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THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 23, 2025

8:15 AM



Consecrated Stewards “Witness over Worry”

I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

**God's *Chosen*
STEWARDS**



ALTAR FLOWERS TODAY ARE GIVEN TODAY
BARB CZERWONKA 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 | Karen Cerny | David Barnet | 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 |
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| 8:15 Traditional 11:00 Contemporary | 93/84 49/45 | 70/69 66/56 | 57/56 61/57 | | |
| Sunday School | | | 41 | | |
| Monthly Budget | \$60,000 | \$60,000 | \$60,000 | \$60,000 | \$60,000 |
| Weekly Giving | \$12,082 | \$25,049 | \$5,992 | \$ | \$ |
| On-Line Giving | \$5,153 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Giving MTD | \$17,235 | \$42,284 | \$48,276 | \$ | \$ |

AS WE GATHER

A main emphasis of our Lenten discipline is our struggle against temptations to sin and toward true repentance that leads to living faithful Christian lives. As our physical well-being depends in part on healthy choices of diet, in today's Readings God uses the metaphor of eating and drinking to warn and encourage His people to avoid the temptations of the world and our own sin that leads us away from God and to rely constantly on the forgiveness and faith that God provides to enable us to lead godly lives.

OPENING HYMN

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

LSB 427

**♪ 1. In the cross of Christ I glory, Tow'ring o'er the wrecks of time.
All the light of sacred story Gathers round its head sublime.**

**2. When the woes of life o'ertake me, Hopes deceive, and fears annoy,
Never shall the cross forsake me; Lo, it glows with peace and joy.**

**3. When the sun of bliss is beaming Light and love upon my way,
From the cross the radiance streaming Adds more luster to the day.**

**4. Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure By the Cross are sanctified;
Peace is there that knows no measure, Joys that through all time abide.**

INVOCATION

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

Restore us again, O God of our salvation,
and put away Your indignation toward us!
Show us Your steadfast love, O Lord,
and grant us Your salvation.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

God has made us His people by our Baptism into Christ. He graciously provides us with all we need to live in true faith, confidence, and hope. Let us present ourselves before Him, confessing our sins and need for His mercy, and receive His promised help.

Almighty God, our Father in heaven, we come to You seeking Your forgiveness and the strengthening of our faith that we may live and serve You faithfully. We confess all our sins against You and against those whom we have hurt or failed to help. Even our very thoughts and desires have been soiled with sin. In true sorrow, we ask for Your grace, Your forgiveness, and that You strengthen our faith, all for the sake and in the praise of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

"No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful." 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: O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; 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

Ezekiel 33:7–20

“So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul. “And you, son of man, say to the house of Israel, Thus have you said: ‘Surely our transgressions and our sins are upon us, and we rot away because of them. How then can we live?’ Say to them, As I live, declares the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways, for why will you die, O house of Israel? “And you, son of man, say to your people, The righteousness of the righteous shall not deliver him when he transgresses, and as for the wickedness of the wicked, he shall not fall by it when he turns from his wickedness, and the righteous shall not be able to live by his righteousness when he sins. Though I say to the righteous that he shall surely live, yet if he trusts in his righteousness and does injustice, none of his righteous deeds shall be remembered, but in his injustice that he has done he shall die. Again, though I say to the wicked, ‘You shall surely die,’ yet if he turns from his sin and does what is just and right, if the wicked restores the pledge, gives back what he has taken by robbery, and walks in the statutes of life, not doing injustice, he shall surely live; he shall not die. None of the sins that he has committed shall be remembered against him. He has done what is just and right; he shall surely live. “Yet your people say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just,’ when it is their own way that is not just. When the righteous turns from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it. And when the wicked turns from his wickedness and does what is just and right, he shall live by them. Yet you say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ O house of Israel, I will judge each of you according to his ways.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalms 85

Lord, you were favorable to your land; you restored the fortunes of Jacob.

You forgave the iniquity of your people; you covered all their sin.

You withdrew all your wrath; you turned from your hot anger.

Restore us again, O God of our salvation, and put away your indignation toward us!

Will you be angry with us forever? Will you prolong your anger to all generations?

Will you not revive us again, that your people may rejoice in you?

Show us your steadfast love, O Lord, and grant us your salvation.

Let me hear what God the Lord will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints; but let them not turn back to folly.

Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him, that glory may dwell in our land.

Steadfast love and faithfulness meet; righteousness and peace kiss each other.

Faithfulness springs up from the ground, and righteousness looks down from the sky.

Yes, the Lord will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase.

EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 10:1–13

I want you to know, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ. Nevertheless, with most of them God was not pleased, for they were overthrown in the wilderness. Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not be idolaters as some of them were; as it is written, “The people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play.” We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did and were destroyed by serpents, nor grumble, as some of them did and were destroyed by the Destroyer. Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come. Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. 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, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Please stand.

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 13:1-9

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the thirteenth chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

There were some present at that very time who told [Jesus] about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. And he answered them, “Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans, because they suffered in this way? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish. Or those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them: do you think that they were worse offenders than all

the others who lived in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish.” And he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came seeking fruit on it and found none. And he said to the vinedresser, ‘Look, for three years now I have come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and I find none. Cut it down. Why should it use up the ground?’ And he answered him, ‘Sir, let it alone this year also, until I dig around it and put on manure. Then if it should bear fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.’”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON HYMN

The Lamb

LSB 547

♪ 1. The Lamb, the Lamb, O Father, where's the sacrifice?
Faith sees, believes God will provide the Lamb of price!
Worthy is the Lamb Whose death makes me His own!
The Lamb is reigning on His throne!

2. The Lamb, the Lamb, One perfect final offering.
The Lamb, the Lamb, Let earth join heav'n His praise to sing.
Worthy is the Lamb Whose death makes me His own!
The Lamb is reigning on His throne!

3. The Lamb, the Lamb, As wayward sheep their shepherd kill
So still, His will On our behalf the Law to fill.
Worthy is the Lamb Whose death makes me His own!
The Lamb is reigning on His throne!

4. He sighs, he dies, He takes my sin and wretchedness.
He lives, forgives, He gives me His own righteousness.
Worthy is the Lamb Whose death makes me His own!
The Lamb is reigning on His throne!

5. He rose, He rose, My heart with thanks now overflows.
His song prolong Till ev'ry heart to Him belong.
Worthy is the Lamb Whose death makes me His own!
The Lamb is reigning on His throne!

SERMON

“Witness over Worry”

NICENE CREED

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.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

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

O Savior, Precious Savior

LSB 527

- ♪ 1. O Savior, precious Savior, Whom yet unseen we love;
O Name of might and favor, All other names above,
We worship Thee, we bless Thee, To Thee, O Christ, we sing;
We praise Thee and confess Thee, Our holy Lord and King.
2. O bringer of salvation, Who wondrously hast wrought,
Thyself the revelation Of love beyond our thought.
We worship Thee, we bless Thee, To Thee, O Christ, we sing;
We praise Thee, and confess Thee, Our gracious Lord and King.
3. In Thee all fulness dwelleth, All grace and pow'r divine;
The glory that excelleth, O Son of God, is Thine.

**We worship Thee, we bless Thee, To Thee, O Christ, we sing;
We praise Thee and confess Thee, Our glorious Lord and King.**

**4. O grant the consummation Of this our song above
In endless adoration And everlasting love;
Then shall we praise and bless Thee Where perfect praises ring,
And evermore confess Thee, Our Savior and our King!**

Cross of Jesus, Cross of Sorrow

LSB 428

- ♪ 1. Cross of Jesus, cross of sorrow, Where the blood of Christ was shed,
Perfect Man on thee did suffer, Perfect God on thee has bled!**
- 2. Here the King of all the ages, Throned in light ere worlds could be,
Robed in mortal flesh is dying, Crucified by sin for me.**
- 3. O mysterious condescending! O abandonment sublime!
Very God Himself is bearing All the sufferings of time!**
- 4. Cross of Jesus, cross of sorrow, Where the blood of Christ was shed,
Perfect Man on thee did suffer, Perfect God on thee has bled!**

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Almighty and everlasting God, we thank and praise You for feeding us the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send us Your Holy Spirit that, having with our mouths received the Holy Sacrament, we may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

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.