

# THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

March 8, 2026

*Third Sunday in Lent*

*We Gather in God's Name . . .*

## PRELUDE

### PRAYER OF PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

We come to you God, because we are thirsty. Our spirits need the refreshing water of your Word, just as our bodies need the refreshment of a cool drink. Open our ears so that we may hear you speaking to us. Open our hearts in complete honesty before you, so that you can “tell us all we have ever done,” transform our lives and make us witnesses of your loving grace. Amen.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GREETING

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Every morning, we rise in God’s steadfast love. Every evening that love sustains and protects us.

**All: In times of triumph or of temptation, the grace and mercy of God are there for us.**

One: God offers us life in all its intended fullness.

**All: We respond in worship and song.**

### \*OPENING HYMN “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah” #281

### \*CALL TO CONFESSION

Just as our spiritual ancestors quarreled and complained and tested God in the wilderness, we are tempted to do the same. We have hardened our hearts and turned away from the Source of life. Yet God comes to us with reconciling grace. Are we ready to return to the relationship God intends with us? Let us silently confess all that separates us from God.

### \*SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

### \*RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS “I Love the Lord, Who Heard My Cry” #362

**Singing:** I love the Lord, who heard my cry  
And pitied every groan.  
Long as I live and troubles rise,  
I’ll hasten to God’s throne.  
I love the Lord, who heard my cry  
And chased my grief away.  
O let my heart no more despair  
While I have breath to pray.

### \*THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. The peace of our Lord Jesus the Christ be with you all.

**All: And also with you.**

*. . . to Proclaim God’s Word*

FIRST READING Psalm 95 p. 550

SECOND READING Romans 5: 1-11 p. 155

ANTHEM “I’m Thirsty” Choir

GOSPEL READING John 4: 5-42 p. 94

One: The word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON “Living Water” Gary Klette

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE “Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart” #326

*. . . to Give Thanks to God . . .*

## WE OFFER OUR GIFTS TO GOD

### THE OFFERTORY

### \*OFFERING RESPONSE

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” #592

**Singing:** Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Thank you, God, for all the ways you have blessed us. You provide streams of mercy in the desert of our wanderings. When life is difficult, help us to trust you, remembering the wonderful things you have done. Receive now the gifts we dedicate in your name. Amen.**

### PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD’S PRAYER

One: Lord in your mercy,

**All: hear our 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

*. . . and to Be Sent in God’s Name*

\*CLOSING HYMN “Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken” #446

## BENEDICTION

### RESPONSE TO THE BENEDICTION

“Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing” #538  
*(verse 1)*

**Singing:** Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing;  
Fill our hearts with joy and peace;  
Let us each, Thy love possessing,  
Triumph in redeeming grace.  
O refresh us, O refresh us,  
Traveling through this wilderness.

## POSTLUDE

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mon. March 9	Easy Does It Exercise Handbells	10:00 AM 6:00 PM
Tues. March 10	Finance Committee	10:00 AM
Wed. March 11	Easy Does It Exercise Learn 2 Sew Class Wednesday Night Adult Class Children/Youth Group Program	10:00 AM 3:30 PM 6:00 PM 6:15 PM
Thurs. March 12	PW Meeting Lenten Luncheons Bible Study @ Horizon Lodge Choir	10:30 AM 12:00 PM 2:00 PM 7:00 PM
Fri. March 13	Easy Does It Exercise	10:00 AM
Sun. March 15	Bible Study	10:00 AM

*Welcome* to worship this morning! If you have small children, you're welcome to keep them in worship or take them into the quiet room.

**Our thanks** go to our lay reader Phil Springer, the choir, and pianist Dave Thomas.

You will find **prayer request cards** in the backs of the church pews that you may fill out and drop in the offering plate as needed.

For **Prayer Chain Requests**, please call either Martha Orcutt, 406-868-1890 or Karen Burditt, 406-450-5295.

**Deacons' meeting today in Room #3 after service.**

**Lenten Luncheons** continue Thursdays with the **Catholics hosting March 12<sup>th</sup> and Lutherans will host March 19<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>**. Soup is served at 12:00PM and a short talk by one of the pastors or priest with the event being done by 12:50PM. This year's topic will be on Henri Nouwen's book, "*The Prodigal Son*". Participants get to pick from several hearty soups and bread. A free will offering will be taken and will be given to one or more of our local charities. The community is invited to attend!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

Scholarships are available for Glacier Camp for this coming Summer. Please contact Jane Arends for more information at 406-450-4163.

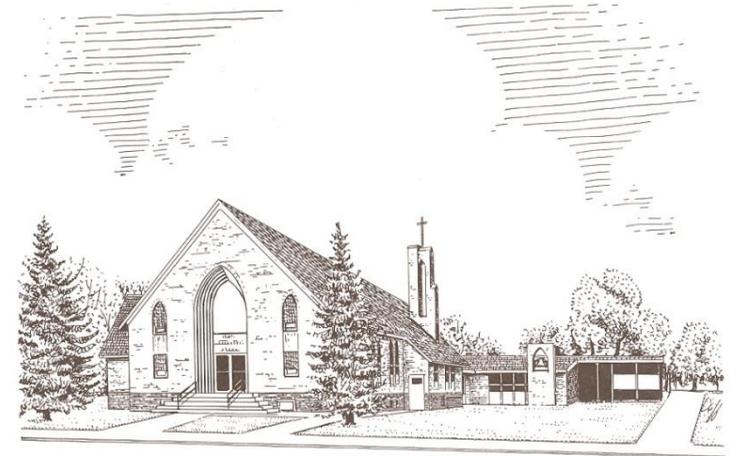
**Mark Your Calendar! Invite a friend to church and breakfast!** Palm Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, the Church School Children and Youth Program will host a Palm Sunday Brunch in Fellowship Hall. A Goodwill Offering will be taken with proceeds going to the scholarship program for Glacier Camp.

If you have any articles to contribute to the **April Newsletter**, please turn them into the office no later than **Thursday morning, March 19<sup>th</sup>**, which should provide enough time for article placement and proofreading if all articles are received by the due date. The newsletter will be printed and mailed out the following week, providing enough time for the newsletter to be delivered with time sensitive articles.

Last week, the combined giving was **\$3,843.00**. In order to meet expenses, we need to average **\$3,104.00** per week.

**Please remember to pray for** Family & Friends of JoAnn Sanders, Jean Baringer, Bruce Benjamin, Cecil & Alice Benjamin, Amy Zimelman, Helen Stordahl, Barb Perry, Wally McHenry, Wendy Wagner, Dave Perry, Ward Orcutt, Kristine Ries Prewett, Mary Sanders, Lavon & Karen Carter, Sean Carter, Dana & Marie Ahmed, Pearl Severtson, and Hazel Jones.

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