Custodians: Eleanor Hajda, Charis Wood

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 26th, 2023 The Fifth Sunday in Lent

Prelude

Announcements

GOD SUMMONS US TO WORSHIP

Call to Worship †Congregational Singing

†Responsive Scriptures

Psalm 150:1-2, 6 "Psalm 62 (My Soul Finds Rest)"

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Amen

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Lord has redeemed his people.

O come, let us worship Him.

†Collect

Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; 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

"Every Promise"

GOD SANCTIFIES US TO HIMSELF

Call to Confession

Psalm 103:8-12

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.

CHURCH LIFE

+Assurance of Forgiveness +Congregational Singing

"Christ Is Mine Forevermore"

GOD SPEAKS TO US IN HIS WORD

Old Testament Reading Epistle Reading †Gospel Reading †Profession of Faith Sermon Psalm 45:6-11 2 Corinthians 2:14-17 John 12:1-11 The Apostles' Creed Pastor Chad Anderson

"The Anointing of Jesus"

Sermon Series: The Gospel According to John

Offertory †Doxology †Prayer of Dedication

#625 (a cappella)

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

"Let Thy Blood In Mercy Poured"

GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD

+Commission and Benediction +Congregational Response Postlude

#628 IV "Threefold Amen"

Worship Leader: Elder Michael Freitag Nursery Volunteers: Deb Anderson, Mary Lanka Sunday, March 26th - The Fifth Sunday in Lent
9:00 a.m. . . . Sunday School
10:30 a.m. . . . Worship Service
After service . . . Church Council Meeting (Session, Diaconate, WIC)
3:00 p.m. . . . Youth Group
5:30 p.m. . . . Kearney Perspectives Class @ First Baptist
Saturday, April 1st

9:00 a.m. . . . WIC Meeting

- Holy Week Services: Good Friday Service @ 7p.m., Easter Breakfast @ 9:30 a.m. followed by children's activities, Easter Worship Service @ 10:30 a.m.
- Financial Report: Budgeted need each week: \$3,952.93. Budgeted need year-todate: \$43,482.23. Received 3/12: \$7,642/74. Received year-to-date: \$54,090.71.
- March Birthdays: (26) Linda Brock, (29) Jeanne Cutler, (30) Andrea Wood (31) Lily Lano 2013
- April Birthdays: (2) Jerry Lutkemeier, (3) Bev Fullerton, (5) Rachel Hajda, (8) Jude Lanka 2014, Jacob Sykes 2003, (21) Eric Wood (22) Mary Lanka, (23) Reese Hughett 2020, (25) Del Brock, (30) Anne Hajda 2007, Richard McKean, Stephen Rodgers

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PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

That God would protect our pastors, elders and their families from the strategic attacks of Satan and grant them many years of fruitful ministry in Christ.

- $\boldsymbol{\diamondsuit}$ Presbytery: The work of all our churches in the Platte Valley Presbytery.
- Missions: PCA Mission to North America (MNA) Church Planters and Families.
- 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