

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Red Letter Challenge – “Forgiveness” Week. Small Groups meeting Sun 9:30 am

Mar 8 – Lenten Meal and Worship (6 & 7 PM respectively)

Mar 18 – Trivia Night at the American Legion (109 N. Penn St,) Doors open 5:15 PM

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INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 25:1, 2a, 4–6, 7b*

L To You, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

C: O my God, in You I trust.

L: Make me to know Your ways, O LORD; teach me Your paths.

C: Lead me in Your truth and teach me, for You are the God of my salvation; for You I wait all the day long.

L: Remember Your mercy, O LORD, and Your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.

C: According to Your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of Your goodness, O LORD!

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

L: Let us confess our sins before our compassionate God. God our Father,

C: long suffering, full of grace and truth, You created us from nothing and give us life. You give Your faithful people new life in the waters of Holy Baptism. You do not turn Your face from us, nor cast us aside. We confess that we have sinned against You and our neighbor. We have wounded Your love and marred Your image in us. Restore us for the sake of Your Son, and bring us to heavenly joy, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

L: May God almighty, who freely and daily offers us forgiveness, who sent His Son into the world to save sinners, bring us His pardon and peace, now and forever; in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

- L: Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it.**
- C: Amen.**

SHARING THE PEACE

SONG OF PRAISE "Sing His Love" Words from Chinese original translated to English by Francis Price Jones c. 1952. New chorus and music by Andrew Osenga © 2005 The Velvet Eagle Sings

**Father, long before creation
Thou hadst chosen us in love
And that love so deep, so moving
Draws us close to Christ above
Still it keeps us, still it keeps us
Firmly fixed in Christ alone**

Chorus:

**And the world will sing His love
Yes, the world will sing His love
And we'll all join hands
Every woman, every man
And sing His love (and sing His love)
And sing His love
And sing His love (and sing His love)
And sing His love**

**Tho' the world may change its fashion
Yet our God is ever the same
His compassion and His cov'nant
Through all ages will remain
God's own children, God's own children
Must forever praise His name (Chorus)**

**God's compassion is my story
It's my boasting all the day
Mercy free and never failing
Moves my will, directs my way
God so loved us, God so loved us
That His only Son He gave (Chorus)**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- L:** Let us pray. Father, thank You that our many sins can be forgiven through our Lord Jesus Christ. Thank You for Your promise to put our sins behind Your back, to bury them in the depth of the sea, and to remove them from us as far as the east is from the west. Let the blood of Jesus cleanse us from every sin and enliven us to live as Your forgiven and forgiving people; in Jesus' name.
- C:** Amen.

HOLY GOSPEL Luke 7:36-50 (Simon learns about Forgiveness)

- L:** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the seventh chapter.
- C:** Glory to You, O Lord.

One of the Pharisees asked him to eat with him, and he went into the Pharisee's house and reclined at table. And behold, a woman of the city, who was a sinner, when she learned that he was reclining at table in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster flask of ointment, and standing behind him at his feet, weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears and wiped them with the hair of her head and kissed his feet and anointed them with the ointment. Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what sort of woman this is who is touching him, for she is a sinner." And Jesus answering said to him, "Simon, I have something to say to you." And he answered, "Say it, Teacher."

"A certain moneylender had two debtors. One owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. When they could not pay, he cancelled the debt of both. Now which of them will love him more?" Simon answered, "The one, I suppose, for whom he cancelled the larger debt." And he said to him, "You have judged rightly." Then turning toward the woman he said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she has wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not ceased to kiss my feet. You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment. Therefore I tell you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven—for she loved much. But he who is forgiven little, loves little." And he said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." Then those who were at table with him began to say among themselves, "Who is this, who even forgives sins?" And he said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."

- L:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C:** Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN No. 563 “Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness”

**Jesus, Thy blood and righteousness. My beauty are, my glorious dress;
Midst flaming worlds, in these arrayed, With joy shall I lift up my head.**

**Bold shall I stand in that great day, Cleansed and redeemed, no debt to pay;
Fully absolved through these I am From sin and fear, from guilt and shame.**

**Lord, I believe Thy precious blood, Which at the mercy seat of God
Pleads for the captives’ liberty, Was also shed in love for me.**

**Lord, I believe, were sinners more Than sands upon the ocean shore,
Thou hast for all a ransom paid, For all a full atonement made.**

**When from the dust of death I rise To claim my mansion in the skies,
This then shall be my only plea: Jesus hath lived and died for me.**

**Jesus, be endless praise to Thee, Whose boundless mercy hath for me,
For me, and all Thy hands have made, An everlasting ransom paid.**

SERMON “The Greatness of Jesus’ Forgiveness” Pastor Vern

CONFESSION OF FAITH THE NICENE CREED *Please stand*

**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 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.**

**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.**

OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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

L: Lord Jesus, You chose to be called the friend of sinners. By your saving death and resurrection free us from our sins. May your peace take root in our hearts and bring forth a harvest of love, holiness, and truth. Lord in Your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: Heavenly Father, we pray for all Christians around the world that, as people uplifted by Your forgiveness and united in faith, we may witness to the Good News that is ours in Christ Jesus. Lord, bless our worship and our efforts to meet the challenge of being Your forgiving people. Help us to find the power to forgive in Him who forgave us and made us ready to enter the kingdom of glory in Your presence forever. Lord in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

L: Forgiving Lord, we pray for all nations of the earth, that in all places there may be times of reconciliation and lasting peace. We pray for people in lands where there have been conflict, strife and war. And we pray for our own nation that it may know safety and that people may be joyful in their daily lives. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

L: We pray for the special concerns on our hearts today, including health and family needs, bringing to You our joys, our sorrows, and our hopes. Remember in mercy those on our prayer list suffering in physical, emotional or spiritual need. Assure us that the sufferings of this present life are but transitory and that Your grace endures forever. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

L: Lord of all our days, show the greatness of Your goodness to **Kristen Conrad, Roger Miesner, Christy Carron, Kim Lloyd and Alexa Drouin who celebrate their birthdays this week, that their lives may overflow with thanksgiving every day. Bless them with joyful hope, and one day with the inexpressible joys of eternal life. Lord in Your mercy,**
C: hear our prayer.

L: Lord of our eternity, Joined to the generations of the faithful, we remember all those who have completed their earthly journeys in faith and now rest from their labors. Inspire us by the witness of the faithful from all generations that we may complete our earthly journeys with confidence in Your gracious promises as they did in their lifetimes. Lord in Your mercy,
C: hear our prayer.

L: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
C: Amen.

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you.
C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.
C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P: O Lord of heaven and earth, we bless You for the gift of faith that clings to Your gracious promises in Jesus Christ, our Lord, who gave Himself as a perfect sacrifice for us so that our lives may know true peace and endless joy. Invited by Your grace, we come to Your Table with thankful hearts. Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood that we may continue on as Your people, joyfully awaiting the eternal feast in glory everlasting.
C: Amen.

SANCTUS "Holy God, We Praise Thy Name" LSB 940 (vs. 1)

**Holy God, we praise Thy name; Lord of all, we bow before Thee.
All on earth Thy scepter claim, All in heav'n above adore Thee.
Infinite Thy vast domain, Everlasting is Thy reign.**

WORDS OF OUR LORD

P: 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'S PRAYER (*Matthew 6:9-13*)

P: Remember us in Your kingdom, Lord, and teach us to pray:

All: 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 PEACE OF THE LORD

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

DISTRIBUTION "Who Am I" Casting Crowns (video)
LSB 435 - "Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain"

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P: We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BLESSING OF THE LORD

Numbers 6:24–26

P The LORD bless you and keep you.
The LORD make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The LORD smile upon you and + give you peace.
C: Amen.

CLOSING SONG “Jude Doxology”

And now all glory to him who alone is God
Who saves us through his Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
For he is able to keep us from falling away
He brings us into His presence with love & joy.

Refrain:
All power, authority, All splendor & majesty
Are His from the beginning & evermore, & evermore.

And now all glory to You, You alone are God
You’ve saved us through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
For You are able to keep us from falling away
You bring us into Your presence with love & joy

Refrain:

Bridge:
All glory & honor, All power & dominion
Belong to the lamb who is seated on the throne
Forevermore, forevermore, forevermore, forevermore.

Refrain: 2x

SENDING

L: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.