



Your attitude should be
the same as that of
Christ Jesus:
Who, being in very nature
GOD...
made himself nothing...
and became obedient to death—
even death on a cross!
PHILIPPIANS 2:5

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Worship: 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School and Bible Class: 10:45 a.m.

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PRAYER: Oh God, You declare in Your Word that You do not want to see the sinner die, but that he turn from his sinful way and live. To this end You sent Your Son, Jesus Christ, to suffer and die for our sins, and You have called us to repentance and faith in His name. Today I come to You confessing my sin, and yet trusting that for Jesus' sake You grant me forgiveness for all my sins. As I come to Your Table to receive Jesus' body and blood, the sacrifice offered for my sins, may Your Spirit strengthen my faith that I might grow in Your grace and the new man might arise and lead me to live to the glory of Your holy name. In Jesus' name. Amen.

THE ORDER OF SERVICE: p. 15

HYMNS: 394; 370; 307; 313:1

THE RESPONSIVE INTROIT: (Psalm 69:14-16, 9 NKJV)

Deliver me out of the mire,

And let me not sink;

Let me be delivered from those who hate me,

And out of the deep waters.

¹⁵ Let not the floodwater overflow me,

Nor let the deep swallow me up;

And let not the pit shut its mouth on me.

¹⁶ Hear me, O Lord, for Your lovingkindness *is* good;

Turn to me according to the multitude of Your tender mercies.

⁹ Because zeal for Your house has eaten me up,

**And the reproaches of those who reproach You
have fallen on me.**

Glory be to the Father...

THE EPISTLE LESSON: Hebrews 12:1-4

In time of trouble, distress, or persecution, where should one look for strength? The world may advise to look deep within oneself, or look to one's friends. "Looking to Jesus ... who ... endured the cross, despising the shame," is the Spirit's answer. Keep looking to Jesus who delivered us from our greatest distress, sin and death,

February 18, 2018

1st Sunday in Lent

and you will possess both direction and strength that leads to eternal life.

THE PASSION LESSON: In the Upper Room

Jesus teaches the meaning of greatness is found in humble service as He washes the disciples' feet. Let us remember the disciples is not greater than his Master. Jesus has given us an example of humble and lowly service. He alternative is to be so caught up in one's own desires that we lose sight of the Lord Jesus in our lives, as did Judas, who conspired to betray Jesus, and was lost.

THE SERMON: Hebrews 6:19-20

Theme: He Is Our Security

- I. His Sacrificial Death Made Complete Atonement for our Sins
- II. His Redeeming Blood Anchors our Hope of Eternal Life

THE DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

The most wondrous assurance of His peace that God brings us is found in His coming to us in a visible way. Our Lord Jesus tells us that His body, the very body sacrificed on the cross for our sins, and His blood, the same blood that was shed for the remission of our sins, is literally present as we eat of the bread and drink of the wine in the Lord's Supper. As penitent sinners receive His body and blood we also receive His personal intimate assurance that He abides with us in peace. It is therefore important that communicants be able to examine themselves and repent of their sins before receiving the sacrament. If you are a visitor here please arrange to speak with the pastor before communing with us.

CALENDAR

TODAY: Sunday school and Church Council follow after the service.

TUESDAY: Catechism class at 4:15.

WEDNESDAY: Midweek Lenten meditations. Supper serving begins at 6:00. Lenten meditation begins at 7:00. Theme for our Midweek meditations is "*The Redeemer of the World.*" This Wednesday's text: *Matthew 26:47-50. "The Redeemer of the World Betrayed."*

NEXT SUNDAY: Worship at 9:30 with Sunday school and Bible class following the service. Sermon text: *Hebrews 10:19-20.* Sunday Lent meditations will be based on the theme: "Looking to Jesus Who Endured the Cross."

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL:

Attendance: Feb. 11 Worship - 22 Sunday school 2; Bible Class - 12
Feb. 14 – Ash Wednesday - 15

Weekly Offerings Needed	\$ 1,221.00	Other Offerings:	
Offerings Received	\$760.00	Prop Imprv. Fund:	\$100.00
Needed for Year:	\$7,326.00		
Received for Year:	\$5,383.00		

SERVING TODAY

Organist: Denise Barthels

Ushers: Randy Berg, Luke Berg, Melvin Eichstadt, Leon Hellickson

February Cleaning – Ubl

GEMS FROM PSALMS AND PROVERBS

Psalm 37:7-8

“⁷Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for Him;

Do not fret because of him who prospers in his way,
Because of the man who brings wicked schemes to pass.

⁸Cease from anger, and forsake wrath;

Do not fret—*it only causes harm..*” (NKJV)