WORSHIP SPOTLIGHT

What is Lent?

Lent is a season of 40 days (not counting Sundays) leading up to Easter Morning. It is modeled after the 40 day period Jesus spent in the wilderness being tempted by Satan (Matt. 4:1-11; Mk. 1:12-13; Lk. 4:1-12), which in turn was the fulfillment of many other 40 "day" events in Scripture (the Flood, Israel's 40 years in the wilderness, Moses' time on Mt. Sinai, the repentance of Nineveh, etc). In this period of testing, Jesus showed himself to be the Faithful Son of God who would go on to suffer for our sins and defeat the Serpent once and for all.

As with the rest of the Christian Year, Lent is an attempt to see the life of Christ lived out in the lives of His people. Therefore, the season of Lent is a season of giving thanks for Our Suffering Servant. It is a season for lamenting and confessing our sin which necessitated his atoning sacrifice. During Lent we will be encouraging one another to follow Jesus through the disciplines of repentance, prayer, and works of mercy—living not by bread alone "but by every Word that comes from the mouth of God" (Matt. 4:4).



March 16th, 2025

The Second Sunday in Lent

Prelude

Announcements

GOD SUMMONS US TO WORSHIP

Call to Worship

Psalm 113:1-3

†Congregational Singing

"Psalm 62 (My Soul Finds Rest)"

†Responsive Scriptures

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.

The Lord has redeemed his people.

O come, let us worship Him.

†Collect

O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

†Congregational Singing

"My Heart Is Filled"

GOD SANCTIFIES US TO HIMSELF

Call to Confession

Hebrews 10:19-22

Silent Confession

Corporate Confession

God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from You and turned aside from Your Way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth. Have

mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

†Assurance of Forgiveness

†Congregational Singing "The Lord Is My Salvation"

GOD SPEAKS TO US IN HIS WORD

Old Testament Reading
Epistle Reading
Ephesians 2:1-8
†Gospel Reading
Mark 10:32-45
†Profession of Faith
Heidelberg Catechism Q1
Sermon
Pastor Chad Anderson

"A Ransom for Many"

Sermon Series: The Gospel According to Mark

Offertory

†Doxology #625 (a cappella)

†Prayer of the Church

...let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

...through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

†The Lord's Prayer

Taught by Our Lord and trusting in His promises, we are bold to pray:

Our Father who art in Heaven...

GOD STRENGTHENS US AT HIS TABLE

All who are baptized and trust in Jesus Christ are invited to share the Lord's Supper. Baptized children are welcomed to the Supper once they have been admitted by the Elders.

If you do not trust in Jesus, please allow the bread and cup to pass you by. If you desire to follow Jesus and share in His Feast, please speak with one of our pastors after the service.

The outer ring contains wine. All other cups contain grape juice. Take your portion, pass the rest to your neighbor, then eat and drink as soon as you desire.

During the passing of the cup, we encourage you to offer words of blessing to your neighbors such as: "May the Peace of Christ be with you" (Jn. 14:27), and the response: "And also with you."

Declaration of God's Invitation and Promises

Prayers and Distribution

†Congregational Singing "Christ Is Mine Forevermore"

GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD

†Commission and Benediction

†Congregational Response #628 IV "Threefold Amen"

Postlude

Worship Leader: Pastor Chad Anderson Nursery Volunteers: Kacia Hughett, Rachel Hajda

CHURCH LIFE

Sunday, March 16th - The Second Sunday in Lent

9:00 a.m. . . . Sunday School 10:30 a.m. . . . Worship Service

After service . . . Fellowship Meal - Serving Team #1

Friday, March 21st

5:30 p.m. . . . Youth STINT Discipleship Weekend @ First Baptist Saturday, March 22nd

9:00 a.m. . . . Youth STINT Discipleship Weekend @ First Baptist

- ◆ The Todd Becker Foundation is hosting a **STINT Discipleship Weekend** for youth Friday and Saturday, March 21st-22nd. Please speak to Eric Wood for details and ticket availability.
- ◆ Ladies! Please mark your calendars and plan to join us on June 21 at 10am to celebrate our expecting mothers, Bethany Remm and Megan Holl. There will be brunch goodies, games, and an opportunity to encourage Bethany and Megan as they approach the arrival of their sweet babies. Please consider bringing some diapers and / or wipes to help with preparations for these two little ones. To RSVP or if you have any questions, please talk to Kristin Holl.
- ◆ Financial Report: Budgeted need each week: \$4,392.91. Budgeted need year-to-date: \$43,929.10. Received 3/9: \$1,862.08. Received year-to-date: \$36,352.12.
- ◆ March Birthdays: (17) Michael Freitag, (18) Sandy McKean, (20) Jedediah Lanka 2016, (26) Linda Brock, (29) Jeanne Cutler, (30) Andrea Wood (31) Lily Lano 2013

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

- ♦ That God would open doors for ministry to UNK students.
- ◆ Presbytery: Reformed University Fellowship UNL (Campus Pastor Josh Kruntorad).
- ♦ Missions: Chuck and Nancy Larsen Water4Haiti
- ◆For our expecting mothers and their children: Megan Holl, Bethany Remm.

STAFF

Pastors: Chad Anderson (Senior), David Salyer (Associate)

Elders: Michael Freitag, David Holl, Tory Hooton, Jordan Hughett, David Lano **Deacons:** Josh Goodbrake (Offering and Service), Josiah Holl (Mercy), Micah

Holl (Facilities), Doug Sykes (Chair)

WIC: Kacia Hughett (President), Servant Support (Julie LeFeber), Vacant (Nursery), Sarah Salyer (Secretary, Christian Growth), Jen Zimmerman (Missions/Outreach), Megan Holl (Kitchen), Kristin Holl (Women's Events), Karen Salyer (Church Fellowship)

Youth Group: Eric Wood

Custodian: Charlotte Hajda