

Sunday, February 25, 2024

Lent 2



ADULT CHOIR - PRAY NOW

INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP - Psalm 107

Pastor: Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good,

People: For His steadfast love endures forever!

Pastor: Let the redeemed of the LORD say so,

People: Whom He has redeemed from trouble and gathered in from the lands,

Pastor: From the east and from the west,

People: From the north and from the south.

Pastor: Let them thank the LORD for His steadfast love,

People: For His wondrous works to the children of man!

Pastor: For He satisfies the longing soul,

People: And the hungry soul He fills with good things.

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.

WHEN I SURVEY THE WONDROUS CROSS (Galatians 6:14)

When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of Glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss
And pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast
Save in the death of Christ, my God;
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to His blood.

See, from His head, His hands, His feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down!
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a tribute far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all!

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Numbers 11:1-15

¹And the people complained in the hearing of the LORD about their misfortunes, and when the LORD heard it, his anger was kindled, and the fire of the LORD burned among them and consumed some outlying parts of the camp. ²Then the people cried out to Moses, and Moses prayed to the LORD, and the fire died down. ³So the name of that place was called Taberah, because the fire of the LORD burned among them. ⁴Now the rabble that was among them had a strong craving. And the people of Israel also wept again and said, "Oh that we had meat to eat! ⁵We remember the fish we ate in Egypt that cost nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic. ⁶But now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at." ⁷Now the manna was like coriander seed, and its appearance like that of bdellium. ⁸The people went about and gathered it and ground it in handmills or beat it in mortars and boiled it in pots and made cakes of it. And the taste of it was like the taste of cakes baked with oil. ⁹When the dew fell upon the camp in the night, the manna fell with it. ¹⁰Moses heard the people weeping throughout their clans, everyone at the door of his tent. And the anger of the LORD blazed hotly, and Moses was displeased. ¹¹Moses said to the LORD, "Why have you dealt ill with your servant? And why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? ¹²Did I conceive all this people? Did I give them birth, that you should say to me, 'Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a nursing child,' to the

land that you swore to give their fathers? ¹³Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they weep before me and say, 'Give us meat, that we may eat.' ¹⁴I am not able to carry all this people alone; the burden is too heavy for me. ¹⁵If you will treat me like this, kill me at once, if I find favor in your sight, that I may not see my wretchedness."

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Pastor Aaron Smith

Winning Over Whining

CONFESSION OF SIN - Romans 2:19-20; 3:21-22

Pastor: We confess our sins to God, acknowledging we have broken God's law, summarized in the Ten Commandments.

People: Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. For by works of the law no human being will be justified in His sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

Pastor: But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it - the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. We are justified by His grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus. By grace through faith in Christ alone, you are forgiven. 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 Colossians 3.

People: Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. And above all these put-on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

CONFESSION OF SACRAMENT - 1 Corinthians 10

Pastor: The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ?

People: **The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ?**

Pastor: Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.

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***

PRAYERS

BENEDICTION - 1 Thessalonians 5

Pastor: Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it.

People: Amen

YOUR GRACE IS ENOUGH (2 Corinthians 12:9)

Great is Your faithfulness O God
You wrestle with the sinner's heart
You lead us by still waters into mercy
And nothing can keep us apart

*So remember Your people
Remember Your children
Remember Your promise O God*

***Chorus: Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough for me***

Great is Your love and justice God
You use the weak to lead the strong
You lead us in the song of your salvation
And all Your people sing along

*So remember Your people
Remember Your children
Remember Your promise O God*

(Chorus)

*So remember Your people
Remember Your children
Remember Your promise O God*

(Chorus 3x)

TEXT SCAMMERS

The scammers are at it again! This time they are sending false text messages with Pastor Aaron Smith or Aaron Smith as the sender. Please ignore any text or email you may get that is pretending to be Pastor Aaron, asking for more information, or sending a vague message. Pastor Aaron will *never* send a text or email asking you for: money, gift cards or your financial support. If you receive anything like this, please ignore it and delete it or report it as spam.

GRACE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Spread the word!!! Our **Preschool - 8th Grade OPEN HOUSE is on March 12th at 5:30 PM**. Tour our beautiful campus and meet our amazing teachers! Feel free to share flyers available in the narthex.

REVVED UP FOR STUDENTS CAR SHOW March 16th 9:00-12:00

Our Grace Car Show is back and this year it includes our AMAZING Class Raffle Baskets! There are many ways to enjoy the day – Be a sponsor, participate in the raffle, and enjoy great food! It's all happening here at Grace under the solar panels on **March 16th from 9:00 AM to noon**.

JOIN US! Please pick up a flyer in the narthex.

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. There will be 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. Sign up to be on the Grace Team with Bob Glaser at bobglaser22@gmail.com 760-533-6942. Event flyers available in the narthex.

ENDOWMENT FUND

The Endowment Fund Committee wants you to know that the Open Grant Application is from 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

Project Godway is underway! **Middle School and High School Girls** - We still have room for you to participate... AND volunteer! Go to www.projectgodway.com for more info and to save your spot! We are super excited for you to join us! We meet on Fridays at Grace from 6-9:30 PM through March 23rd. All the info you need can be found at www.projectgodway.com.

COMMON GROUND - YOUNG ADULT GROUP

Beginning March 7th, the Common Ground (Young Adult Group), will no longer be meeting at Grace from 6:30-8:00 PM. Instead, this group will be meeting at 340 Rancheros Dr. Unit 160, San Marcos from 7:00-8:30 PM. This group has been such a great way to meet new people and have conversations about God's Word and His church! Thank you for your continued prayers for this ministry and the young adults in the area.

SERMON READINGS

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

THIS WEEK IN SUNDAY SCHOOL

February 25 **The Faith-Full Family: Ruth** **Ruth 1:1-2:13, 4:13-17**
Sin and the fallen creation cause me to lose hope.
Though I often feel overwhelmed, I can trust that God causes all things to work together for good for the sake of His Son Jesus, who has borne my sin on the cross.

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.

THE SEASON OF LENT

The Lenten Season begins Ash Wednesday. There follow 40 days of repentance and reflection during this most holy season. Because Sundays are always festivals of the Resurrection, the Sundays are *in* Lent and not *of* Lent. Because of the penitential character of the Lenten Season, we do not use the joyous expression "Alleluia" ("Praise the Lord").

The color for Lent is purple. The color purple denotes sorrow and repentance, as our Lord Jesus Christ suffers for us. The color for Ash Wednesday is black, the color of ashes. It has been a customary practice to "give something up for Lent." The idea is that as we practice discipline and self-control, we look to our Lord Jesus Christ in His Word, prayer, and meditation.



Prayers this week:

Prayers for Connie Fischl and family at the death of her brother, Gene Christiansen.
Prayers for Kim Schultz's sister, Leslie Herrick at the death of her husband, Scott Herrick.
Prayers for Barbara Rupert's sister, Paula Ann Taylor (congestive heart failure).

Continued prayers/homebound:

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

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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