

Sunday, February 11, 2024



WELCOME

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP - Psalm 98

Pastor: Oh sing to the LORD a new song,

People: For He has done marvelous things!

Pastor: His right hand and His holy arm,

People: Have worked salvation for Him.

Pastor: The LORD has made known His salvation;

People: He has revealed His righteousness in the sight of the nations.

Pastor: He has remembered His steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.

People: All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

Pastor: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;

People: Break forth into joyous song and sing praises!

People: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

HOLY GOD WE PRAISE THY NAME (1 Peter 1:18-19)

Holy God, we praise Thy name; Lord of all, we bow before Thee.
All on earth Thy scepter claim, all in heav'n above adore Thee.
Infinite Thy vast domain, everlasting is Thy reign.

Hark! the glad celestial hymn, Angel choirs above are raising;
Cherubim and seraphim, in unceasing chorus praising,
Fill the heav'ns with sweet accord: Holy, holy, holy Lord!

Thou art King of glory, Christ; Son of God, yet born of Mary.
For us sinners sacrificed, as to death a Tributary,
First to break the bars of death, Thou hast opened heav'n to faith.

Holy Father, holy Son, Holy Spirit, three we name Thee;
Though in essence only one, undivided God we claim Thee
And, adoring, bend the knee while we own the mystery.

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 9:2-9

²And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, ³and his clothes became radiant, intensely white, as no one on earth could bleach them. ⁴And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, and they were talking with Jesus. ⁵And Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah." ⁶For he did not know what to say, for they were terrified. ⁷And a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice came out of the cloud, "This is my beloved Son; listen to him." ⁸And suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone with them but Jesus only. ⁹And as they were coming down the mountain, he charged them to tell no one what they had seen, until the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Pastor Aaron Smith

The Transfiguration

CONFESSION OF SIN - Psalms 32; 124

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: Who made heaven and earth.

Pastor: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

People: And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Pastor: O almighty God, merciful Father,

People: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

Pastor: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

CONFESSION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His Only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and sits on the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from thence He shall come to judge the living, and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

COMMITMENT TO LOVE

Pastor: Let us reaffirm our commitment to love one another, using Ephesians 4 & 5.

People: Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you. Therefore, be imitators of God, as beloved children. And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave Himself up for us.

CONFESSION OF SACRAMENT

Pastor: Do you believe that the true body and blood of Christ are in the Sacrament?

People: Yes, we believe it.

Pastor: What convinces you to believe this?

People: The word of Christ: Take, eat, this is My body; drink of it, all of you, this is My blood.

Offerings can be placed on a plate near the stairs or the back of the sanctuary.

Holy Communion, or the Lord's Supper, is celebrated today. Our Lord cautions us to be discerning before participating in the Supper (1 Cor. 11:28-30). For this reason, we ask all those communing here for the first time to speak with Pastor Aaron prior to communing. The Lord bids the baptized to come united in the following: in repentance for the forgiveness of sins (1 Cor. 11:23-25; Matt. 26:26-28), in confession of who Christ is and what Christ has done (1 Cor. 11:26), in faith and love with our fellow communicants (1 Cor. 11:20-22), and believing that Christ is bodily present in bread and wine (Matt. 26:26-28; 1 Cor. 11:27-29).

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

GOD THE SPIRIT (1 John 5:7-8)

Holy fount of inspiration
By Whose gift the great of old
Spoke the word of revelation
Marvelous and manifold

***Chorus: God the Spirit we adore Thee
In the triune Godhead One
One in love and pow'r and glory
With the Father and the Son***

Author of the new creation
Giver of the second birth
May Thy ceaseless renovation
Cleanse our souls from stains of earth

(Chorus)

When we wander Lord direct us
Keep us in the Master's way
Let Thy strong swift sword protect us
Warring in the evil day

***Bridge 2x: Shall the church now faint or fear
When the Comforter is near***

(Chorus 2x)

With the Father and the Son

(Bridge)

HOLY FOREVER (Revelation 4)

A thousand generations falling down in worship
To sing the song of ages to the Lamb
And all who've gone before us and all who will believe
Will sing the song of ages to the Lamb

*Pre-Chorus: Cause Your name is the highest
Your name is the greatest
Your name stands above them all
All thrones and dominions, all powers and positions
Your name stands above them all*

***Chorus: And the angels cry Holy
All creation cries Holy
You are lifted high Holy
Holy forever***

If you've been forgiven and if you've been redeemed
Sing the song forever to the Lamb
If you walk in freedom and if you bear His name
Sing the song forever to the Lamb
We'll sing the song forever and amen

(Chorus)

***Hear Your people sing Holy
To the King of Kings Holy
You will always be Holy
Holy forever***

(Pre-Chorus 2x)

(Chorus)

***Hear Your people sing Holy
To the King of Kings Holy
You will always be Holy
Holy forever
You will always be Holy
Holy forever***

PRAYER

BENEDICTION - 2 Corinthians 13

Pastor: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: Amen.

GRAVES INTO GARDENS (Psalms 30:11-12)

I searched the world but it couldn't fill me
Man's empty praise and treasures that fade
Are never enough

Then You came along and put me back together
And every desire is now satisfied
Here in Your love

***Chorus: Oh there's nothing better than You
There's nothing better than You
Lord there's nothing
Nothing is better than You***

I'm not afraid to show You my weakness
My failures and flaws Lord You've seen them all
And You still call me friend

'Cause the God of the mountain Is the God of the valley
And there's not a place Your mercy and grace
Won't find me again

(Chorus 2x)

***Bridge: You turn mourning to dancing
You give beauty for ashes
You turn shame into glory
You're the only one who can (REPEAT ALL)***

*You turn graves into gardens
You turn bones into armies
You turn seas into highways
You're the only one who can
You're the only one who can*

(Chorus)

WALK AND 5K FUN RUN FOR LIFE

It's almost time for the Alternatives Medical Clinic family-friendly event that will take place at Kit Carson Park on March 2nd. The walk and run will both begin at 9:00 AM. We will have refreshments from *Rise Coffee and Boba*, and face painting available at 8:30 AM. Here is a link with additional information about the event, registration, and donations: tinyurl.com/AltMedClinic5K

GRACE HANDBELL CHOIR

The Grace Handbell Choir is looking for ringers. We practice on Wednesdays at 6:00 pm in the sanctuary balcony. This is a fun way to serve the congregation. No experience is needed. Contact Scott Lopez at 760-443-6406 or Hanna Scott at 760-580-4153.

ENDOWMENT FUND

The Endowment Fund Committee wants you to know that the Open Grant Application is January-March. If you would like more information about this or the Endowment Fund in general, please pick up a flyer in the narthex.

PROJECT GODWAY UPDATE

We are so excited about how the Lord is bringing together season 12 of Project Godway! Thank you very much for your prayers and support! PG starts on February 23 and ends on March 23! If you feel led to help contribute to this season in some way we have a few opportunities for you to do that:

- ⇒ **Meals-** Having a meal together every Friday night of the season is one way we like to show the girls and volunteers the love of Christ! If you would like to help this way you can sign up at tinyurl.com/Meals4ProjectGodway or contact Helena 760-310-1566 or ph.isbell@sbcglobal.net
- ⇒ **Volunteers-** Ladies are needed for five Friday nights of season 12. Sign up to help one night, two nights, or all! We need help with various crafts, serving food, cleanup and setup, and more! There will be a **volunteer meeting the night before, Thursday, Feb 22nd at 6:30pm to get everyone off to a good start!** Go to ProjectGodway.com to sign up, or contact Helena at 760-310-1566 or ph.isbell@sbcglobal.net
- ⇒ **Thrivent Members-** We could use one more **Action Team Card** for our last night of PGW, March 23rd! Contact Amy at amykbot@gmail.com for the details.
- ⇒ **Middle School and High School Girls!** We still have room for you to participate... AND volunteer! Go to ProjectGodway.com for more info and to save your spot! We are super excited for you to join us!

GRACE WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB

For February, we will be reading *The Things We Cannot Say*, by Kelly Rimmer. The club will meet on Thursday, February 22 at 7:00 PM at Judi Anderson's home, 2817 Cantegra Glen, Escondido (gate code #1532). Please contact Judi at heyjude6168@cox.net or 760-443-2278 to confirm your participation.

ACTIVITIES AT GRACE – Please Join Us!

- ⇒ **Young Adult Group** - We meet on Thursdays in the Grace Youth Room at 7:00 PM
- ⇒ **Feeling Fit Adult Exercise Class** - Join us on Mondays and Wednesdays at 11:30 AM in the Multi-purpose Room.
- ⇒ **Craft Group** - We do all crafts! Bring yours or start a new one with us on Wednesdays at 1:00 PM in the classroom near the church parking lot. Contact Helena with any questions: 760-310-1566.

LENTEN SERVICES

Gloria Dei - Wednesdays (February 21 - March 20), 7pm.

Community Lutheran

Escondido - Wednesdays (February 21 - March 20), 7pm; Soup supper at 5:30pm.

San Marcos - Wednesdays (February 21 - March 20), 7pm.

THIS WEEK IN SUNDAY SCHOOL

February 11 The Palm-Tree Judge: Deborah Judges 4

God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise. Jesus Christ is the power and the wisdom of God. Through Him and only Him, we are saved!

For the 5 Sundays in Lent, we will hear from the book of Numbers. Numbers gets its name from the lists of numbers in the book. However, the Hebrew title for the book is In The Wilderness. Having been at Mt. Sinai since Exodus 19, the Lord leads His people in the wilderness to their eventual destination, the Promised Land. Along the way, His people lack gratitude and excel in complaining, yet the Lord remains faithful to His promise to Abraham. During our Lenten journey, hear about Israel's wanderings in the wilderness.

UPCOMING SERMON READINGS

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| February 18 | Those In-Between Times | Numbers 9:15-23 |
| February 25 | Winning Over Whining | Numbers 11:1-15 |
| March 3 | Fear Of The Unknown | Numbers 13:17-29 |
| March 10 | This And That | Numbers 16:1-15 |
| March 17 | One Look, Two Great Truths | Numbers 21:4-9 |



Continued prayers/homebound:

Lorene Best, Sherry Fischer, Barbara Guy,
Norma Kellerup, Ellie Liebmann, Dorothy Ross,
Dennis Roth, Bob and Arlene Shuster, Janis Smith.

January Giving Report:

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| Actuals: | \$49,657 |
| Budget: | <u>\$59,266</u> |
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| YTD Actuals: | \$366,609 |
| YTD Budget: | <u>\$358,670</u> |
| | \$7,939 |

ON SITE SERVICES AND MEETINGS

Sunday Worship:
9:00AM English Worship Service
10:30AM Sunday School & Adult Bible Study
11:30AM Spanish Worship Service
For online worship please go to:
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New Horizons Bible Study Wed. 9:30am
Women's Bible Study 1st and 3rd Thur. 9am
High School Youth **"The Stand"** Wed. 6:30-9pm
Men's Bible Study Saturday 7:30am
Jr. High School **"Face to Face"** Sat. 5:30-8:30pm

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