



Our Lenten theme this year is entitled, "Witnesses." Each of our round-robin speakers will focus on a different group of witnesses to the passion of Jesus Christ. Our round-robin series will conclude with our Good Friday service.

Wednesday Lenten Services (7:30pm):

Ash Wednesday Service with Holy Communion

First American: February 14 – Pastor Barry Nelson

The Witness of the Criminals

Hope: February 21 – Maurice Bueber

The Witnesses of Jesus' Arrest

First American: February 28 – Travis Fink

The Witnesses of Jesus' Trial

Hope: March 6 – Pastor Barry Nelson

The Witness of the Apostles

First American: March 13 – Del Neumeister

The Witness of the Soldiers

Hope: March 20 – Pastor Kevin Czymbor

Lenten Offerings:

First American – All Nations Family Center on the Rosebud Reservation. This is the ministry served by Johnny and Heidi Wade. Heidi is the daughter of Jan Jerke.

Hope – Southeastern South Dakota Lutherans for Life ultrasound fund which supports the ultrasound ministry of the Alpha Center in Sioux Falls.

Lenten Suppers (6-7pm):

Hope will have a soup supper on February 21st, a baked potato supper on March 6th, and a taco supper on March 20th. First American will have soup suppers on February 28th and March 13th. A sign-up sheet will be posted in the narthex of each church for volunteers to help with these meals.

Ash Wednesday



**"She out of
her poverty has
put in everything
she had."**

MARK 12:44

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Please stand as you are able* **Bold Items are read in unison

Welcome and Announcements

Invocation & Call to Worship: **Worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness; tremble before him, all the earth.** (Psalm 96:9)

Opening Prayer – Prayers of the Church

* Opening Hymn – *How Helpless Guilty Nature Lies* . . Red **#427**

Communion Preparation (from Luther's Small Catechism regarding Confession):

What is confession? **Confession consists of two parts: the one is that we confess our sins; the other, that we receive absolution or forgiveness from the pastor as from God Himself, in no way doubting, but firmly believing that our sins are thereby forgiven before God in heaven.**

What sins should we confess? **Before God we should acknowledge ourselves guilty of all manner of sins, even those of which we are not aware, as we do in the Lord's Prayer. To the pastor we should confess only those sins which we know and feel in our hearts.**

What are such sins? **Here examine yourself in the light of the Ten Commandments, whether as father or mother, son or daughter, master or servant, you have been disobedient, unfaithful, slothful, ill-tempered, unchaste, or quarrelsome, or whether you have injured anyone by word or deed, stolen, neglected or wasted anything, or done any other evil.**

Meditation – (may use Q & A on p. 14-15 and 10 Commandments on p. 95)

Confession of Sin: Psalm 51:1-13 (responsive reading on insert)

Declaration of Grace

Confession of Faith – Nicene Creed p. 105

Lenten Reading – Mark 14:1-11

Hymn – *Power in the Blood* Red **#544**

2 Corinthians 6:1-10

* Mark 12:38-44 * Gospel

Sermon – *Humble Worship* Pastor Barry Nelson

Hymn – *I Come to Thee, O Blessed Lord* Red **#275**

Holy Communion – p. 35-38

Nunc Dimittis: **Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you may now dismiss your servant in peace. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the sight of all nations: a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of your people Israel.**

* Closing Hymn – *Abide with Me* Red **#601**

* Benediction & Doxology: (sung, p. 24 for melody) **Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; Praise Him, all crea-tures here be-low; Praise Him a-bove, ye heaven-ly host: Praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. A-men.**

* Dismissal L: Go in Peace, Serve the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.

Mark 12:38-44

"Humble Worship"

February 14, 2024

1. Worship of Self

2. Worship Out of Our Excess

3. Worship Out of Our Poverty

Today's Readings

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Ash Wednesday

Psalm 51:1-13

- ¹ Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions.
² **Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.**
³ For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me.
⁴ **Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight; so you are right in your verdict and justified when you judge.**
⁵ Surely I was sinful at birth,
sinful from the time my mother conceived me.
⁶ **Yet you desired faithfulness even in the womb;
you taught me wisdom in that secret place.**
⁷ Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean;
wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.
⁸ **Let me hear joy and gladness;
let the bones you have crushed rejoice.**
⁹ Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity.
¹⁰ **Create in me a pure heart, O God,
and renew a steadfast spirit within me.**
¹¹ Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me.
¹² **Restore to me the joy of your salvation
and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.**
¹³ Then I will teach transgressors your ways,
so that sinners will turn back to you.

Lenten Reading

Mark 14:1-11

Now the Passover and the Festival of Unleavened Bread were only two days away, and the chief priests and the teachers of the law were scheming to arrest Jesus secretly and kill him. ²“But not during the festival,” they said, “or the people may riot.” ³ While he was in Bethany, reclining at the table in the home of Simon the Leper, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very expensive perfume, made of pure nard. She broke the jar and poured the perfume on his head. ⁴ Some of those present were saying indignantly to one another, “Why this waste of perfume? ⁵ It could have been sold for more than a year’s wages and the money given to the poor.” And they rebuked her harshly. ⁶“Leave her alone,” said Jesus. “Why are you bothering her? She has done a beautiful thing to me. ⁷ The poor you will always have with you, and you can help them any time you want. But you will not always have me. ⁸ She did what she could. She

poured perfume on my body beforehand to prepare for my burial. ⁹ Truly I tell you, wherever the gospel is preached throughout the world, what she has done will also be told, in memory of her.” ¹⁰ Then Judas Iscariot, one of the Twelve, went to the chief priests to betray Jesus to them. ¹¹ They were delighted to hear this and promised to give him money. So he watched for an opportunity to hand him over.

Epistle

2 Corinthians 6:1-10

As God’s co-workers we urge you not to receive God’s grace in vain. ² For he says, “In the time of my favor I heard you, and in the day of salvation I helped you.” I tell you, now is the time of God’s favor, now is the day of salvation. ³ We put no stumbling block in anyone’s path, so that our ministry will not be discredited. ⁴ Rather, as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: in great endurance; in troubles, hardships and distresses; ⁵ in beatings, imprisonments and riots; in hard work, sleepless nights and hunger; ⁶ in purity, understanding, patience and kindness; in the Holy Spirit and in sincere love; ⁷ in truthful speech and in the power of God; with weapons of righteousness in the right hand and in the left; ⁸ through glory and dishonor, bad report and good report; genuine, yet regarded as impostors; ⁹ known, yet regarded as unknown; dying, and yet we live on; beaten, and yet not killed; ¹⁰ sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; poor, yet making many rich; having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

Gospel

Mark 12:38-44

³⁸ As he taught, Jesus said, “Watch out for the teachers of the law. They like to walk around in flowing robes and be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, ³⁹ and have the most important seats in the synagogues and the places of honor at banquets. ⁴⁰ They devour widows’ houses and for a show make lengthy prayers. These men will be punished most severely.” ⁴¹ Jesus sat down opposite the place where the offerings were put and watched the crowd putting their money into the temple treasury. Many rich people threw in large amounts. ⁴² But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a few cents. ⁴³ Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. ⁴⁴ They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything—all she had to live on.”

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