



GRACE
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TO ALL WHO ARE SPIRITUALLY WEAK & SEEK REST, WHO MOURN & LONG FOR COMFORT
WHO STRUGGLE & DESIRE VICTORY, WHO SIN & NEED A SAVIOR,
WHO ARE STRANGERS & WANT FELLOWSHIP,
WHO HUNGER & THIRST FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS, AND TO WHOSEVER WILL COME,
THIS CHURCH OPENS WIDE HER DOORS & OFFERS WELCOME
IN THE NAME OF THE **LORD JESUS CHRIST.**

Our Worship and Celebration
(Second Sunday In Lent)

God Welcomes Us

GATHERING HYMN

v.1 - Hymn #281

Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven to earth come down,
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling; all Thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, Thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love Thou art;
Visit us with Thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.

Leader: The Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Rusty Mosley

PRELUDE

“Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days”

- arr. Smith

(“✠” please stand if you are able.)

✠ CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Praise the Lord, O my soul. I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.

People: Blessed are they whose hope is in the Lord their God, the maker of heaven and earth and the sea and everything in them: the Lord, who remains faithful forever.

Leader: He upholds the cause of the oppressed and gives food to the hungry. The Lord sets prisoners free, the Lord gives sight to the blind, the Lord lifts up those that are bowed down.

People: The Lord watches over the alien and sustains the fatherless and the widow but he frustrates the ways of the wicked. The Lord reigns forever. Praise him.

✠ HYMN

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

Hymn #295

✠ PRAYER OF ADORATION

God Cleanses Us

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord and Heavenly Father, we confess that in these recent days we have hungered and thirsted for many things in order to avoid coming to you in brokenness. Much of our anger has not been righteous and we have struggled to trust you with vengeance. We have seen our narcissism in a focus on self rather than those who have suffered great loss.

Rather than cry out to you with passion and weep for those who have suffered, we have numbed ourselves with distractions. Rather than grieve we have gorged ourselves with news, speculation, and the stories of others. We have avoided hard questions and in running from the opportunity to lament we have become less human. From our mouths have come empty and vain platitudes.

Forgive us for our sins, purify our struggle, and bring us to a place of true lament for our nation, for those who have suffered, and for our own hearts. Hear us now as we lift our personal confessions to you . . .

(Silent Confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

✠ HYMN OF ASSURANCE

“Gloria Patri”

Hymn # 705

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, Amen.

God Strengthens Us through His Word and Sacrament

FIRST READING

Isaiah 55:1-2 (p.615)

¹ “Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. ² Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.”

Psalms 34:8a (p.464)

⁸ Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good!

Psalms 63:5a (p.479)

⁵ My soul will be satisfied as with fat and rich food.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

SECOND READING

Matthew 4:1-4 (p.809)

¹ Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ² And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. ³ And the tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.” ⁴ But he answered, “It is written,

“Man shall not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.””

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Jesus Was Tempted - Part 2
“God Is Our Food”

Rev. Rusty Mosley

✠ **The Apostles' Creed:**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ his only son our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic* Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*(*the true Christian church of all times and places)*

God Sends Us

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

All: 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

MINISTRY OF MERCY—TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

"Lenten Meditation"

- Peterson

✠ **DOXOLOGY**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

✠ **HYMN**

"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"

Hymn #191

✠ **BENEDICTION**

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

vs. 3 - Hymn #281

Come, Almighty to deliver, let us all Thy grace receive;
Suddenly return, and never, nevermore Thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, serve Thee as Thy hosts above,
Pray, and praise Thee without ceasing, glory in Thy perfect love.

POSTLUDE

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

- arr. Berry

(Please be seated during the postlude to reflect on the worship service, consider God’s Word, and prepare your response as you follow Christ’s light into the world.)

Announcements:

- ◇ We will have **The Lord’s Supper** every Sunday during the Easter Season (Easter Sunday through Pentecost Sunday). If you would like more information about why we are doing this, there is a brochure on the back table for you to take and read.
- ◇ The Mission and Evangelism Team invites the church to come together and serve Bethlehem House on **Serving Saturday** March 30 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m. We will meet in the Bethlehem House parking lot to clean up the flower beds. A sign up sheet is in the hallway.
- ◇ Please join Pastor Rusty for an **Inquirer’s Luncheon** on March 31 at 11:30 a.m. Rusty will give an introduction to our church for those interested in membership or just learning more about our church. Contact the church office if you wish to add your name to the list. 501-504-6899
- ◇ Monthly collections for **Haven House and Life Choices** are still being taken. An updated list for Haven House can be found on the box and on the back table in the sanctuary.
- ◇ **Tacos 4 Life** - Feed My Starving Children Mobile Pack will be held March 29 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. A sign up sheet is on the bulletin board in the hallway.
- ◇ If you are visiting with us today, please fill out the visitor card found on the pew Bible and drop it in the offering plate. Check the boxes and let us know if you would like more information about our church or if you would like us to pray for you.

Prayer Concerns:

Bill Conner; Charlie Cullum, friend of Annette Sackhoff; Stuart Dornblaser, brother-in-law of Ken Hunter; Jeannene Ellis, sister-in-law of Herman and Betty Ellis; Jason Hays, friend of Kevin Tucker; Jimmy and Nancy Higgins; Steve Hoffman, friend of Nancy Davis with cancer and transplant need; Dub Holt; Charles Jordan; Ann Moss, mother of Debbie McConkie; Gene Murphy, father of Annette Sackhoff; Jenetta Murphy, mom of Annette Sackhoff; Revis Family; Elaine Williams, relative of Pat Denton.



Season of Lent: Dear People of God: The first Christians observed with great devotion the days of our Lord’s passion and resurrection, and it became the custom of the Church to prepare for them a season of penitence and fasting. This season of Lent provided a time in which converts to the faith were prepared for Holy baptism.

Thereby, the whole congregation was put in mind of the message of pardon and absolution set forth in the Gospel of our Savior and of the need which all Christians continually have to renew their repentance and faith.

I invite you, therefore, in the name of the Church, to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God’s holy Word. And, to make a right beginning of repentance, and as a mark of our mortal nature, let us now kneel before the Lord, our maker and redeemer.



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