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The Third Sunday in Lent

8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

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OUR THEME FOR THIS YEAR IS LOVE AND ZEAL: A GOOD MIX FOR 2026!

"Never be lacking in zeal, but maintain your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord." ~ Romans 12:11

We welcome you to Our Shepherd. It is a joy to have you with us today! We pray that you will be strengthened and uplifted through our worship.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Organ Prelude: I Call to You, Lord Jesus Christ . . . J. S. Bach

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Hymn: LSB 597 – Water, Blood, and Spirit Crying (*10:30, choir only, vs. 1*)

Invocation

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

C: *Amen.*

Exhortation

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

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

C: *who made heaven and earth.*

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

C: *and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.*

Confession of Sins

P: O almighty God, merciful Father,

C: *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.*

Absolution

P: 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 T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: *Amen.*

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray,

C: O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Scripture Readings (Back of Bulletin)

Old Testament: Exodus 17: 1-7

Anthem (8:00): Beneath the Cross of Jesus . . . R. Mallory

Beneath the cross of Jesus
I long to take my stand;
the shadow of a mighty rock
within a weary land,
a home within a wilderness,
a rest upon the way,
from the burning of the noontide heat
and the burdens of the day.

Upon the cross of Jesus,
my eye at times can see

the very dying form of one
 who suffered there for me.
 And from my contrite heart, with tears,
 two wonders I confess:
 the wonder of his glorious love
 and my unworthiness.

I take, O cross, your shadow
 for my abiding place;
 I ask no other sunshine
 than the sunshine of his face;
 content to let the world go by,
 to know no gain nor loss,
 my sinful self my only shame,
 my glory all, the cross.

Anthem (10:30): When I Survey . . . J. Klein

*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, See, from 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 present far too small;
 love so amazing, so divine,
 demands my soul, my life, my all;*

Demands my soul, demands my life, my all.

Epistle: Romans 5: 1-8

Gospel: John 4: 5-26

P: The Gospel of the Lord

C: *Thanks be to God.*

Hymn of the Day: LSB 849 – Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

Children's Message

Video: Check, Mate . . . Journey Box Media

Message from the Word:

Sermon Series: ESTRANGMENT, Part 3 – Love Your Enemies

Sermon Text: Matthew 5: 38-48

Apostle's 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 at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he will 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.

Offering

Responsive Prayer

P: Blessèd are those whose strength is in you,

C: *in whose heart are the highways to Zion.*

P: How lovely is your dwelling place,

C: *O LORD of hosts!*

P: My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the LORD;

C: *my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.*

P: Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young,

C: *at your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.*

P: Blessèd are those who dwell in your house,

C: *ever singing your praise!*

Prayers/Lord’s Prayer

Words of Institution/The Lord’s Supper (10:30 a.m.)

The Bible is specific about who should attend the Lord’s Supper (1 Corinthians 10: 16-17; 11: 27-30). We invite those who wish to confess their sins and believe they receive Christ’s body and blood in this sacrament, for their forgiveness, to join us at the Lord’s Table for their spiritual strengthening.

Communion Hymn: Agnus Dei (LSB p. 198)

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

Communion Hymn: LSB 642 – O Living Bread from Heaven

Post-Communion Canticle (10:30): LSB 422 – On My Heart Imprint Your Image

On my heart imprint Your image,
Blessèd Jesus, King of grace,
That life’s riches, cares, and pleasures
Never may Your work erase;
Let the clear inscription be:
Jesus, crucified for me,
Is my life, my hope’s foundation,
And my glory and salvation!

Closing Hymn: LSB 429 – We Sing the Praise of Him Who Died (vs. 1-4 & 6)

Benediction

Postlude: Upon the Cross Extended . . . J. Brahms

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

FLOWER CHART: The flower sign up is posted on the bulletin board. The cost is \$20 and the arrangement can be taken home after the late service on Sunday.

FIRST-TIME VISITORS: Welcome to our guests and visitors! Please take home an Our Shepherd gift bag located on the table in the narthex as a “thank you” for being here!

LENT: We will have services at 7:15 p.m. each Wednesday during Lent.

MALACHI 3:10 CHALLENGE: Each year Our Shepherd challenges its members to pledge *20% of found or unexpected money* to the Lord in an offering based on the passage Malachi 3:10. Please sign up to participate and share the blessings received because of your commitment.

USHERS/GREETERS NEEDED: Please sign an attendance card if you are willing to serve once a month as an usher/greeter at either 8:00 or 10:30 services.

SERVE AT THE EBENEZER FOOD PANTRY: On Saturday, March 21, 2026, we are asking for 8 volunteers to bag and distribute food to those in need from 8:00 – 11:30 a.m. Please sign up using the link on our website.

TWT CHANGE TO CHANGE THE WORLD: Remember to bring your collected change on the last weekend of the month, (March 28 & 29) for our ongoing “Change to change the world” project supporting The Word Today.

GOOD FRIDAY PRAYER VIGIL: Join your fellow congregation members in a time of prayer and reflection during our 24-hour prayer vigil. This will be in the Fish Building chapel – sign up for the time that works best for you.

EASTER FLOWERS: Please see the sheet on the bulletin board to sign up to purchase Easter flowers. Pricing and styles available are listed. You can take the plants home after the 10:30 service on Easter Sunday.

EASTER BREAKFAST: We will have our annual Easter Breakfast this year following the 7:00 a.m. sunrise service on April 5. Please sign up if you plan to attend!

BIBLE STUDY BREAK: Our women’s study group that meets on Monday’s at 2:00 will be on break and resume March 23rd. New ladies are always welcome!

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The Word Today is aired locally on Sunday mornings at 7:45 on WJYI 1340 AM and at 8:30 on WRJN 1400 AM.

Listener Responses to The Word Today

Tamil

Everything in the programme is perfect -- The Word Today (Tamil) "I come from a different religious background. I do listen to the radio often but, there is no specific reason to why I listened to this programme. However, I was reminded of my father when I tuned in to this channel. My father used to follow this programme for a long time. Numerous times I have seen him allocate his time to sit and listen to this programme. Sadly, he passed away four months ago at the age of 83. Even though it was unintentional that I tuned in to this programme, I found it to be very beneficial for me. Unlike the other radio programmes where it is very hard to understand the beginning and the end of the programme, everything about this programme was perfect."

Sinhala

I want to learn more about Jesus --The Word Today (Sinhala) "I am a new believer. I recently accepted Jesus as my Saviour, and I've wanted to learn more about him ever since. Because I am visually impaired, I am unable to read the Bible. As a result, I missed out on learning about Jesus. Then a friend suggested this programme to me. I am glad I was able to hear this programme. Not only did I learn about Jesus, but it also helped me in my daily life. I received the strength I needed to face life's challenges."

So, many families left Xagar/Hagar for the urban centers, but we were here as families together with few other believers. Still the effect of the famine can be felt, but rains have started. Please pray for more rain this spring. We still tune in the programs and learn more about worship and how to walk with Christ. Phone Call Dear brothers, in Kismayu we fellowship together, continue tuning into the program, and the town is very busy as planting season begins. Apart from alShabab attacks in the surrounding locations. Continue praying for peace.

Somali

Dear brothers, thank you very much for your prayers. In Kakuma the fellowship grows, while some of the members receives resettlement from their relatives in America and Canada. The majority are still in Kakuma, and continue fellowshipping as we wait our turn of the resettlement. We continue tuning into the program with the radios that you provided us some time ago, and the needs for radio sill growing in the refugee camps. Thank you for remembering us in your prayers.

Kindly pray for our safety as al-Shabaab forces regroup at the outskirts of town.. We see the power of prayers, please continue praying for us3 Phone Call Dear prayer colleague thank you for remembering us in your prayers. AlShabab is very weak of late, but now they block highways and turn to become a highway robbers. Please pray for the safety of our families and other law abiding citizen in this location.

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

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| Monday | Bell Choir | 3:30 PM |
| Monday | Adult Bible Study | 6:30 PM |
| Tuesday | Share Our Strengths (S.O.S.) | 6:00 PM |
| Wednesday | Men's Bible Study | 6:00 AM |
| Wednesday | Women's Bible Study | 9:30 AM |
| Wednesday | Bell Choir | 6:45 PM |
| Wednesday | Lenten Worship | 7:15 PM |
| Wednesday | Senior Choir | 8:00 PM |
| Saturday | Worship Service | 6:00 PM |
| Sunday | Worship Service | 8:00 & 10:30 AM |
| Sunday | Sunday School/Adult Bible Class | 9:30 AM |

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