

# *The Chapel in the Pines*

**March 23, 2025**

*Serving our Community by Preaching, Teaching,  
and Living the Gospel of Jesus Christ*

## **The Third Sunday in Lent**



**The flowers on the Communion table this week  
are given to the Glory of God by Glenda & Joe Clendenin  
in honor of Kristen Webb Thompson.**

### **Gathering Music**

**The Chiming of the Trinity**

**The Prelude**

**The Concerns, Celebrations, and Prayers of our Chapel Family**

**The Invocation and 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 trespasses  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever...  
Amen.**

## **\*The Call to Worship**

Adapted from Psalm 63

O True God, you are my God, the One whom I trust.  
I come this morning to seek you with every fiber of my being.  
**In this weary land with my soul is dry and longs for you.  
My body aches for you...for your presence.**

I have seen you in your sanctuary  
and have been awed by your power and glory.  
**Your steadfast love is better than life itself,  
so my lips will give you all praise and glory.**

I will bless you with every breath of my life;  
I will lift up my hands in praise to your name.  
**My soul overflows with satisfaction  
and with excitement in my heart and joy on my lips,  
I offer you my praise.**

Often at night I lie in bed and remember you,  
meditating on your greatness till morning smiles through my window.  
**You have been my constant helper;  
therefore, I sing for joy under the protection of your wings.**

## **\*Hymn**                      #382 Be Thou My Vision

- 1** Be thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;  
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art -  
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.
- 2** Be thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word;  
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;  
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son,  
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.
- 3** Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,  
Thou mine inheritance, now and always;  
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,  
High King of heaven, my Treasure Thou art.
- 4** High King of heaven, my victory won,  
May I reach heaven's joys, bright heav'n's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

Amen.

## **\*The Passing of the Peace**

The grace and peace of our Lord and Savior,  
Jesus the Christ be with you all...**and also with you.**

## **The Passing of the Welcome Pads**

### **The Choir's Anthem**

Once Upon A Tree

## **The Call to Confession**

### **\*The Prayer of Confession**

**This is the season of turning.**

**We are called on this journey to turn our lives to the Lord,  
to turn away from all those things which have harmed us and others;  
to separate ourselves from actions and attitudes  
that demean and destroy.**

**It is far too easy for us to sink into  
the mire of self-pity and self-serving attitudes,  
wondering why everything isn't going our way.  
We want comfort, contentment, no stress, no struggle.  
Yet, our lives are filled with stress and discontent.  
We hurt, Lord. We hurt in our bodies and our souls.  
We hurt in our relationships with others.**

**How we must try your patience!**

**We don't want to be like this -  
we want to feel the warmth of your love,  
the freedom of your spirit, the joy of serving you.  
Forgive us for our selfishness. Heal us.  
For we ask these things in Jesus' name.**

### **\*The Declaration of Forgiveness**

#### **The Prayer of Illumination**

##### **A Reading from the Gospels**

Luke 13:1-9

*Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it.  
If it bears fruit next year, well and good, but if not, you can cut it down.*

**Homily**      A Second Chance

**\*Hymn**      Gather Us In/Here in this Place (insert - verses 1-3)

**1** Here in this place new light is streaming,  
Now is the darkness vanished away,  
See in this space our fears and our dreamings,  
Brought here to you in the light of this day.  
Gather us in—the lost and forsaken,  
Gather us in—the blind and the lame;  
Call to us now, and we shall awaken,  
We shall arise at the sound of our name.

**2** We are the young—our lives a myst'ry,  
We are the old who yearn for your face,  
We have been sung throughout all of hist'ry,  
Called to be light to the whole human race.  
Gather us in—the rich and the haughty,  
Gather us in—the proud and the strong;  
Give us a heart so meek and so lowly,  
Give us the courage to enter the song.

**3** Here we will take the wine and the water,  
Here we will take the bread of new birth,  
Here you shall call your sons and daughters,  
Call us anew to be salt for the earth.  
Give us to drink—the wine of compassion,  
Give us to eat the bread that is you;  
Nourish us well, and teach us to fashion  
Lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

## **The Eucharist**

### **The Invitation**

### **The Prayer of Thanksgiving**

We are right to praise you, faithful God!  
You answer sin with grace; you guide our wayward steps toward home.  
You are mending for the broken, safety for the poor,  
belonging for the outcast, strength for the weak, and pardon for the sinner. You  
reveal your kindness in every sorrow, your mercy even in death.  
All your creatures see your works; they sing your steadfast love.  
We too declare your wonder and grace as with angels and saints we sing...

Congregation singing...

**Wonderful grace of Jesus, greater than all my sin.  
How shall my tongue describe it, where shall its praise begin?  
Taking away my burden, setting my spirit free,  
for the wonderful grace of Jesus reaches me.**

Now, O God, as we have heard your holy scripture  
and as we sit in your glorious presence, we believe that through your grace, even  
we might become a new creation.  
We believe that we might be transformed  
and lead lives of abundance and generosity,  
just as you intended from the beginning of time.  
We ask that through this bread and this cup you might be with us today  
as we come to remember your Son, Jesus, the Christ,  
who made your love real to us.  
We thank you for his life and his ultimate act of love that has redeemed us.

Congregation singing...

**Wonderful grace of Jesus, reaching to all the lost.  
By it I have been pardoned, saved to the uttermost.  
Chains have been torn asunder, giving me liberty,  
for the wonderful grace of Jesus reaches me.**

He fasted and prayed; he was tempted and tried.  
He relied on you for everything.  
He was obedient to you and scorned by the powers of this world.  
He confounded the haughty and gave hope to the humble.  
He was betrayed and deserted.  
He died and was buried in a borrowed grave.  
You gave him new life.  
He lives even now, our healer and friend.  
He loved us well, loved us to the end, and loves us still.  
Congregation singing...

**Wonderful grace of Jesus, reaching the most defiled.  
By its transforming power making him God's dear child.  
Purchasing peace and heaven for all eternity,  
for the wonderful grace of Jesus reaches me.**

## The Prayer to the Holy Spirit

## The Words of Institution

## The Communion of the People

Everyone singing...

#323 Let Us Break Bread Together

#404 The Solid Rock

#440 O, for a Heart to Praise My God

## The Prayer after Communion

## A Service of Diminishing Light - Witness at the Cross

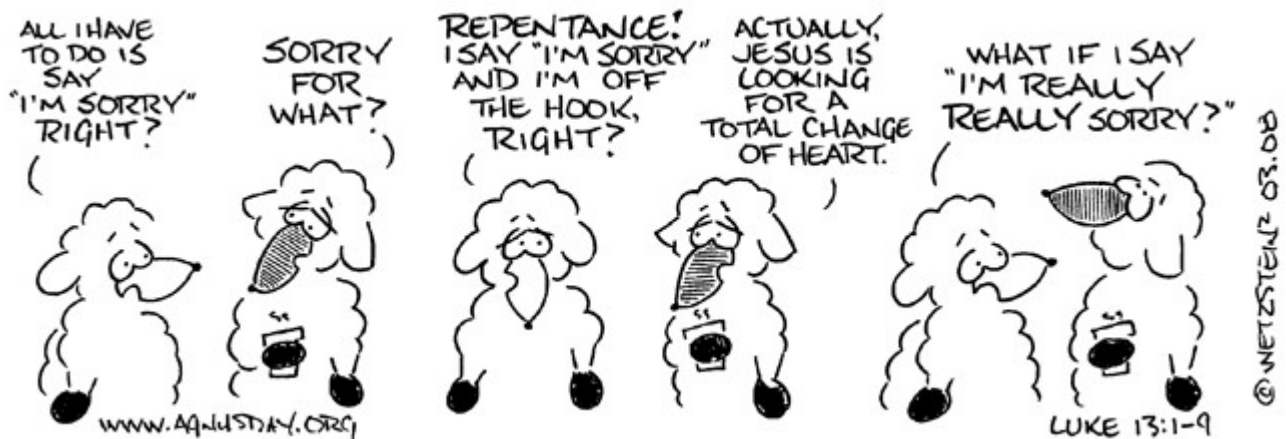
The Soldiers

### \*The Charge and Benediction

\***Hymn** Gather Us In/Here in this Place (insert - verse 4)

4 Not in the dark of buildings confining,  
Not in some heaven, lightyears away,  
But here in this place the new light is shining,  
Now is the Kingdom, now is the day.  
Gather us in and hold us forever,  
Gather us in and make us your own'  
Gather us in all peoples together,  
Fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

### \*The Postlude



## Prayers for Chapel Friends:

### Hear Our Prayers



Patty and Jack Madden, Judy Karp, Phil Westerman, Nancy Cecchini, Phyllis Mahin, Gerry Crow, Holli Schweyher, David Tourt, Roger Racster, Walter Hundley, Janet Hegeman, Jean Schmidt, Rev. Bill and Marty Bruner, Dick Barry, Jackie White, Noah Presley, Tom Early, Cindy Hess, Lyn Garbarino, Jim Robinson, Carol Dunn, Mary Faas, Dapte Jay Kirit, Dwight and Faye Jessup, Baby Kendrick Goins, George Restrepo, Cathy Pope, Maggie Craft, Rev. Harry Bronkar, Norma McKeithan, Charlie and Margo Talkowski, Ann Grunke, Jose Shavek, Amy Klein, Adrian Cimek, Sally Conlon, Andy Mark, Sidney Ruffin, Cindy Dabestani, Richard Von Schilichten, and family of Frank Hayes

## Prayers for Chapel Family:

Rev. Charles Hinson, Bud Holzerland, Dave Westerman, Butch & Mary Kay Allen, Mary Tuft, Phil Thingstad, Mama Dot, Mary Willetts, Bob Tourt, Lee Connelly, Kathy Steele, Shirley Percival, Peggy Olson, Sue Van Horne, Jimmy McCaskill, Bart Reuter, Jane and Jeff Lowe, Paul Infuso, Winnie Fischer, Glenda and Joe Clendenin, Jon Tichenor, Peggy Reuter and the family of Dolen Williams.

## March-April Announcements

### Looking Ahead!

<b>Sunday-March 23</b>	9:00 am	Third Sunday in Lent
<b>Wednesday-March 26</b>	4:30 pm	Chapel Choir
<b>Thursday-March 27</b>	3:30 pm	Lenten Bible Study
<b>Sunday-March 30</b>	9:00 am	Fourth Sunday in Lent
<b>Wednesday-April 2</b>	2:30 pm	Fran's Friends
<b>Wednesday-April 2</b>	4:30 pm	Chapel Choir
<b>Thursday-April 3</b>	3:30 pm	Lenten Bible Study
<b>Sunday-April 6</b>	9:00 am	Fifth Sunday in Lent
<b>Tuesday-April 8</b>	6:00 pm	Bunco4Missions
<b>Wednesday-April 9</b>	4:30 pm	Chapel Choir
<b>Thursday-April 10</b>	3:30 pm	Lenten Bible Study
<b>Friday-April 11</b>	10:00 am	Mission Team
<b>Saturday-April 12</b>	8:00 am	Men's Fellowship
<b>Sunday-April 13</b>	9:00 am	Sixth Sunday in Lent

### Coffee Fellowship

#### March

**3-23** Jim & Debbie Kessler  
**3-30** Mary Snead & Neta Massey

#### April

**4-6** **Volunteer Needed**  
**4-13** **Volunteer Needed**



### Altar Flowers

#### March

**3-23** Glenda Clendenin  
**3-30** Paul James

#### April

**4-06** Jon & Dorene Tichenor  
**4-13** **Volunteer Needed**  
**4-20** Paul James  
**4-27** **Volunteer Needed**



**Tuesday 3-25** Sue Barry  
**Thursday 3-27** Jeff Lowe



**Saturday 3-29**  
Tim & RJ Peppe

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## The Final Days



<b>Ash Wednesday</b> The Imposition of Ashes/Lenten Devotions Begin	March 5	5:00
<b>The Final Days Bible Study</b> Meet You at the Flagpole	March 6	3:30
<b>The First Sunday in Lent</b>	March 9	9:00
<b>The Final Days Bible Study</b> Looking for a Messiah	March 13	3:30
<b>The Second Sunday in Lent</b>	March 16	9:00
<b>The Final Days Bible Study</b> The Passion According to Mark	March 20	3:30
<b>The Third Sunday in Lent</b> The Sacrament of Holy Communion	March 23	9:00
<b>The Final Days Bible Study</b> The Passion According to Matthew	March 27	3:30
<b>The Fourth Sunday in Lent</b>	March 30	9:00
<b>The Final Days Bible Study</b> The Passion According to Luke	April 3	3:30
<b>The Fifth Sunday in Lent</b>	April 6	9:00
<b>The Final Days Bible Study</b> The Passion According to John	April 10	3:30
<b>Palm Sunday</b>	April 13	9:00
<b>Maundy Thursday</b> The Sacrament of Holy Communion Covered Dish Soup, Bread, and Dessert Supper	April 17	5:00
<b>Good Friday</b> The Stripping of the Church	April 18	12:00 Noon

