

# *The Chapel in the Pines*

**March 30, 2025**

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

## **The Fourth Sunday in Lent**



**The flowers on the Communion table this week  
are given to the Glory of God by Pastor Paul James  
in celebration of his wife Julie James' birthday.**

**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.**



## **A Reading from the Old Testament**

Deuteronomy 21:18-21

*If someone has a stubborn and rebellious son...*

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

Come, let us celebrate the forgiving, reconciling love of God.

**For once we were lost and felt so far away;  
now we have been found and welcomed home.**

Know that God's love is lavished upon you forever.

**We rejoice at the news of forgiveness and hope!**

Come, let us celebrate and praise the God of Love.

**AMEN!**

### **\*Hymn**

#1 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

**1** Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee,  
God of glory, Lord of love;  
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee,  
Opening to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,  
Drive the dark of doubt away;  
Giver of immortal gladness,  
Fill us with the light of day.

**2** All Thy works with joy surround Thee,  
Earth and heaven reflect Thy rays,  
Stars and angels sing around Thee,  
Center of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain,  
Flowery meadow, flashing sea,  
Chanting bird and flowing fountain,  
Call us to rejoice in Thee.

**3** Thou art giving and forgiving,  
Ever blessing, ever blest,  
Wellspring of the joy of living,  
Ocean depth of happy rest!  
Thou our Father Christ, our Brother—  
All who live in love are Thine;  
Teach us how to love each other,  
Lift us to the joy divine.

**4** Mortals, join the happy chorus  
Which the morning stars began;  
Father love is reigning o'er us,  
Brother love binds man to man.  
Ever singing, march we onward,  
Victors in the midst of strife.  
Joyful music leads us sunward  
In the triumph song of life.

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**

### **The Call to Confession**

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

**Merciful God, we confess that we have strayed from your ways.  
Like the Prodigal Son, we have wasted our inheritance.  
You gave us the earth for our home,  
but we squander earth's resources and hoard its bounty.  
You gave us neighbors to love, but we pursue selfish ambitions.  
You gave us the commandments that lead to human flourishing,  
but we break your law and forsake your love.  
Forgive us our sin and bring us to repentance.  
Draw our wandering hearts back to you  
that we may find freedom in obedience to your love.  
Through Christ our Lord we pray...**

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

#### **\*The Gloria Patri**

**Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly Ghost.  
As it was in the be-gin-ning, is now and ev-er shall be.  
World with-out end...A-men...A-men.**

#### **\*The Affirmation of Faith**

Adapted from 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

**So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:  
everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!  
All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ,  
and has given us the ministry of reconciliation;  
that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself,  
not counting their trespasses against them,  
and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us.**

**So we are ambassadors for Christ,  
since God is making his appeal through us;  
we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.  
For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin,  
so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.**

### **The Prayer of Illumination**

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

Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

*But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion;  
he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him.*

#### **Homily**

The Peace Plan of the Prodigal Father



**\*Hymn**

#299 Rescue the Perishing

- 1 Rescue the perishing, care for the dying,  
Snatch them in pity from sin and the grave;  
Weep o'er the erring one, lift up the fallen,  
Tell them of Jesus, the mighty to save.

**Refrain:**

Rescue the perishing,  
Care for the dying;  
Jesus is merciful,  
Jesus will save.

- 2 Tho they are slighting Him, still He is waiting,  
Waiting the penitent child to receive;  
Plead with them earnestly, plead with them gently.  
He will forgive if they only believe. **[Refrain]**
- 3 Down in the human heart, crushed by the tempter,  
Feelings lie buried that grace can restore;  
Touched by a loving heart, wakened by kindness,  
Cords that are broken will vibrate once more. **[Refrain]**
- 4 Rescue the perishing, duty demands it -  
Strength for your labor the Lord will provide;  
Back to the narrow way patiently win them,  
Tell the poor wand'rer a Savior has died. **[Refrain]**

**The Prayers of the People**

Lord, in your mercy...**hear our prayers...**

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

The Beloved Disciple

**The Call to the Offering**

As forgiven people of your forgiven and new creation,  
let us offer ourselves and our gifts to God.  
Let us bring our tithes and our offerings...

**The Offertory**

**\*The Doxology**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.**  
**Praise God all creatures here below.**  
**Praise God above ye heavenly host.**  
**Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**\*The Prayer of Dedication**



**\*Hymn**

#508 I Will Sing the Wondrous Story (verses 1-2)

1 I will sing the wondrous story  
Of the Christ who died for me -  
How He left His home in glory  
For the cross of Calvary.

**Refrain:**

Yes, I'll sing the wondrous story  
Of the Christ who died for me,  
Sing it with the saints in glory,  
Gathered by the crystal sea.

2 I was lost, but Jesus found me -  
Found the sheep that went astray,  
Threw His loving arms around me,  
Drew me back into His way. **[Refrain]**

**\*The Charge and Benediction**

**\*Hymn**

#508 I Will Sing the Wondrous Story (verses 3-4)

3 Days of darkness still come o'er me,  
Sorrow's paths I often tread;  
But the Savior still is with me -  
By His hand I'm safely led.

**Refrain:**

Yes, I'll sing the wondrous story  
Of the Christ who died for me,  
Sing it with the saints in glory,  
Gathered by the crystal sea.

4 He will keep me till the river  
Rolls its waters at my feet;  
Then He'll bear me safely over,  
Where the loved ones I shall meet. **[Refrain]**

**\*The Postlude**

YOU KNOW, SOME PEOPLE  
ARE OFFENDED BY GOD'S  
LAVISH GENEROSITY.



OH, I DON'T HAVE A  
PROBLEM WITH THAT.



AS LONG AS I GET  
MY *FAIR SHARE*.



LUKE 15:1-3, 118-32

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## 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, Elizabeth Comfort, Linda Stow, Sue LaPoint, 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, 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, Shirley Percival, Ralph Olsen, Pat Griffin, the family of Dolen Williams, Lori and the family of Jim Milliman.

## March-April Announcements

### Looking Ahead!

<b>Sunday-March 30</b>	9:00 am	Fourth Sunday in Lent
<b>Monday-March 31</b>	4:30 pm	Worship Team
<b>Tuesday-April 1</b>	10:00 am	Nominating Team
<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>	12 noon	Men's Fellowship
<b>Thursday-April 10</b>	3:30 pm	Lenten Bible Study
<b>Friday-April 11</b>	10:00 am	Mission Team
<b>Sunday-April 13</b>	9:00 am	Sixth Sunday in Lent
<b>Monday-April 14</b>	5:30 pm	Personnel Team

### Coffee Fellowship

#### March

**3-30** Mary Snead & Neta Massey

#### April

**4-6** Katy Swain & The Normans

**4-13** Ruth & Steve Klein

**4-20** Kathy & Stacy Golzio

**4-27** Dot & Bruce Macdonald



### Altar Flowers

#### March

**3-30** Paul James

#### April

**4-06** Jon & Dorene Tichenor

**4-13** Moses Family

**4-20** **Volunteer Needed**

**4-27** **Volunteer Needed**



**Tuesday 4-1** Julie James

**Tuesday 4-1** Ed Burke



**Tuesday 4-1**

Bill & JoAn Moses

**Saturday 4-5**

Dot & Bruce Macdonald



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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





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