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 23rd, 2025 The Third Sunday in Lent

Prelude

Announcements

GOD SUMMONS US TO WORSHIP

Call to Worship Psalm 47:1-3, 6 †Congregational Singing #8 "Praise to the Lord, The Almighty" †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, 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.

+Congregational Singing

"Nothing But the Blood"

GOD SANCTIFIES US TO HIMSELF

Call to Confession

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

Romans 6:1-4

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

+Assurance of Forgiveness +Congregational Singing

"His Mercy is More"

GOD SPEAKS TO US IN HIS WORD

Old Testament Reading Epistle Reading †Gospel Reading †Profession of Faith Sermon Psalm 136:1-3, 13-16, 23-26 1 Timothy 1:12-17 Mark 10:46-52 The Apostles' Creed Pastor David Salyer

"Son of David, Have Mercy on Me!"

Sermon Series: The Gospel According to Mark

Offertory

†Doxology

†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

"He Will Hold Me Fast"

GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD

+Commission and Benediction +Congregational Response Postlude

#628 IV "Threefold Amen"

Worship Leader: Pastor David Salyer Nursery Volunteers: Deb Anderson, Kristin Holl

CHURCH LIFE

Sunday, March 23rd - *The Third Sunday in Lent* 9:00 a.m. . . . Sunday School 10:30 a.m. . . . Worship Service 3:00 p.m. . . . Youth Group

- ★ 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-todate: \$48,322.01. Received 3/16: \$2,560.84. Received year-to-date: \$38,912.96.
- March Birthdays: (26) Linda Brock, (29) Jeanne Cutler, (30) Andrea Wood (31) Lily Lano 2013
- April Birthdays: (2) Jerry Lutkemeier, (3) Bev Fullerton, (5) Rachel Hajda, (6) Julia Remm 2023, (8) Jacob Sykes 2003, (10) Linda Johnson, (15) Jennifer Zimmerman, (16) Corban Preston, (21) Eric Wood, (23) Reese Hughett 2020, Solomon Preston (25) Del Brock, (30) Anne Hajda 2007

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

- That God would bless our church with many children and give us grace to nurture them in the faith.
- ◆ Presbytery: Grace Covenant Church in Grand Island (Pastor Todd Bowen)
- ◆ 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

#625 (a cappella)