priest, One new and living way.
4. For Christ is ours! With purpose true The pilgrim path of faith pursue,
The road that Jesus trod; Until by His prevailing grace
We stand at last before His face, Our Savior and our God.

SERMON

“Service Over Sin”

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I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all
worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one
substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our
salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father.

And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will
have no end.

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

who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

After each petition ends, "Lord, in Your mercy," the congregation responds, "**hear our prayer.**"

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.

OFFERINGS AND TITHES

PEACE OF THE LORD

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **Amen.**

Please take a moment and share the Peace of the Lord with those around you.

We examine ourselves before partaking our Lord's Supper.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

What Wondrous Love Is This

LSB 543

- ♪ 1. What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this That caused the Lord of bliss
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul!
2. When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,
When I was sinking down, sinking down,
When I was sinking down Beneath God's righteous frown,
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul, for my soul,
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul.
3. To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing;
To God and to the Lamb I will sing;
To God and to the Lamb, Who is the great I AM.
While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing.
While millions join the theme, I will sing.

4. And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on;
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on.
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing His love for me,
And through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
And through eternity I'll sing on.

Lamb of God

LSB 550

♪ 1. Your only Son, no sin to hide, But You have sent Him from Your side
To walk upon this guilty sod, And to become the Lamb of God.

Refrain: O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the holy Lamb of God!
O wash me in His precious blood, My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

2. Your Gift of love they crucified, They laughed and scorned Him as He died:
The humble King they named a fraud, And sacrificed the Lamb of God. Refrain

3. I was so lost, I should have died, But You have brought me to Your side
To be led by Your staff and rod, And to be called a lamb of God. Refrain

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, both for Your command to believe and for the faith to receive this salutary gift, and we pray that as Christ's redeemed people we may show forth the light of Your grace and love to our neighbors; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

Restore in Us, O God

Tune: *LSB 414*

♪ 1. Restore in us, O God The splendor of your love
Renew your image in our hearts And all our sins remove.

2. O Spirit, wake in us The wonder of your pow'r
From fruitless fear unfurl our lives Like springtime bud and flow'r.

3. Bring us, O Christ, to share The fullness of your joy
Baptize us in Your risen life That death cannot destroy.

4. Three-personed God, fulfill The promise of your grace
That we, when all our searching ends May see you face to face.

SENDING

Go in peace to serve the Lord!

Thanks be to God.