



*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 SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

**Sunday, March 5, 2023 – 10:00 AM**

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God did not send his  
Son into the world to  
condemn its people.  
*He sent him to save them!*

JOHN 3:17



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**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

*"Dearest Jesus, at Your Word"*

*Red #520 (vv. 1,2,4)*

## 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

*"I'm Forever Grateful"*

*Grey #114 (Repeat)*

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

## WELCOME AND COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

## WORD

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

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

**FIRST READING**

**SECOND READING**

**Genesis 12:1-4a**

**Romans 4:1-5, 13-17**

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

***“Return to the Lord, your God”***

**Red, p. 142**

*Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful,  
slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love,  
and abounding in steadfast love.*

**L:** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the Third Chapter.

**ALL: GLORY TO YOU, O LORD.**

## **GOSPEL READING**

**John 3:1-17**

**L:** The Gospel of the Lord.

**ALL: PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST.**

## **HYMN OF THE DAY**

***“Oh, Love, How Deep”***

**Red #322 (vv. 1-4)**



***Today's Message:***

***By Pastor Joel Samuelson***

## **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**APOSTLES' CREED**

*(See Overhead)*

## **PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL**

### **THANKSGIVING**

*We respond with gratitude for God's gracious gifts.*

## **OFFERING MOMENT**

### **OFFERING RESPONSE**

***“Create in Me a Clean Heart”***

**Red #186**

### **MEAL**

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

**Great Thanksgiving**

**(Spoken) Red p. 144**

***“Holy, Holy, Holy”***

**(Sung) Red p. 144**

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

*(Red p. 134 top right column or See Projection)*

### **HOLY COMMUNION IS A CELEBRATION OF OUR NEW LIFE IN CHRIST!**

**All are welcome to share in this meal of grace at our Lord's Table. If you believe in Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior and accept that He alone forgives your sins, come and share in this meal of grace our Lord intended for you!**

## **DISTRIBUTION MUSIC**

**“Eat This Bread”**

**Red #472 (Repeat)**

**“One Bread, One Body”**

**Red #496**

**“We Worship and Adore You”**

**Grey #103 (Repeat)**

**“Alleluia”**

**Grey #108**

## **BLESSING**

### **SENDING**

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

## **BENEDICTION**

### **CLOSING SONG**

**“We All Are One in Mission”**

**Red #576**

## **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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**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, 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**

***Altar flowers this week are sponsored by Dick and Coleen Olson in celebration of the birthdays of Kylee and Kenny Lartch and Susan Pfaff. Happy Birthday to all!***

## **TODAY’S WORSHIP HOSTS**

*Greeters – 1<sup>st</sup> Grade*

*Usher –*

*Reader – Sunday School*

*Fellowship Hosts – Sunday School*

*Council Representative – Reinie Kembel, Keith Zhorella*