



3rd Sunday in Lent

GATHERING: The Spirit Calls Us Together

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

Call to Worship

Gathering Song

"Guide My Feet"

Greeting

Kyrie

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Prayer of the Day

Special Music

"Light of a Clear Blue Morning"

Chancel & MS/HS Choirs

WORD: We Hear God in Scripture & Preaching

Children's Message

Psalm 95:1-7... O come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! ² Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise! ³ For the LORD is a great God and a great King above all gods. ⁴ In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also. ⁵ The sea is his, for he made it, and the dry land, which his hands have formed. ⁶ O come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker! ⁷ For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. O that today you would listen to his voice!

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Matthew 24:1-14...As Jesus came out of the temple and was going away, his disciples came to point out to him the buildings of the temple. ² Then he asked them, "You see all these, do you not? Truly I tell you, not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down." ³ When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him privately, saying, "Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?" ⁴ Jesus answered them, "Beware that no one leads you astray. ⁵ For many will come in my name, saying, 'I am the Messiah!' and they will lead many astray. ⁶ And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars; see that you are not alarmed, for this must take place, but the end is not yet. ⁷ For nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom, and there will be famines and earthquakes in various places: ⁸ all this is but the beginning of the birth pangs. ⁹ "Then they will hand you over to be tortured and will put you to death, and you will be hated by all nations because of my name. ¹⁰ Then many will fall away, and they will betray one another and hate one another. ¹¹ And many false prophets will arise and lead many astray. ¹² And because of the increase of lawlessness, the love of many will grow cold. ¹³ But the one who endures to the end will be saved. ¹⁴ And this good news of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the world, as a testimony to all the nations, and then the end will come.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Message Pastor Heather Grell

Hymn of the Day

"Jesus is a Rock in a Weary Land"

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Prayers

Sharing God's Peace

MEAL: God Feeds us with the Presence of Jesus

Offering

Special Music

Offertory

"Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery" Vs 1 & Lent 3

Great Thanksgiving

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Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

Communion

Communion Songs

"Lamb of God"
"Faithful"

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Communion Blessing

Post-Communion Prayer

SENDING: Being Loved, God Sends Us to Love

Blessing

Sending Song

"Rock of Ages"

Dismissal

Postlude

Announcements

- ⇒ **Food Pantry** Our next food pantry is Thursday, March 19th from 5 to 7pm. [CLICK HERE](#) to help. As part of our mission to Feed the Hungry, our food bags include 2 cans each of fruit, tuna and soup. During our pantry distributions, we provide up to 155 food bags each pantry distribution day! Recent sale prices allowed our blue bin donations to overflow with soup allowing us to use funds on other items for the last pantry distribution! Truly a blessing! Every item donated from our pantry shopping list is very much appreciated. This week our specific focus will be fruit, tuna and soup.
- ⇒ **Altar Flowers** for 2026 are available for purchase for \$47. Please [click here](#) to sign up or contact the church office.
- ⇒ **15 Minute Lenten Meditation** led by Paula McDonald. You're invited to a short time of scripture, silent meditation and discussion. This is held Sundays at 11:30 AM and Wednesdays at 6:00 PM in the Sunday school hall meeting room. All ages and abilities are welcome.
- ⇒ **Lenten Worship Services** Join us Wednesday's in Lent at 6:30 pm for our Lenten Worship Services.
- ⇒ **Lenten Offerings** Our Lenten offerings this year will go towards the mission and ministry of San Andrés Iglesia Luterana in South Omaha. Our gifts will help to support their vision: *San Andrés is called to proclaim the Gospel by being a sign and witness of God's inclusive and universal love. Our commitment is to actively respond to the needs of our immigrant community, especially low-income ones, by creating educational-pastoral programs, and opportunities for engagement and community service that transform lives and promote change in our community.*
- ⇒ **Day Without Shoes** Getting ready to clean some closets? Are your shoe racks overflowing? If so, it's a perfect time to join the "Day Without Shoes" campaign. During the month of March, we are gathering gently-used and new shoes. **All types and sizes are needed.** This collection is part of a larger community event, sponsored by Cornhusker Bank, to benefit the Stephen Center, other local shelters, and schools in our area. Shoe insecurity is a very real issue for many people in our community and your donation matters! To donate, simply place your shoes in the marked cart in the Narthex. (If possible, please buckle or tie shoes together so pairs don't get separated.)
- ⇒ **Lunch Bunch** will meet Wednesday, March 18th at 11:30am at Longhorn Steak House off 74th and Dodge. This requires reservations, if interested please call Linda at 402-690-3342.
- ⇒ **Giving through Venmo** You can support the ministries of Holy Cross via Venmo. Find us on Venmo @HolyCrossLutheran.

Calendar for Upcoming Week

Sunday, March 8

Daylight Savings Time Begins
9:30 am Worship
10:40 am Sunday School/Adult Forum
10:50 am MS/HS Ensemble
11:00 am MS/HS Bell Choir
3:00 pm Girl Scout Troop 48012 Mtg

Monday, March 9

6:30 pm Boy Scouts
9:00 pm CMA Meeting

Tuesday, March 10

7:00 pm Rachel Circle
7:30 pm AA Meeting

Wednesday, March 11

12:30 pm Tai Chi Balance Class
6:00 pm Confirmation/Uke Choir
6:30 pm Youth Worship
7:00 pm Radical Ringers/Youth Group

Thursday, March 12

6:00 pm Finance Committee Mtg
6:30pm Carolon Bell Choir
7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Friday, March 13

1:00 pm Knitting in the Narthex
6:45pm AA—Good Orderly Direction

Saturday, March 14

9:30 am Sarah Circle at Holy Cross

Sunday, March 15

9:30 am Worship
10:40 am Sunday School/Adult Forum
10:50 am MS/HS Ensemble
11:00 am MS/HS Bell Choir

Prayer Requests from our Church Community

Member Concerns: Julie Leahy; Anna Mae Carlson; Ashley Roberts; Norm Firkins; Donna McCoy; Connie Mertz.

Friends and Relatives: Georgia Jennings, niece of Walter Roberts; Gordon Blake, father of Alisa Krueger; Paisley & Porter Rodriguez, friends of Eric Gitt; Pablo Adame, great-grandson of Connie Mertz; Kim Jones, sister-in-law of Trisha Ryan; Jim O'Grady, uncle of Pastor Heather Grell; Scott Matheson, brother in law of Julie Noteman; Joshua Perilo, son of Sharon Perilo; Savannah Barb, cousin of Emma & Geno Roberts; Sonrisa Lewis, friend of the Harvey family; Ken Gross, cousin of Julie Noteman; Josh Moreau, friend of Wendy Brenner's family; Nancy Bartell, sister-in-law of Peg Schneider; Michael Schadendorf, grandfather of Edith and Tanya Valandra; Dave Huggins, friend of Jim & Peg Schneider; Mya Calendar, daughter of Trisha Ryan; Opal Calendar, foster granddaughter of Trisha Ryan; Kelsey Schneider, daughter of Jim & Peg Schneider; Theresa Ramelb, friend of Jacque Petersen; Shari Jensen, friend of Ed Krueger; Linda Anderson, Barb Kay's sister; Aaron McDonald and Family and Caregivers, McDonald's grandson.