

We celebrate faith by:

*ROOTING our lives in a relationship with our God.
REJOICING in the gifts of life and love our God graciously offers.
REACHING out to our world with God's healing and hope!*

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

February 26, 2023 – 10:00 AM



***Pastor: Rev. Joel Samuelson**
Minister of Discipleship: Michelle Hintz
Organist/Piano Accompanist: Rhonda Gowen*

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

CALL TO WORSHIP:

L: Our Lenten journey begins...in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

ALL: AMEN.

OPENING HYMN

"Bless Now, O God, the Journey"

Red #326

ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS *(Please be seated)*

L: During the Season of Lent, we hear the invitation, "Return to the Lord your God, for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love." Let us turn to God in open, heartfelt confession. We pray together...

ALL: **Gracious God, have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from You and given ourselves to the power of sin. We are truly sorry and repent. In Your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to You, and uphold us by Your Spirit, so that we may live and serve You in newness of life through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

+ (Silence for reflection and prayer) +

L: God who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace we have been saved! In the name of Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven. May Almighty God strengthen us with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in our hearts through faith.

ALL: AMEN.

CONFESSIONAL SONG

"Kyrie"

Red #157

SHARING OF THE PEACE

WELCOME AND COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORD

God speaks to us through Scripture, Preaching, and Song.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

SECOND READING

Romans 5:12-19

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

"Return to the Lord, your God"

Red, p. 142

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the Fourth Chapter.

ALL: GLORY TO YOU, O LORD.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 4:1-11

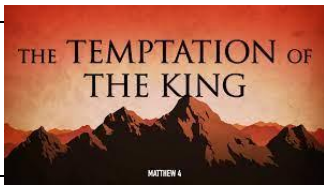
L: The Gospel of the Lord.

ALL: PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST.

HYMN OF THE DAY

"O Lord, throughout These Forty Days"

Red #319



Today's Message:
Minister Michelle Hintz

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH
APOSTLES' CREED

(See Overhead)

THANKSGIVING

We respond with gratitude for God's gracious gifts.

OFFERING MOMENT

OFFERING RESPONSE

"Create in Me a Clean Heart"

Red #186

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL
LORD'S PRAYER

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG

"Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer"

Red #618

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace to serve God! Be of good courage, and hold fast to that which is good!

ALL: THANKS BE TO GOD!

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TODAY'S WORSHIP HOSTS

Greeters – Alice Nelson, Maxine Martin

Usher –

Reader – Jordyn Pierce

Fellowship Hosts – Quilters

Council Representative – Keith Zhorela, Reinie Kembel

IN NEED OF HEALING – Ron & Donna Wilkinson, Birdie Fode, Alice Neuberger, Ellen Bartz, Judy Zhorela, Gerald Johnson, Sidney Weigel, Darlene Frieze, Doris Lowe, Lori LaCoe, Bruce Evanson, Lou Ann Heinle, Sally Weisgram, Vic Huber, Julie Schepp

CANCER CARE – Gary Dietz, Marty Well, Colby, Arlene Walch, Christine Raulston, Arlene (Stephanie Luebke's Mom), Ray Huber, Dick Olson, Hillary Groseclose, Ron Schepp, George Frye, David, Ray Seifert, Carmen Ruud, Wanda

New Members Class

What is the New Members Class? It is an opportunity to learn basic beliefs of our faith, along with the opportunities offered to families and individuals here at House of Prayer. Through engaging in opportunities, you will grow in faith and get to know some wonderful people.

Why become a member? To many, membership is something that might sound rigid or formal. House of Prayer looks at it as an opportunity to make a public commitment to a faith community. Making a commitment to a Christian community means you are saying this place is an important part of my life. It is saying I have chosen to be committed to this place, and likewise this place is committed to me. By giving oneself, you will receive in ways that otherwise would not have been possible. Making a commitment means we are making it a priority, and by making it a priority you are telling your children, others, and God that my faith is important.

When? 5:30 to 7:00 PM Tuesday, March 21st or Thursday, March 23rd

Register here: <https://forms.gle/fiNQcwFZuDEN56mDA> or email Michelle at michellehintz@gmail.com or call 204-1463.

Join us for our Amazing Grace Lenten series based on the beloved song that celebrates its 250th anniversary this year. We experience the amazing grace of God in confession and forgiveness this Lent as we look toward the cross of Christ that made our freedom from sin possible.

Join us every Wednesday at 6pm during Lent for this series!

- March 1st** - Isaiah of Babylon
- March 8th** - Prodigal Son
- March 15th** - The Blind Man
- March 22nd** - The Woman at the Well
- March 29th** - Paul

Holy Week Services

- April 6th, 6:30p - Maundy Thursday service, First Communion for 5th graders
- April 7th, 6:30p - Good Friday service
- April 9th, 6:30am, 8:00am, 10:00am - Easter services

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 9:00am Fellowship 9:00am Purpose Driven Life Session Ending Celebration 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am WORSHIP	27 10:00am QUILTERS	28 6:00pm Choir Practice	1 9:30am Bible Study 6:00pm JAM 6:00pm WORSHIP - Contemporary- Lent Lesson- Isaiah of Babylon 7:00pm The Chosen Season 2, Episode 2	2	3 6:00pm If:gathering register here: https://watch.if2023.com/register/join-group/?groupid=27733&swcfpc=1&show=form	4 9:00am If:gathering

If:Gathering 2023 at House of Prayer!

This is an incredible opportunity to gather with other women in our community. We will be watching the speakers live from Texas If you can come for even a portion of it, it will be worth it!

March 3 6:00p-9:30p and March 4 9:00a-4:00p

Register here today!

<https://watch.if2023.com/register/join-group?groupid=27733>

Or check it all out at houseofprayerbismarck.com

If exists to equip women with gospel-centered resources, events, and community so they may learn more about who God is and disciple other women right where they are.