

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

February 22, 2026

First Sunday in Lent

We Gather in God's Name . . .

PRELUDE

PRAYER OF PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

We listen for your voice, holy God, amid all the competing voices around us. Too long we have heeded the serpents among us whose craftiness beckons us away from faith and faithfulness. We delight in forbidden fruits and complain when they turn sour. Lead us faithful Spirit, through the wilderness of our own creation, that we may once more find our way to you. Help us rediscover your steadfast love. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GREETING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We call on God, who is as near as our next breath.

All: We gather to meet God, who has promised to bless us.

One: Remember God's steadfast love and faithfulness.

All: Make a joyful noise and break forth in song!

*OPENING HYMN "O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go" #384

*CALL TO CONFESSION Psalm 32 p. 506

*SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON "You Are My Hiding Place"

Singing: You are my hiding place
You always fill my heart
with songs of deliverance
whenever I am afraid
I will trust in You
I will trust in You

Let the weak say I am strong
In the strength of the Lord.

*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 Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7 p. 2

SECOND READING Romans 5: 12-19 p. 156

ANTHEM "O Love" Choir

GOSPEL READING Matthew 4: 1-11 p. 3

One: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Jesus is Judge, Not Me" David Arends

*HYMN OF RESPONSE "Fill My Cup, Lord"

Singing: Fill my cup, Lord, I lift it up, Lord.
Come and quench this thirsting of my soul.
Bread of Heaven, feed me till I want no more.
Fill my cup, fill it up and make me whole.

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

WE OFFER OUR GIFTS TO GOD

THE OFFERTORY "O Lord, You're Beautiful" Dave Thomas

Singing: Oh Lord, You're beautiful
Your face is all I seek
And when your eyes are on this child
Your grace abounds to me.

*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 providing so bountifully for our needs and for equipping us to minister in your name. Above all, we are filled with gratitude that you sent Jesus to minister among us, accepting us where we are and leading us on grace-filled paths toward the way of righteousness you intend. We offer with our treasure our renewed obedience to your purposes. 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 "And Can It Be That I Should Gain" Insert

BENEDICTION

RESPONSE TO THE BENEDICTION

"Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing"
(verse 1) #538

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. Feb. 23	Easy Does It Exercise Handbells	10:00 AM 6:00 PM
Wed. Feb. 25	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. Feb. 26	Bible Study @ Horizon Lodge Choir	2:00 PM 7:00 PM
Fri. Feb. 28	Easy Does It Exercise	10:00 AM
Sun. March 1	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 guest speaker David Arends, lay reader Weston Orcutt, the choir, soloist 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.

Join us for **Coffee Hour** today in the Fellowship Hall. The signup sheet to host coffee hour is in the Fellowship Hall kitchen.

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

Once again three local churches are coming together to host **Lenten Lunches** on Thursdays beginning **February 19th**. 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*". **Presbyterians will host February 19th & 26th, Catholics will host March 5th & 12th, and Lutherans will host March 19th & 26th**. 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

The Church Office will be closed on **Monday, March 2nd**.

The Community Meal will be on **Friday, March 6th**, 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. The menu is still being decided but it will be a delicious surprise. We hope to see you there!

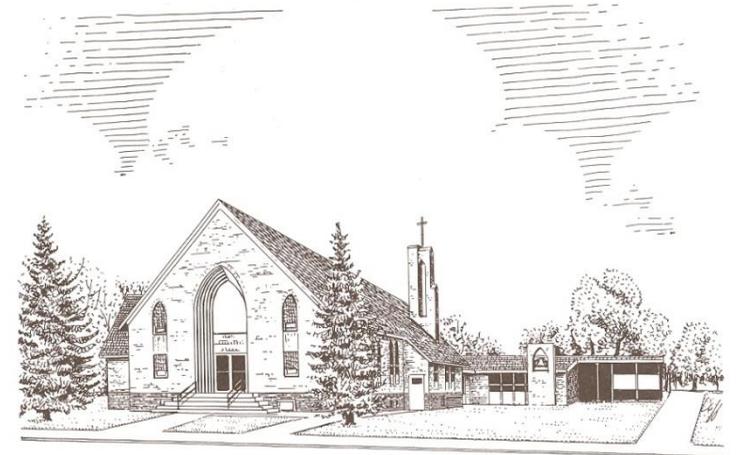
Deacons will meet after church every **2nd Sunday of the month**. The next meeting will be **March 8th in Room #3 after service**.

If you have any articles to contribute to the **April Newsletter**, please turn them into the office no later than **Thursday morning, March 19th**, 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 **\$610.00**. In order to meet expenses, we need to average **\$3,104.00** per week.

Please remember to pray for Family & Friends of JoAnn Sanders, Family & Friends of Donna Warwick, Jean Baringer, Bruce Benjamin, Cecil & Alice Benjamin, Amy Zimbelman, 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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