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"Home of Friend-Ship Preschool"

February 21 & 22, 2026

1st Sunday in Lent

5:30 pm & 9:00 am



Welcome to Worship

(9 am) PRELUDE

On the First Day of Lent

Ludwig Schytte

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

(9 am) HANDBELL CHOIR

It is Well With My Soul

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***INVOCATION Please rise in body or spirit**

We gather in the name of God, who created us, who was born to be with us, who guides us still. Amen.

***GATHERING SONG**

Shout to the Lord

ELW 821

My Jesus, my Savior, Lord, there is none like you.
All of my days I want to praise the wonders of your mighty love.
My comfort, my shelter, tower of refuge and strength;
let ev'ry breath, all that I am never cease to worship you.

Shout to the Lord, all the earth, let us sing power and majesty, praise to the King.
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar at the sound of your name.
I sing for joy at the work of your hands; forever I'll love you, forever I'll stand.
Nothing compares to the promise I have in you.

***CONFESSON AND FORGIVENESS**

God knows our hearts, the guilt we carry, the heartache that keeps us awake, the burdens we bear. God knows that "happy are they who are forgiven," and so we confess in confidence of God's forgiveness.

Silence for reflection

Good and gracious God,

We have sinned and fallen short of the good you desire for us and for all creation. We have seen the earth as resources to extract and forgotten to marvel at its beauty. We have doubted your ability to provide and hoarded more than we need. We have ignored the needs of the vulnerable, and when you called us to follow you to greater wonders, we remained where we were and clung to control. Forgive our sin and our selfishness. Draw us out of ourselves, more deeply into your love, and more fully into a world in need.

God knows our sin before we do and meets every confession with abundant grace. In Christ we are alive and completely forgiven. God's goodness has the final word. May this gift renew our faith and lighten our load so that we are prepared to care for the world God so loves. Amen

***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,

you made a magnificent cosmos and crafted us human beings as part of it. Draw us into a fuller relationship with the water, air, creatures, and plants you made as our kindred. Where we have done harm, empower us to repair, that we live in harmony with one another, all creation, and you. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7

(Pew Bible pg 4)

(Hands-On Bible pg 6)

Our first reading is from Genesis, the second chapter, beginning with verse fifteen.

The Lord God placed the man in the Garden of Eden to tend and watch over it. But the Lord God warned him, "You may freely eat the fruit of every tree in the garden— except the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. If you eat its fruit, you are sure to die."

The serpent was the shrewdest of all the wild animals the Lord God had made. One day he asked the woman, "Did God really say you must not eat the fruit from any of the trees in the garden?"

"Of course we may eat fruit from the trees in the garden," the woman replied. "It's only the fruit from the tree in the middle of the garden that we are not allowed to eat. God said, 'You must not eat it or even touch it; if you do, you will die.'"

"You won't die!" the serpent replied to the woman. "God knows that your eyes will be opened as soon as you eat it, and you will be like God, knowing both good and evil."

The woman was convinced. She saw that the tree was beautiful and its fruit looked delicious, and she wanted the wisdom it would give her. So she took some of the fruit and ate it. Then she gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it, too. At that moment their eyes were opened, and they suddenly felt shame at their nakedness. So they sewed fig leaves together to cover themselves.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 32

Please join me in reading the Psalm responsively.

Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, and whose sin is put away!

Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no guilt, and in whose spirit there is no guile!

While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, because of my groaning all day long.

For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.

Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not conceal my guilt.

I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.

**Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble;
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.**

You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

"I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go;

I will guide you with my eye.

Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay near you."

Great are the tribulations of the wicked; but mercy embraces those who trust in the LORD.

Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD; shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

SCRIPTURE READING (Pastor Deb will read)

Matthew 4:1-11

(Pew Bible pg 735)

(Hands-On Bible pg 957)

Our gospel reading is from Matthew, the 4th chapter beginning with the first verse.

Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted there by the devil. For forty days and forty nights he fasted and became very hungry.

During that time the devil came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become loaves of bread."

But Jesus told him, "No! The Scriptures say, 'People do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

Then the devil took him to the holy city, Jerusalem, to the highest point of the Temple, and said, "If you are the Son of God, jump off! For the Scriptures say 'He will order his angels to protect you. And they will hold you up with their hands so you won't even hurt your foot on a stone.'"

Jesus responded, "The Scriptures also say, 'You must not test the Lord your God.'"

Next the devil took him to the peak of a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. "I will give it all to you," he said, "if you will kneel down and worship me."

"Get out of here, Satan," Jesus told him. "For the Scriptures say, 'You must worship the Lord your God and serve only him.'"

Then the devil went away, and angels came and took care of Jesus.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

(9 am) GIZZY TIME WITH FRIENDS

SERMON

Pastor Deb Grismer

SONG OF THE DAY**A Mighty Fortress is Our God****ELW 504 1,2,3**

*Vs 1 A mighty fortress is our God, a sword and shield victorious;
he breaks the cruel oppressor's rod and wins salvation glorious.
The old satanic foe has sworn to work us woe!
With craft and dreadful might he arms himself to fight.
On earth he has no equal.*

*Vs 2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, rejected.
But now a champion comes to fight, whom God himself elected.
You ask who this may be? The Lord of hosts is he!
Christ Jesus, mighty Lord, God's only Son, adored.
He holds the field victorious.*

*Vs 3 Though hordes of devils fill the land all threat'ning to devour us,
we tremble not, unmoved we stand; they cannot overpow'r us.
Let this world's tyrant rage; in battle we'll engage!
His might is doomed to fail; God's judgment must prevail!
One little word subdues him.*

APOSTLES' CREED

Journeying together in trust and hope, let us confess our faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Pastor Deb will gather prayer requests before singing.

HYMN**O Lord, Hear My Prayer****ELW 751**

**O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: when I call, answer me.
O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: come and listen to me.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God, our maker, healer, and friend,

You are all in for us and all creation. You have given us a beautiful universe to explore. You have called each one of us by name. You never cease to offer life and forgiveness. There is no detail of life in this world that has escaped you. We pray now, trusting in your goodness and mercy.

Creator, we pray for your wondrous creation, of which we are one part. Thank you for the ways nature draws us close to you. Help us to hear and act on the words of those who call for greater care of the natural world. Lead us into relationships with the earth that reflect your care for all creatures, and not only human desires.

As Jesus had angels to care for him, allow us to be angels here on earth to care for those who don't have what they need to get by. Open our hands and our hearts to share what you have given to us with others. Feed those who are hungry, befriend those who are lonely, house those who need shelter, protect those who are unsafe, and bring justice for those who are oppressed.

We pray for healing and wholeness. Thank you for all gifts of healing and recovery. We pray for all those known to us in need of healing and wholeness today.....Heal the sick, comfort those who mourn, and give strength to all who need it.

Add other petitions....

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O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: come and listen to me.**

***PASSING OF THE PEACE** *Please rise in body or spirit*
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

Let us gather together our offering. Thank you for the generous way you support the mission and ministry of this congregation with your time, talents and resources.

OFFERTORY

A Quiet Song

Lani Smith

***(9 am) OFFERING RESPONSE Pastor Deb receives offering plates**

Please rise in body or spirit

Thine the Amen

ELW 826 5

*Vs 5 Thine the glory in the night no more dying only light
thine the river thine the tree then the Lamb eternally
then the holy holy holy celebration jubilee
thine the splendor thine the brightness only thee only thee.*

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Let us pray

God who provides,

we return to you a portion of all that you have given us. Bless and use these gifts, our hands, our hearts, our ministry, to care for the world you so love. Now prepare us to receive you at this table and again in the world beyond our doors. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Please be seated.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

ELW pg 107

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We have to praise you, we have to thank you, God, because the whole universe is filled with your wonders. On this very day you overcome the powers of death and destruction forever, and so, in thankfulness, we join the song of the angels:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

ELW pg 108

Holy, holy, holy Lord. God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

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.

LORD'S 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.

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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, you have revealed yourself to us again in the holy mystery of bread and cup. Strengthen us by your presence, draw us closer to one another as the Body of Christ, and send us to reveal you in all our words and ways. Amen.

*BENEDICTION *Please rise in body or spirit*

As you have met God in this place, go now to meet God beyond this place. As you have received the love of Jesus, go now to give the love of Jesus. As the Creator has been all in for you, go now and be all in for the sake of the world. Gracious God, Parent, Sibling, and Spirit, bless you as you go. Amen.

*SENDING SONG

My Lord of Light

ELW 832 1,2,4

*Vs 1 My Lord of light who made the worlds, in wisdom you have spoken;
but those who heard your wise commands your holy law have broken.*

*Vs 2 My Lord of love who knew no sin, a sinner's death enduring:
for us you wore a crown of thorns, a crown of life securing.*

*Vs 4 My Lord of lords, one Trinity, to your pure name be given
all glory now and evermore, all praise in earth and heaven.*

*DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love the Lord and serve your neighbor.

Thanks be to God.

(9 am) POSTLUDE

Not Alone for Mighty Empire

Thomas Chesterton

**Please stand in body or spirit.*

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