

First Sunday in Lent
March 9, 2025 ~ 10:30



Welcome to Worship

If you are visiting with us today, thanks for coming.
We're glad you're here.

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Please fill out an attendance card
and place it in the basket at the back of the church

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Prayer Requests can be noted on the back of the card.

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A word to our visitors and guests about Communion

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as he says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but his very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another. Our Lord invites to his table those who trust his words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as he forgives and loves us, that they may show forth his death until he comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church— Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor, an elder, or an usher.

Those who have not spoken with the Pastor may still come forward to the communion table and receive a blessing. Please cross your arms over your chest as a sign to receive this blessing. (Matt. 5:23; 10:32; 18:15-35; 26:26-29; I Cor. 11:17-34.)

If you are unable to walk up for communion
please notify an elder or usher and it will be brought to you.

*The center section of each tray is filled with white grape juice
for those who cannot have wine. Gluten free wafers are also available.*

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WELCOME

HYMN

God Loved the World So That He Gave

571, v 1-3

God loved the world so that He gave His only Son the lost to save,
That all who would in Him believe Should everlasting life receive.

Christ Jesus is the ground of faith, Who was made flesh and suffered earth;
All then who trust in Him alone Are built on this chief cornerstone.

God would not have the sinner die; His Son with saving grace is nigh;
His Spirit in the Word declares How we in Christ are heaven's heirs.

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

OPENING SENTENCES

Psalm 124:8; Romans 10:13, 10

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the LORD,

People: **who made heaven and earth.**

Pastor: Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

People: **For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Psalm 91:9

Pastor: Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith and confess our sins unto God our Father, that we may receive His forgiveness.

People: **O God, we believe Your Word is true for it reveals our sin for which we deserve Your rebuke and judgment. Yet even more, we believe in Your promise of mercy and forgiveness for the sake of Christ. We therefore confess to You all our sins. We plead the suffering and sacrifice of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, as the all-sufficient price of our redemption, and beg Your grace and forgiveness for the sake of faith in our Savior alone. Hear us in Your mercy and according to Your promise in Christ, our Lord.**

Pastor: "Because you have made the LORD your dwelling place—the Most High, who is my refuge," upon this, your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, 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.

People: Amen.

+ WORD +

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

Almighty God, You sent Your Son to be tempted by the devil, and by the power of Your Holy Word alone He defeated the old, evil foe for us. Increase our faith and confidence in Your mighty Word to be a lamp to our feet and a light to our path, that we may endure all temptation and remain true to Your call as members of Your family and the household of faith; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT, Genesis 3:1-21

EPISTLE, Romans 10:8b-13

HOLY GOSPEL, Matthew 4:1-11

HYMN OF THE DAY

The Wonderful Cross

When I survey the wondrous cross On which the Prince of Glory died
My richest gain I count but loss And pour contempt on all my pride

See from His head His hands His feet Sorrow and love flow mingled down
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet Or thorns compose so rich a crown

Oh the wonderful cross Oh the wonderful cross
Bids me come and die and find That I may truly live
Oh the wonderful cross Oh the wonderful cross
All who gather here by grace Draw near and bless Your name

Were the whole realm of nature mine That were an offering far too small
Love so amazing so divine Demands my soul my life my all

Oh the wonderful cross Oh the wonderful cross
Bids me come and die and find
That I may truly live Oh the wonderful cross
Oh the wonderful cross All who gather here by grace
Draw near and bless Your name
and bless your name

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SERMON

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

OFFERING



+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

Visitors and those that are not members of this congregation,
please review the statement on Communion at the beginning of this bulletin.

PREFACE

2 Timothy 4:22

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who overcame the assaults of the devil by the power of Your Word. By that same power we now dare to approach Your presence at Your invitation to receive the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation by means of Your Son's body and blood given to us in this Holy Sacrament.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.
Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of

Me.” Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD’S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9–13

PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of the



Lord be with you always.

People: **Amen.**

SONG DURING THE DISTRIBUTION

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Come Thou fount of every blessing Tune my heart to sing Thy grace
Streams of mercy never ceasing Call for songs of loudest praise
Teach me some melodious sonnet Sung by flaming tongues above
Praise His name I'm fixed upon it Name of God's redeeming love

Hitherto Thy love has blest me Thou hast bro't me to this place
And I know Thy hand will bring me Safely home by Thy good grace
Jesus sought me when a stranger Wandering from the fold of God
He to rescue me from danger Bo't me with His precious blood

O to grace how great a debtor Daily I'm constrained to be
Let Thy goodness like a fetter Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee
Prone to wander Lord I feel it Prone to leave the God I love
Here's my heart O take and seal it Seal it for Thy courts above

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POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

People: **and His mercy endureth forever.**

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen.

BENEDICAMUS

Pastor: Bless we the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24–26

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

People: Amen.

Closing Song

Stronger

There is Love that came for us Humbled to a sinner's cross
You broke my shame and sinfulness You rose again victorious

Faithfulness none can deny Through the storm and through the fire
There is truth that sets me free Jesus Christ who lives in me

You are stronger You are stronger Sin is broken You have saved me
It is written Christ is risen Jesus You are Lord of all

No beginning and no end You're my hope and my defense
You came to seek and save the lost You paid it all upon the cross

You are stronger You are stronger Sin is broken You have saved me
It is written Christ is risen Jesus You are Lord of all

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This Week at Faith

Pickleball - Sunday, 6:30 pm

Confirmation, Tuesday, 5:45 pm

Lenten Services Wednesday, noon & 7:00 pm

Bible Study - Wednesday, 6:00 pm

See the Newsletter for more upcoming events.