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"Home of Friend-Ship Preschool"

March 22 & 23, 2025

3rd Sunday in Lent

5:30 pm & 9:00 am



everything [in] between

rest & growth

Welcome to Worship

(9 am) PRELUDE

Please take a moment to sign the friendship pads at the end of the pew by the aisle. Pass them down the aisle and send them back again. Thank you.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Note: Pastor Deb will end announcements with something like *"Let us take a moment to breathe in and breathe out as we center our hearts and minds for worship."*

***INVOCATION**

We gather for worship in the name of the Triune God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Worship is a place to rest. We breathe deeply here.

We still our aching bones. We sit in the quiet.

We surround ourselves with music. Worship is a place to rest.

Worship is a place to grow. We listen for God's word.

We invite it to challenge us. We lean in with curiosity.

We ask questions. Worship is a place to grow.

So come into this space. Come rest and grow here.

For where two or more are gathered, God is always there.

Let us worship our gracious God.

***GATHERING SONG**

As the Deer

CCLI 1431

**Vs 1 As the deer panteth for the water so my soul longeth after Thee
You alone are my heart's desire and I long to worship Thee**

Chorus

**You alone are my strength my shield, to You alone may my spirit yield
You alone are my heart's desire and I long to worship Thee**

**Vs 2 You're my friend and You are my brother even though You are a King
I love You more than any other so much more than anything. Chorus**

***GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Let us pray

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Creator God,

Your Word is like soil, something we can root ourselves in. Your Word is like the sun, big enough to touch everything with its warmth. And your Word is like a gardener, a love that prunes and encourages, waters and delights, seeds and tends. So as we turn to your text today, warm our bones, tend to our broken pieces, and show us how to grow. With hope we pray, Amen.

Only By Grace

CCLI 190579

**Only by grace can we enter, Only by grace can we stand
Not by our human endeavor, But by the blood of the Lamb
Into Your presence You call us, You call us to come
Into Your presence You draw us, And now by Your grace we come. *Repeat*
Now by Your grace we come**

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 13:1-9 (Pew Bible pg 796)

Our Gospel reading is from Luke, the 13th chapter beginning with the first verse.

About this time Jesus was informed that Pilate had murdered some people from Galilee as they were offering sacrifices at the Temple. “Do you think those Galileans were worse sinners than all the other people from Galilee?” Jesus asked. “Is that why they suffered? Not at all! And you will perish, too, unless you repent of your sins and turn to God. And what about the eighteen people who died when the tower in Siloam fell on them? Were they the worst sinners in Jerusalem? No, and I tell you again that unless you repent, you will perish, too.”

Then Jesus told this story: “A man planted a fig tree in his garden and came again and again to see if there was any fruit on it, but he was always disappointed. Finally, he said to his gardener, ‘I’ve waited three years, and there hasn’t been a single fig! Cut it down. It’s just taking up space in the garden.’

“The gardener answered, ‘Sir, give it one more chance. Leave it another year, and I’ll give it special attention and plenty of fertilizer. If we get figs next year, fine. If not, then you can cut it down.’”

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

(9am) GIZZY TIME WITH MS MONA AND FRIENDS

SERMON

“Rest & Growth”

Pastor Deb Grismer

SONG OF THE DAY

Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

ELW 335

**Vs 1 Jesus, keep me near the cross, there’s a precious fountain;
Free to all, a healing stream flows from Calv’ry’s mountain.**

Refrain

In the cross, in the cross by my glory ever; till my ransomed soul shall find rest beyond the river.

**Vs 2 Near the cross, a trembling soul, love and mercy found me;
There the bright and morning star sheds its beams around me. *Refrain***

**Vs 4 Near the cross I’ll watch and wait, hoping, trusting ever,
till I reach the golden strand just beyond the river. *Refrain***

**(9am) SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM
PRESENTATION**

Gryffin Donald Wilson

God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word, God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Whom do you present for baptism?

We present Gryffin Donald Wilson for the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.

As you bring Gryffin to receive the gift of baptism, all of you, as well as this community of faith, are entrusted with responsibilities:

*to live with him among God's faithful people,
bring him to the Word of God and the holy supper,
teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in his hands the Holy Scriptures,
and nurture him in faith and prayer,
so that Gryffin may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made,
and work for justice and peace.*

Andrew and Paige, do you promise to help Gryffin grow in the Christian faith and life and live in the covenant of his baptism and in communion with the church?

We do, with God's help and with the help of Gryffin's Godparents, family and community of faith.

Matthew and Megan, do you promise to nurture Gryffin in the Christian faith as you are empowered by the Holy Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of his baptism and in communion with the church?

We do and we ask God to help and guide us.

(Please stand) People of God, do you promise to support and pray for Andrew and Paige as they raise Gryffin in the Christian faith? Do you promise to walk with Gryffin as you are able, support and pray for him and help him to fulfill the baptismal covenant I just named as he grows in life and faith?

We do and we ask God to help and guide us.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church, the faith in which we baptize.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in a God who loves and tends to us like a gardener. We believe that like the trees, some seasons are for growth, and some seasons are for rest. Some days require pruning, and some require planting. Fortunately, we believe that our green-thumbed God sees us and cultivates the sweetest fruit. So may we plant roots, reach for the sky, grow where we can, and rest when we need, for we believe there is holiness in the pruning and in the planting. And we do not grow alone. Thanks be to God. Amen.

BAPTISM

Gryffin Donald Wilson, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Let us pray,

We give you thanks, O God, that through the water and the Holy Spirit you give your children new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Gryffin with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

Amen.

Gryffin, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.
Amen.

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

Candle: Gryffin, let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

WELCOME

Let us welcome Gryffin into our family of faith.

We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share as members of the priesthood of all believers. Join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

(5:30)AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Journeying together with trust and hope, we affirm our faith.

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Led by the Spirit, let us turn to God in prayer for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

We pray for the church, called to be a witness to all peoples. Grant humility and wisdom to bishops, pastors, deacons, elders, councils, committees, teams and congregations, that they may call upon you in making decisions.

*God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.***

We pray for the earth, called to provide abundantly. Teach your people the goodness of your generosity, that in sharing what we have been given, all life may flourish on the planet that is our shared home.

*God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.***

We pray for the nations and their leaders, called to protect their inhabitants and collaborate in the work of justice and peace. Forge bonds of compassion and mutual care across human borders and boundaries, that all the world may have enough to live. Be with those serving in the military, including

*God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.***

We pray for those in need, called to receive your compassion, including

Comfort those whose lives have been disrupted through natural disasters and human conflict. Aid communities in coming together to mourn, heal, and rebuild.

*God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.***

We pray for this assembly, called to welcome its neighbors to the table of your grace. Bless food pantries, community gardens and kitchens, clean water projects, and all ministries that address human hunger and thirst.

*God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.***

We give thanks for the faithful lives of those who proclaimed your gospel in times of challenge and strife, and for all those whose lives of love and service have ended, including _____.
May their witness inspire our own.

*God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.***

*Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love, in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life. **Amen.***

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

*The peace of Christ be with you all. And also with you.
Let us stand and share a sign of God's peace with one another.*

(9 am) OFFERING *Assisting Minister hands out offering plates*

(9am) OFFERTORY

(9am) OFFERING RESPONSE

Spirit Song

CCLI 27824

Jesus oh Jesus, come and fill Your lambs

Jesus oh Jesus, come and fill Your lambs

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray God of grace,

your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas.

Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts.

Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always. Prepare us now to feast on the bread of life. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence. Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Friends, we carve out time for confession in worship because it is not enough to hear about God's grace once. We need that reminder again, and again, and again. So join me in speaking the truth of our lives, and join me in receiving God's grace again.

Holy God, There are days when we fail to rest.

We stretch ourselves too thin. We say "yes" to every invitation. We run a million miles a minute.

We ignore your command to rest.

There are also days when we fail to act.

We wait for someone else. We take the easy road. We find excuses and justify our inaction.

God, forgive our imbalance.

Remind us that birds rest, and they also fly. Show us how to do the same. Amen.

Family of faith, I have good news! Our God does not keep score. Our God does not hold grudges. Our God does not assume the worst about us. No, our God offers grace, and endless second chances, and boundless love. Our God forgives our sins. Join me in proclaiming the good news of the gospel:

God's grace is deeper than the ocean. God's love is wider than the sky. We are seen. We are claimed. We are forgiven. May this realization change and inspire us. Thanks be to God! Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

ELW pg 108

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

LORDS 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.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

The Old Rugged Cross

CCLI 19722

**VS 1 On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross, the emblem of suffering and shame
And I love that old cross where the dearest and best, for a world of lost sinners was slain**

Chorus

**So I'll cherish the old rugged cross, till my trophies at last I lay down
I will cling to the old rugged cross and exchange it some day for a crown**

**Vs 2 O the old rugged cross so despised by the world has a wondrous attraction for me
For the dear Lamb of God left His glory above to bear it to dark Calvary. *Chorus***

**Vs 3 In the old rugged cross stained with blood so divine a wondrous beauty I see
For 'twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and died to pardon and sanctify me. *Chorus***

**Vs 4 To the old rugged cross I will ever be true its shame and reproach gladly bear
Then He'll call me some day to my home far away where His glory forever I'll share. *Chorus***

The Power of Your Love

CCLI 917491

**Vs 1 Lord I come to You let my heart be changed renewed
Flowing from the grace that I found in You
And Lord I've come to know the weaknesses I see in me
Will be stripped away by the pow'r of Your love**

Chorus

**Hold me close let Your love surround me
Bring me near draw me to Your side
And as I wait I'll rise up like the eagle
And I will soar with You Your Spirit leads me on in the pow'r of Your love**

**Vs 2 Lord unveil my eyes let me see You face to face
The knowledge of Your love as You live in me
Lord renew my mind as Your will unfolds in my life
In living ev'ry day by the pow'r of Your love. *Chorus***

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

ELW 325

**Vs 1 I want Jesus to walk with me; I want Jesus to walk with me;
all along my pilgrim journey, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.**

**Vs 2 In my trials, Lord, walk with me; in my trials, Lord, walk with me;
when my heart is almost breaking, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.**

**Vs 3 When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me; when I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me;
when my head is bowed in sorrow, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.**

POST COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

ELW pg 114

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, bless you and keep you in his grace. Amen

Let us pray...

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Please rise.

***BLESSING**

As you leave this place, may you find God in every messy middle. May you know that the world is bigger than two sides. May you trust that you are made in the image of God, and therefore, you contain multitudes. So may you move through this world with an open heart, with a curious mind, and with the confidence that you do not go alone. God is with you in the mountains, in the valleys, and everywhere in between.

***SENDING SONG**

O Christ the Same

WOV 778

Verse 1

**O Christ the same, through all our story's pages--our loves and hopes, our failures and our fears;
eternal Lord, the king of all the ages, unchanging still amid the passing years:**

O living Word, the source of all creation, who spread the skies and set the stars ablaze;

O Christ the same, who wrought our whole salvation, we bring our thanks for all our yesterdays.

Verse 3

**O Christ the same, secure within whose keeping our lives and loves, our days and years remain;
our work and rest, our waking and our sleeping, our calm and storm, our pleasure and our pain:**

O Lord of love, for all our joys and sorrows, for all our hopes when earth shall fade and flee;

O Christ the same, beyond our brief tomorrows, we bring our thanks for all that is to be.

***DISMISSAL**

Believe the good news, and go in peace.

Thanks be to God.

(9 am) POSTLUDE

**Please stand in body or spirit.*

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Thank you to our worship servers for your ministry.

Saturday & Sunday, March 22 & 23

Musicians: Joyful Noise

Assisting Minister: Nichole Morse

Slides: Owen Mertes (Sat), Butch Bowman (Sun)

Streaming: Bob Thompson

Ushers/Greeters: Luke Team

Communion Assistants: Luke Team

Altar Care: Altar Care Team