



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 THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

March 12, 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

"I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"

Red #611

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

Exodus 17:1-7

SECOND READING

Romans 5:1-11

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

"Return to the Lord, your God"

Red p. 142

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

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

GOSPEL READING

John 4:5-18, 25-30, 39-42

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty”

Red #777 (vv. 1-4)



Today's Message:

Heaven's Helpers Closet 701 – Kim Wood

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

“I Love to Tell the Story”

Red #661

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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Altar flowers this week are sponsored by the Hintz family in celebration of Kadon's 42nd birthday! Happy Birthday Kadon!

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
12 9:00am Fellowship 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am WORSHIP	13 10:00am QUILTERS 6:00pm BIO Girls	14 6:00pm Choir Practice 7:30pm Find Your People Book Study	15 9:30am Bible Study 6:00pm JAM 6:00pm WORSHIP - Contemporary-Lent Lesson-The Blind Man	16 7:00pm CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING 7:00pm Missouri Valley Quilters	17	18 9:30am WELCA Bible Study

NEW MEMBER CLASSES

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.

House of Prayer will be purchasing a limited number of plants this year to be used at the Easter morning worship. **EASTER FLOWERS** can be taken home to enjoy...or you can donate toward Lespwa Lavi which means “Hope for Life” in Haitian Creole. Ricardo Pierre-Louis who now lives, teaches, and coaches in Bismarck founded this organization to empower the community of Verrettes and create a sustainable, impactful ministry in hopes of changing the lives of kids in Haiti. *(Suggested donation is \$20 per plant.)* Forms and envelopes are located in our Gathering Area.

TODAY’S WORSHIP HOSTS

Greeters – Pre-K

Usher – George & Kay Eslinger

Reader – George Eslinger

Fellowship Hosts – Youth

Council Representative – Chris Reinicke