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LESSONS FROM JESUS

# That which DEFILES

Again Jesus called the crowd to him and said,  
“Listen to me, everyone, and understand this.  
Nothing outside a person can defile them by going into them.  
Rather, it is what comes out of a person that defiles them.”

Mark 7:14 NIV



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4 Lent – March 15, 2026

9:30 AM Worship – 10:45 AM Sunday School

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## *God Gathers His People to Worship*

Welcome & Announcements

Opening Prayer

Sharing the Peace of the Lord

Song **“In the Cross of Christ I Glory”**

**LBW 104**

Confession & Forgiveness

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P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*(Silence for reflection)*

P: Most merciful God,

**P & C: we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

## God Speaks to Us in His Holy Word

### Scripture Lessons:

Psalm 138:1-8

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Romans 14:13-19

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### Children's Sermon

Song **"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"**

**GHF 118**

Sermon Text: Mark 7:14-23

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Sermon **"That Which Defiles"**

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## Give Thanks to God

Song **"Were You There"**

**LBW 92**

Apostles Creed

Offering

Prayers of the Church

## Celebration of Holy Communion

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

Distribution

Communion Blessing

## God Calls Us to Serve

Song **"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!"** (v. 1,3,6,7) **LBW 328**

Benediction

*Enter to Worship - Depart to Serve*

**Thank you** for joining us this morning to worship our Lord! Please join us for coffee and cookies in the fellowship hall following the service. Today, we continue the six-part sermon series entitled, **Lessons from Jesus**. These six sermons are based on the gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke and represent some of my favorite teachings and miracles.

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**March 8 General Offering: \$4474.00 Attendance: 116**

**March Mission Fund Offering: \$1247.00 month to date**

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**Greeters** March 15—Coby & Brooke Johnson

March 22—Doug & Susan Holter

March 29—Jim & Kathy Holter

**Ushers** March 15 & 22—Todd Strand & Bill Hoffman

March 29 & April 5—Lee DeHaan & Spencer DeHaan

**Communion Servers** Scott Vanden Berge, Derek Wollman, Jason Huizenga

**Available for Prayer (Classroom #3)** Jerry Dykstra & Jan DuFrain

**Coffee Cookie Servers**

March 15—Marla Tegethoff, Emily VandenHoek, Laura Vanden Berge

March 22—Sue Vanderboom, Deb VanDerWerff, Joyce VanderHam

March 29—Lizzy Warejcka, Sharon Warejcka, Wendy Wollman

**The Mission Board has designated the Marion Medical Mission as our March Mission of the month. Total giving to the Wells Project for 2025 was \$6,573.00, for almost 14 wells!** Thirteen wells have already been built in villages in 4 different countries: *Malawi, Zambia, Tanzania and Mozambique*, with a total of 1605 people in those villages now have healthy, clean drinking water. They no longer have to drink water from contaminated streams and waterholes. The lifespan of these 1605 people have been significantly increased because they now have clean water to drink. Thank you for giving the gift of life with the gift of clean water.

In January 2026, we raised \$612.86 for another 1.29 wells. Let's see how many more wells we can sponsor this year! ***If you would like to donate, please make checks payable to Trinity Lutheran Church and note on check memo or in offering envelope "Mission Fund."***

**THANK YOU** to all who donated food, money, and time to prepare, serve, and clean up after the soup supper! ***A special THANKS to everyone who came and shared the meal—it was a great evening!***

**Today we will be celebrating Holy Communion.**

Visitors are welcome to share with us the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, given and shed for us, for the forgiveness of sins.

**Church Council** meets this Monday, March 16 at 7:00 PM

As we've done every year since I've been here, we will once again hold **Lenten Worship Services** at Twilight Vista and Avera Care Center, alternating between the two on Monday afternoons at 2:00 PM. Each service will consist of singing several Lenten hymns, three scripture readings, a short message, and Holy Communion. Following the service, we will fellowship with the residents, sharing baked goods, coffee, and our lives. Come join Shirley Johnson and me in brightening the lives of our senior citizens.

<b>Dates:</b>	<b>Location:</b>	<b>Time:</b>
March 16, 30	Avera Care Center	2:00 PM
March 23	Twilight Vista	2:00 PM

**Priscilla Bible Study Group** will meet Thursday, March 19 at 9 AM studying Lesson 3

Leader: Shirley Johnson, Hostess: Mary Beth Kuiper

**Hannah Bible Study Group** will meet Thursday, March 19 at 1:30 PM studying Lesson 3

Leader: Peggy Martin

**Sleep in Heavenly Peace quilting** will be on Monday, March 23 at Trinity Lutheran Church, starting at 10:00 AM. Come when you can, leave when you must, lunch will be provided. Come in the door labeled office, and we are located in the basement. (Elevator provided). Bags of fabric ready to sew will be on a table in the southwest corner of the fellowship hall, if you would like to grab and sew at home. All welcome!

## Holy Week Worship Schedule

**Palm Sunday Worship Service:** Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am

*\*Kids are invited to wave palm branches during songs\**

**Maundy Thursday Service:** Thursday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 pm  
*with Communion*

**Good Friday Service:** Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 pm

**Easter Morning Breakfast:** Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup> serving from 8:30-9:00 AM

**Easter Sunday Service:** Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am

We will not have Sunday School or fellowship time following worship but we hope you join us BEFORE worship on **Easter morning for breakfast** (serving from 8:30-9 AM) hosted by the students going to summer camp this summer. They will be serving egg bakes, rolls, fresh fruit, juice and coffee. Free will donation - all proceeds go to our campers.

**Instructions for First Communion for our 5<sup>th</sup> graders** will begin Tuesday, April 7<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 – 5:15 PM in the church council room. We will also meet on Tuesdays, April 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, and 28<sup>th</sup>. First Communion will be celebrated on Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at our 9:30 AM worship service.

**Legacy Five** will be in concert TODAY Sunday, March 15 at 3:00 pm. Doors open at 2:00 pm. Advanced tickets are \$35 - the day of the concert \$40 - 10 and under are free. Tickets available at BankWest in Gregory or by calling Geoff 605-830-1545

**New Hope Women's Retreat** at New Hope on April 18, 2026, 8am-5pm  
*Join us for a time of fellowship and growing in faith!*

*"Beloved: Knowing the Extravagant Love of Christ"*

Speaker Chris Bordewyk, Worship led by Jasmin Cwach

Registration \$100 (get \$20 off if registered before April 4!)

<http://www.newhopechristiancamp.org> for more information.

## Prayer Praises and Concerns

### **Those in nursing and assisted living homes or home-bound:**

Mary Lee Erickson, Joan Falor, Ruth Gruenig, Laura Johnson,  
George & Nancy Miller, Caroline Peterson

### **Please pray for:**

- Praise God Howard Severson is recovering well at home from surgery on March 2nd to repair an aneurysm in his aortic arch. Pray he & his loved ones would know the Lord's peace & comfort during his recovery, that God would protect him from complications & infections, that God would heal him quickly, & would give Howard a new lease on life.
- Praise God Mary Beth Kuiper's meeting with her lung doctor went well on March 5th. Please pray her immunotherapy goes well on March 16th. Pray God would relieve her back pain, remove all cancer from her body, and increase her strength & energy. Thank God Larry is doing well. Please pray for his continued health & well-being so he can provide good care for Mary Beth. Pray they both would feel the Lord's presence, comfort, love, peace, & strength throughout.
- Praise God Amy Ringling is home and recovering well from her surgery. Pray God will heal Amy quickly & completely & that all her tests would yield encouraging results. Please pray Amy, her husband, Ryan, and their children, Hudson, Emerson, & Logan would know the Lord's comfort, love, peace, & strength throughout this trial. Pray that same blessing over her entire extended family.
- Praise God Kay Stern (close friend of Pr. Dave & Peggy in WI) is recovering well from her recent surgeries. The implants worked! Her tremors have stopped! Thank you for your prayers for Kay. Please pray for her continued healing & for her & her husband, Jim, to feel the Lord's presence, comfort, love, peace, & strength throughout.
- Praise God Larry Tucker continues to recover well at home. Please pray God would restore Larry's strength & energy & would ease his breathing. Pray Evelyn's thinking would be clearer. Pray he & Evelyn would feel the Lord's comfort, love, strength, & peace throughout.
- Praise God Pearl Feiok continues to improve from her year-end surgery & that follow-up appointments have yielded good news. Please continue to pray her eyes would not be so light-sensitive. Pray the removal of the stent from her kidney would go well on March 25th. Pray for God's healing, protection, & provision to be upon her, & for her to feel the Lord's comfort, love, strength, & peace throughout.

- Please pray for LeRoy Severson as he recovers from his thyroid surgery & subsequent treatment. Thank God doctors say the radioactive iodine is doing what it is meant to do. Pray God would: eradicate all cancer from his body, protect him from any side effects of his treatment, restore his strength & energy levels, & regulate his body temperature. Pray LeRoy, Stacy, & all their loved ones would know God's comfort, love, peace, & strength throughout.
- Please keep Jacob Daum, his wife, Alicia, and their children Braeden, Brynlee, & Bennet in your prayers during Jacob's deployment to Germany. He will be gone for 10 to 12 months. Please pray for God's protection over Jacob, Alicia, & the kids. Pray for their health, safety, and well-being, and for all of them to feel the Lord's love, peace, joy, & provision in their time away from one another. Jacob is the son of Dan & Phyllis Daum.
- Praise God Beau Koopal continues to do well in his battle with MOGAD. Pray for God's continued healing over Beau & for Beau & his loved ones to feel God's close-abiding presence, love, comfort, peace, & strength in this trial. Pray Beau would soon receive a diagnosis telling him he is healed of this disease.
- Praise God Pr. Dave's & Peggy's daughter-in-law, Koni, had her application for a visa approved. Pray the remaining process could be fast-tracked so she could soon be here with John in the U.S. Pray for Koni & John, who were married over a year ago, that God would keep their love for one another strong & would soon allow them to live together as husband & wife.