

2025

“Lift Up Your Eyes”



Grace

THAT IS GREATER

than all
my sin



WELCOME TO WORSHIP
THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

Outdoor worshipers, tune your car radio to 106.1 FM to hear
and join in today’s Worship service

*Looking to Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy
that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is
seated at the right hand of the throne of God.*

Hebrews 12:2

*I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come?
My help comes from the Lord, Who made heaven and earth.*

Psalms 121:1,2

Call Statement:

“My call is to share my Faith in Christ”

Mission Statement:

*“To live my Faith in Christ I will build loving relationships
so others will become disciples with Jesus as Lord and Savior.”*

THE WELCOME AND PRAYER

THE BRIEF ORDER: CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Leader: In the name of the Father, and the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Leader: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You and worthily magnify Your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Leader: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness....Most merciful God,

All: we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against You in thought, word and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God, in His mercy, has given His Son to die for you and, for His sake, forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: **And also with you**

(Share the Peace of the LORD with each other)

THE HYMN

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Jesus, Refuge of the Weary

Verse 1

Jesus, refuge of the weary,
Blest redeemer, Whom we love,
Fountain in life's desert dreary,
Savior from the world above;
Often have Your eyes offended,
Gazed upon the sinner's fall;
Yet upon the cross extended,
You have borne the pain of all.

Verse 2

Do we pass that cross unheeding,
Breathing no repentant vow,
Though we see You wounded, bleeding,
See Your thorn-encircled brow?
Yet Your sinless death has brought us
Life eternal, peace and rest;
Only what Your grace has taught us
Calms the sinner's deep distress.

Verse 3

Jesus, may our hearts be burning
With more fervent love for You;
May our eyes be ever turning
To behold Your cross anew;
Till in glory, parted never
From the blessed Savior's side,
Graven in our hearts forever,
Dwell the cross, the Crucified.

THE APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

All: **And also with you.**

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray: Blessed LORD,,

All: **Give us Your Holy Spirit to work in us daily a true and lasting repentance, and lead us as repentant Christian people, always willing to acknowledge, mourn and lament our sins, yet also keep us steadfast and strong in our faith in the forgiveness of sins and in our purpose to amend our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.** *Johann Eichhorn d.1564*

THE LESSON

Ezekiel 33:7-20

THE GOSPEL

Luke 13:1-9

THE MESSAGE

Pastor Jeffrey J. Lee

Rebellion and God's Grace

THE SONG

Amazing Grace

Verse 1

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
Was blind, but now I see.

Verse 2

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear,
The hour I first believed!

Verse 3

**The Lord has promised good to me,
His Word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be,
As long as life endures.**

Verse 4

**Through many dangers, toils and snares,
I have already come;
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.**

Verse 5

**Yea when this flesh and heart shall fail,
And mortal life shall cease;
I shall possess within the veil,
A life of joy and peace.**

Verse 6

**When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun;
We've no less days to sing God's praise,
Than when we first begun.**

THE APOSTLES' CREED (in unison)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day He rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Pastor: Brothers and sisters in Christ, let us be united as the Church in heart and mind as we go to our heavenly Father in prayer..

Pastor: *(After each petition. . .) Lord, in your mercy;*

All: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: . . . Accept, O Lord, the prayers of Your faithful people for the well being of Your holy Church throughout the world. Govern and sanctify it, with all its pastors and ministers, by Your Holy Spirit, that we may be kept by Your Word in true Faith and fervent love toward You and one another.

All: **Amen.**

THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All: **and also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER (in unison)

All: **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 trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For Thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

THE DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

THE POST COMMUNION BLESSING

Pastor: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you by His grace unto life everlasting.

All: Amen.

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Pastor: Let us pray. Eternal God,

All: We give You thanks, that You have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in Your mercy You would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE SENDING PRAYER

Leader: Let us pray. Heavenly Father,

All: Open my eyes, open my heart, so I see and have compassion on broken and lost people around me. Move me to bring Hope into their lives with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Give me courage. Give me patience. Guide my words. Through me I pray they experience Jesus' redeeming Love. I ask in Jesus' Name. Amen.

THE BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

All: Amen.

THE SONG

Happiness is the Lord

Verse 1

Happiness is to know the Savior,
Living a life within His favor,

Having a change in my behavior - Happiness is the Lord;

Verse 2

Happiness is a new creation,
"Jesus and me" in close relation,

Having a part in His salvation - Happiness is the Lord;

Bridge

Real joy is mine, No matter if teardrops start;
I've found the secret - It's Jesus in my heart!

Verse 3

Happiness is to be forgiven,
Living a life that's worth the livin',
Taking a trip that leads to heaven -
Happiness is the Lord.

Ending

Happiness is the Lord, Happiness is the Lord.

THE DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go and be a witness for the Lord!

All: Thanks be to God!

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NEXT SUNDAY March 30, 2025

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Readings for Next Sunday

Isaiah 12:1-6 Psalm 32 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

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Attend: 27

Offering \$ 1,023.00

Tuesday Bible Study

Join us at 10:30 am Tuesday Mornings for Bible Study. We are about to finish the Gospel of Mark. Hebrews is up next. Newcomers are always welcome to join in learning more from the Word of God.

