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).



April 2nd, 2023

Palm Sunday

Prelude

Announcements

GOD SUMMONS US TO WORSHIP

Call to Worship

Psalm 118:19,24,29 TPC Children

Palm Procession †Congregational Singing

#174 "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

†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

We praise you, O God, for your redemption of the world through Jesus Christ. Today he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph and was proclaimed king by those who spread garments and branches along his way. Grant that we too may follow him in the way of the cross, that, dying and rising with Him, we may enter into your kingdom; through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever.

Amen.

†Congregational Singing

#173 "All Glory Laud and Honor"

GOD SANCTIFIES US TO HIMSELF

Call to Confession

Psalm 118:5,14

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 "No Tramp of Soldier's Marching Feet"

GOD SPEAKS TO US IN HIS WORD

Old Testament Reading
Epistle Reading
TGospel Reading
TProfession of Faith
Sermon

Zechariah 9:9-10
Revelation 12:1-10
John 12:12-16, 19, 23-24, 27-33
The Apostles' Creed
Pastor David Salyer

"The King is Coming, The Ruler of this World Is Cast Out" 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 "Ride On, Ride On In Majesty"

GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD

†Commission and Benediction

†Congregational Response #628 IV "Threefold Amen"

Postlude

Worship Leader: Pastor Chad Anderson Nursery Volunteers: Carol Holl, Rene Sykes

CHURCH LIFE

Sunday, April 2nd - Palm Sunday

9:00 a.m. . . . Sunday School

10:30 a.m. . . . Worship Service

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

Monday, April 3rd

5:30 p.m. . . . Session Meeting

Friday, April 7th

7:00 p.m. . . . Good Friday Service

- ♦ 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-to-date: \$51,388.09. Received 3/26: \$2,243.04. Received year-to-date: \$60,087.59.
- 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 bring people in need of a church family to Trinity, and that we would minister to them in love.
- ❖ Presbytery: Grace Chapel in Lincoln Pastors Ben Loos, Isaac Terwilliger, Victor Mallin; and Redeemer Church in Lincoln Pastors Matt Odum and Adam Odell.
- ❖Missions: Collage Center
- ♦ For our new and expecting mothers and their children: Kristin Holl (Jane Marie born 2/10), Bethany Remm.

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