



## Gathering in God's Name

### Prelude

Gigue (9:00)  
Fairest Lord Jesus (11:10)

Johann Pezel; arr. R. E. Martin  
Herman Schroeder

*As the prelude begins, you are invited to begin your personal preparation for worship.*

### Silent Meditation

Holy and loving God, as we worship you today, we long for your Spirit to both comfort and challenge us, to help us become more holy and more loving. In a world that does not understand repentance, we pray for new understanding, humility, patience, and discipline that will help us die to sin and live for Jesus. Amen.



### Call to Worship

based on Psalm 91

Where is our home?

**Our home is in the shelter and shadow of God.**

How can this be our refuge?

**Because God's angels will guard your house and those in it from evil and threat.**

How can we flourish?

**Staying close to God's ways will bring our lives to abundance.**

Let us worship God together!

## Praise and Adoration

### \*Opening Hymn #39

(\*Please stand, if you are able)

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

## Confession and Pardon

### Call to Confession

### Prayer of Confession

God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth. Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

## Silent Prayers of Confession and Petition

### Confessional Response (#417)

Lord Jesus, Think on Me

SOUTHWELL



Lord Je-sus, think on me, and purge a-way my sin. From earth-born pas-sions set me free, and make me pure with-in.

### Assurance of Pardon

### Welcome and Announcements

## Fellowship of Prayer

### Joys and Concerns

### Prayers of the People

#### The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

## Proclamation of God's Word

### Scripture Lesson

Luke 4: 1-14

page 835 of the pew Bible

### Sermon

"No Shortcuts to Glory"

Dr. Zieman

### \*Lenten Sermon Response

Jesus the Christ, you refused to turn stones into bread.

**Save us from using our power, however little, to satisfy the demands of selfishness in the face of the greater needs of others.**

Jesus the Christ, you refused to leap from the temple top.

**Save us from displaying our skills, however modest, to win instant popularity in the face of nobler calls on our abilities.**

Jesus the Christ, you refused to bend the knee to a false god.

**Save us from offering our devotion, however weak, to cheap or easy religion in the face of the harder path on which you bid us to follow you.**

Jesus the Christ,

**give us wisdom to discern evil, and in the face of all that is deceptively attractive help us to choose the will of God. Amen.**

## Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

### Offertory

There Is a Balm in Gilead (9:00)  
Thou Hidden Love of God (11:10)

arr. Lloyd Larson  
J. Aaron McDermid

## The Sacrament of Holy Communion

*The elders will serve you in the pews. All baptized Christians are invited to partake.*

*We ask that you hold on to the piece of bread or the cup until all have been served, so that we may partake as one body.*

### Invitation to the Lord's Table

### Prayer before Communion

#### \*Affirmation of Faith

from the Heidelberg Catechism (1563), Question 43

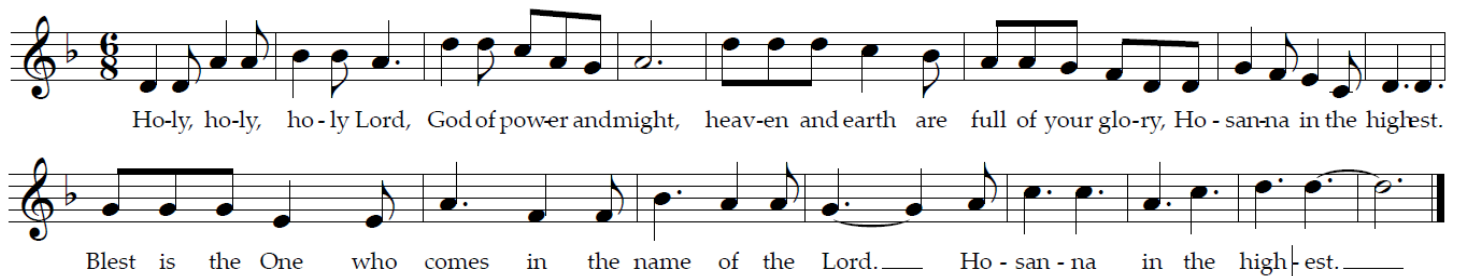
Q. What further benefit do we receive from Christ's sacrifice and death on the cross?

A. Through Christ's death our old selves are crucified, put to death, and buried with him, so that the evil desires of the flesh may no longer rule us, but that instead we may dedicate ourselves as an offering of gratitude to him.

#### \*Sanctus #569

Holy, Holy, Holy

SANCTUS (Oliver)



### The Words of Institution

#### Serving of the Bread

*The pastors will walk down the aisles with gluten-free bread.*

#### Anthem

What Wondrous Love Is This (9:00)  
For the Bread Which You Have Broken (11:10)

arr. David Giardiniere  
Craig Carnahan

### Serving of the Cup of the New Covenant

#### \*Prayer of Dedication

Almighty God, your Son fasted forty days in the wilderness and was tempted as we are but did not sin. Give us grace to direct our lives in obedience to your Spirit, that as you know our weakness, so we may know your power to save through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

#### \*Hymn of Dedication #166

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

ST. FLAVIAN

## \*Charge and Benediction

### Postlude

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Robert Hobby

### SERVING IN MINISTRY TODAY

<b>Music</b>	9:00	Trinity Brass: Avery Fuller & Gary Lynn, trumpets; Valerie Fuller & Ann Pearson, horns; Keith Allen, trombone; Jon Broderick, tuba; Mark Kanitz, organ	
	11:10	Alleluia Singers; Mark Kanitz, organ	
<b>Childcare Ministry</b>		Kari Bernet, Chelsea Spielman, Tami Lancaster	
<b>Ushers</b>	9:00	Jim Miller, Captain; Linda Miller, Gary and Marsha Marron, Frank McMullen	
	11:10	Tim Goodman, Captain; Kris Goodman, Doug Reid, Cherri Carpenter, Anna Sumner	
<b>Greeters</b>	9:00	North Door: Kimberly & Scott McCormick	Welcome Center Door: Doug Larson
	11:10	North Door: John & Pam Swenson	Welcome Center Door: Carol Crawford
<b>Communion Servers:</b>	9:00	Roger & Nancy Utman, Linda Miller, Gary Marron, Kristin Jacobi, Kathy Moore, Anne Wattles, Julie Buehler, Clarence & Jean Waters	
	11:10	Rock Sumner, Kathryn Vint, Cindy Rieke, Trudy Meyer, Alta Empey, Bidong Tot, Reese Conner, Julie Driftmier, Pam Otto, Linda Matson	
<b>Information Center</b>	9:00	Kristin Jacobi	11:10: Nancy Koehler
<b>Coffee Host</b>	10:00	Patti Sparks	

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# Announcements

For the week of March 9, 2025

## The Week at a Glance

### **Sunday, March 9**

- 9:00 Worship with Traditional Communion
- 10:00 Coffee, Kids & Youth SS Classes
- 10:00 Lenten Study
- 11:00 Caring and Sharing at Don and Millie's
- 11:10 Worship with Traditional Communion
- 4:15 Serve Dinner at Siena Francis House
- No JHF/SHF**
- 5:00 Lenten Study

### **Monday, March 10**

- 9 & 11 Music and Movement
- 10:00 Tai Chi
- 1:30 Lenten Study
- 6:30 Cristian Education Committee

### **Tuesday, March 11**

- 7:00 Men's Bible Study
- 9:30 Staff Meeting
- 1:00 Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study
- 1:30 Active Minds
- 5:00 Membership Committee
- 6:30 Mission Committee

### **Wednesday, March 12**

- 5:15 Children Choir
- 5:50 Chamber Singers
- 6:00 Cornerstone Dinner
- 6:30 Adult and Children's Bible Study and Confirmation Class
- 6:50 Alleluia Singers

### **Thursday, March 13**

- 9 & 11 Music and Movement
- 10:00 Tai Chi
- 12:00 Serve Lunch at OSS
- 6:00 Carillion Choir
- 7:00 Lenten Study

### **Sunday, March 16 - Pantry Sunday**

- 9:00 Worship
- 10:00 Coffee, Kids & Youth SS Classes
- 10:00 Lenten Study
- 11:10 Worship
- 4:45 JHF/SHF /Fellowship
- 5:00 Lenten Study

Worship Services at 9:00 & 11:10 a.m.  
Sunday School & Coffee Fellowship at 10 a.m.  
Office Hours: 9:00 to 4:30 Monday-Friday

## **Joys and Concerns**

The flowers in the chancel this morning are given by Neal Hubbard – "Happy Birthday, Charlotte."

## **Thank you for Giving Blood**

The Deacons Health and Wellness committee would like to thank the PCOC congregation for the excellent turnout at last Sunday's Red Cross blood drive. 27 regular donations plus 2 power red donations for a total of 29 donations will have a direct, positive impact on 87 lives according to the Red Cross.

## **Friday Night Gourmet on March 14**

Our next Friday Night Gourmet Dinner will be held on March 14 at Cascio's. Drinks will begin at 6:30 with dinner to follow at 7:00. All are welcome to join us for an early St. Patrick's celebration. Please sign up at the Information Desk. We will order off the menu with separate checks provided. Co-hosts are Irene and Bob Astleford, Jr.

## **Lenten Study begins Today.**

If you registered for the Lenten Study, pick up your folders on the table under the TV in the Lobby. Class rosters are also posted on the wall above the folders. You may bring your book donations (\$15 suggested) to the first class today. If you have any questions, please contact Heather.

## **Youth Sunday School Classes Room Changes**

The Senior High Sunday School Class returns to the Great Room today. Beginning today and all during Lent, the Junior High Sunday School Class will meet in Room 11.

## **Children's Worship Kits**

Parents, be sure to pick up worship kits for your children on the way into worship on Sunday mornings. The kits are located on a cart in the Narthex. There are two types of kits: one for ages 3 – 6 and one for ages 7+. These kits contain paper, crayons, pencils, and children's bulletins that help

children follow along during the service. After worship, return the bags to the cart so they can be restocked and ready for next Sunday.

**New Tuesday Bible Studies begin this week.** Both our 7am men's Bible Study and the 1:00 Bible Study begin a new study on the gospel of Mark. Feel free to bring your favorite Bible and join us in the Welcome Center on Tuesdays.

### **Communion Class for Children**

Parents and children in the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade are invited to participate in our Communion Class to learn about the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. The class will take place on Wednesday, April 9, from 6 – 7:30 p.m. Any older children who were unable to attend this class before may also join us. Dinner is included and childcare is available. Registration is required before April 1. Click to register:



### **Presbyterian Disaster Aid for the Ongoing California Fires - Matching Grant from the Mission Committee**

Last week, PCOC mailed a check for \$10,849 to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance to aid in the recovery from the wildfires around Los Angeles. \$5,000 was from our Mission Committee, and \$5,849 was from the congregation.

**Active Minds in March.** We will be playing Pinochle for all of March. We can teach you to play any time that you can join us. Every Tuesday, 1:30-4:00pm, in the lower-level Great Room. Drop-ins are always welcome, or stop after Tuesday afternoon Bible Study. Questions? Contact Earlene Uhrig.

### **Ryan & Ryan Is Coming to Vesper Concerts**

Mark your calendars for Thursday, April 3, at 7:00 p.m. for Ryan & Ryan, a dynamic father/son piano duo. Their concert is called "Kickin' the Clouds Away" and provides a delightful mix of classical crossover, jazz, ragtime, gospel, and blues. Find more information at [vesperconcerts.org](http://vesperconcerts.org). As always, this concert is free for all to attend.

### **Summer Fun for Children and Youth**

Registration for summer camps and activities in our community has begun, but we don't want you to miss out on our activities here at Church of the Cross. **Put these dates on your calendar now:** Senior High Mission Trip is June 1 – 7, Junior High Mission Trip is June 27 – 29, Vacation Bible School is July 15 - 17, 9 a.m. to Noon, Senior High Youth Triennium is July 28 – 31, and Art & Music Camp is August 5 – 8.

**2025 Bible Reading Adventure.** In the January Cross Currents, Rock published a daily guide to begin reading the Bible in a year. It is not too late to begin. Together, we begin in Genesis and Matthew, the Old and New Testaments and from there the adventure begins. We may gather periodically throughout the year for support. Join the adventure of a lifetime. Join us as we continue the readings each week in the New Year.

**Easter Flower Sign Up.** The Easter Flower sign-up is available online or forms are available at the Information Desk. You can also call the church office. The deadline is March 31 and payment must accompany the order.

### **Omaha Street schools Matching Donation**

The *March Madness Match* is happening at Omaha Street School and you have an opportunity to participate in a big way to help change lives! Every dollar donated, up to \$60,000, will be matched by a group of Omaha Street School contributors. That means Omaha Street School could raise \$120,000! If you would like to be a part of this fundraising event you can donate online at [omahastreetschool.com](http://omahastreetschool.com), mail your contribution to 3223 N 45th St., Building H, Omaha, NE, 68104 or Venmo to @streetsschool.