

# Worship Service ~ February 25, 2024 9:00 am

## Second Sunday in Lent

VISION: Be the body of Christ:

welcoming all, inspired by God, and sent out to live our Faith.

MISSION: Led by the Spirit to share God's grace.

Today's Worship Broadcast is sponsored by Don & Denise Baber for Lloyd & Marge Sather's 65<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary January 31, 2024.

PRELUDE        *"Introduction to the Prelude"* by Dean Jensen; Bells drop in Music; Alan Ball, organ prelude

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SHARING OF THE PEACE

L: The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

OPENING SONG      ELW #777 *COME TO ME ALL PILGRIM'S THIRSTY*  
stz 1, 3, 4

INVOCATION

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

**C: Amen.**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L: Held in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.     *~Silence for Reflection~*

L: Holy God,

**C: we confess that we are caught in snares of sin and cannot break free. We hoard resources while our neighbors are hungry and cold. We speak in ways that silence others. We are silent when we should speak up. We keep score in our hearts. We let hurts grow into hatred. For all these things and for sins only you know, forgive us, Lord. Amen.**

L: Here is a flood of grace: Out of love for the whole world, God draws near to us, breaks every snare of sin, washes away our wrongs, and restores the promise of life through ☩ Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

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HYMN OF PRAISE ACS page 31

PRAYER

L: Let us pray. Almighty and ever-living God,

**C: Grant us glory in the cross of Christ that we may gladly suffer shame and loss for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

PRAYER LAB MINUTE

SPECIAL MUSIC *“Lead Me to the Cross”* Worship Band  
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R: A reading from Psalm 22.

**Psalm 22:23-26**

<sup>23</sup>You who fear the LORD, give praise! All you of Jacob’s line, give glory.

Stand in awe of the LORD, all you off-spring of Israel.

<sup>24</sup>For the LORD does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither is the LORD’s face hidden from them; but when they cry out, the LORD hears them.

<sup>25</sup>From you comes my praise in the great assembly; I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the LORD.

<sup>26</sup>The poor shall eat and be satisfied, Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts live forever!

R: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ACS page 34 *NOTHING IN ALL CREATION*

R: A Gospel reading from the 8<sup>th</sup> chapter of Mark.

**C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

**Mark 8:31-38**

<sup>31</sup>Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and

the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. <sup>32</sup>He said all this quite openly.

And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. <sup>33</sup>But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

<sup>34</sup>He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>35</sup>For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. <sup>36</sup>For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? <sup>37</sup>Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? <sup>38</sup>Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

R: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

MESSAGE Pastor John Klawiter

HYMN OF THE DAY ~ OFFERING TIME

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OFFERTORY ELW #186 *CREATE IN ME*

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

L: Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

## BLESSING

L: The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD's face shine upon you and be gracious unto you, The LORD look upon you with favor, + and give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

## SENDING SONG

ELW #798 *WILL YOU COME AND FOLLOW ME*  
stz 1, 2, 4

## DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

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