#### 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. As with the other seasons, the assigned Gospel readings for each Sunday set the tone. These include: Jesus' temptation in the wilderness, His call for costly discipleship, His cleansing of the Temple, and His predictions of his suffering and death.

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 12th, 2023

The Third Sunday in Lent

Prelude

Announcements

## **GOD SUMMONS US TO WORSHIP**

Call to Worship

1 Chronicles 16:28-30 "10,000 Reasons"

†Congregational Singing †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

"O Christ You Walked the Road"

## **GOD SANCTIFIES US TO HIMSELF**

Call to Confession

1 John 1:8-9

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

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

†Assurance of Forgiveness

†Congregational Singing "Our Great God"

Holy Baptism Ahren Paul Goodbrake

Andrew David Arthur Goodbrake

†Congregational Singing "Baptized Into Christ the Lord" (1,3,5)

## **GOD SPEAKS TO US IN HIS WORD**

Old Testament Reading
Epistle Reading
1 Peter 2:21-25
†Gospel Reading
5 John 10:22-33, 37-39
†Profession of Faith
The Apostles' Creed
Sermon
Pastor Chad Anderson

"No One Will Snatch Them Out Of My Hand" Sermon Series: The Gospel According to John

Offertory

†Doxology #625 (a cappella)

†Prayer of Dedication

## 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, and 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 "Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken" (1,2,4,6)

### GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD

†Commission and Benediction

†Congregational Response #628 IV "Threefold Amen"

Postlude

Worship Leader: Pastor David Salyer Nursery Volunteers: Kacia Hughett, Rachel Hajda

#### **CHURCH LIFE**

Sunday, March 12th - The Third Sunday in Lent

9:00 a.m. . . . Sunday School 10:30 a.m. . . . Worship Service 3:00 p.m. . . . Youth Group

5:30 p.m. . . . Kearney Perspectives Class @ First Baptist

- ❖ There will be a baby shower for Bethany Remm on March 11, at 10:00am. They are expecting a baby girl and are register on Babylist. (www.babylist.com) Please join us for this celebration!
- ❖ Financial Report: Budgeted need each week: \$3,952.93. Budgeted need year-to-date: \$35,576.37. Received 2/26: \$3,247.36. Received year-to-date: \$33,662.32.
- \*March Birthdays: (1) Caleb Wood 2004, (2) Erin Freitag 2012, (4) David Holl, (9) Clara Williams, (10) Abraham LeFeber 2010, (12) Dick Reiter, (17) Michael Freitag, (18) Sandy McKean, (20) Jedediah Lanka 2016, (26) Linda Brock, (29) Jeanne Cutler, (30) Andrea Wood (31) Lily Lano 2013

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### 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 new and expecting mothers and their children: Kristin Holl (Jane Marie born 2/10), Bethany Remm.
- ❖For the Parish family as they grieve the loss of Charles.
- ❖For Mike Widhalm and family as they grieve the loss of Karen.

## 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), Sam Lanka (Facilities), Doug Sykes (Chair)

**WIC:** Annie Hooton (President), Sarah Salyer (Secretary), Anika Fong (Christian Growth), Jen Zimmerman (Missions/Outreach), Karen Salyer (Kitchen), Kacia Hughett (Nursery), Julie LeFeber (Servant Support), Deborah Anderson (Women's Fellowship), Julie LeFeber & Carol Holl (Church Fellowship)

Youth Group: Eric Wood

Custodians: Eleanor Hajda, Charis Wood