

March 23rd, 2025 Third Sunday of Lent.

Thought to ponder: *"I believe many of us are overnourished on entertainment junk food and undernourished on the bread of life"* Dallin H. Oaks

Welcome

Announcements, Life & Work of the Church

Prelude: El Shaddai (God Almighty)

Passing the peace:

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Acknowledgement of the Territories

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Call to Worship

One: Listen, siblings of faith. Today, you will receive the good news of Jesus.

All: The bread of life satisfies our hunger and thirst.

One: Today, God will speak to us, filling our hearts and healing our souls.

All: The bread of life loves us and knows our needs.

One: Today, there will be enough bread for all, enough to mend every broken place.

All: The bread of life has come to sustain us. Believing this promise, let us worship together!

Hymn: VU #401 Worship the Lord 1,4,5

**Worship the Lord (worship the Lord)
Worship the Father,
the Spirit, the Son,
Raising our hands (raising our hands)
In devotion to God who is one!**

Raising our hands as a sign of rejoicing,
And with our lips our togetherness voicing,
Giving ourselves to a life of creativeness,
Worship and work must be one!

Refrain

Bringing the bread and the
wine to the table,
Asking that we may be led and enabled,
Truly united to build new communities,
Worship and work must be one!

Refrain

Now in response to the life you are giving,
Help us, O Father, to offer our living,
Seeking a just and a healing society,
Worship and work must be one!

Refrain

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Gathering Prayer

**God our daily provider, you call us into
community, banish our emptiness, and
meet us in ordinary things like our
daily bread. As we gather in worship,
open our hearts to your voice and our
hands to your provision. Teach us to
trust in your abundance, to share what**

we have, and to pray boldly: "Give us this day our daily bread." May this time of worship nourish us with your truth and prepare us to share your love in the world. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION and
ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: Often, we overlook...sins of ingratitude and greed together.

All: God of abundance, we confess we overlook your daily provision. We take your gifts for granted, longing for what we do not have instead of treasuring what we do. Our hearts are often filled with envy, and our desires pull us away from gratitude. Forgive us, O God. Open our eyes to your faithfulness and teach us to live with contentment and thanksgiving. We trust that you provide all we truly need.

-Silence-

Receive the Grace of God.

Children's time: Jesus told us to pray

Hymn: MV #201 I am the Bread of Life x2

**I am the bread of life
Broken for the world,
I am the cup poured out for all.**

**Those who believe in me
Will never die.
I am the life of the world.**

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Prayer of Illumination:

**Scripture
Matthew 6: 9-13**

Ministry of Music: The Face of Jesus

Reflection: Bread for Each Day

Hymn: VU #959 The Lord's Prayer
Our Father in heaven,
Hallowed be your name,
Your kingdom come,
Your will be done
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today
our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as
We forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
And deliver us from evil
for the kingdom, the power
and the glory are yours,
now and forever.

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Prayers of the People

One: Loving One;

All: Give us this day our daily bread.

The Lord's Prayer

**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 trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass
against us; and lead us not into
temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the
power, and the glory, for ever and
ever. Amen.**

Invitation to Generosity:

Prayer of Dedication

**Holy God, receive these humble gifts
and bless those who give with steady
daily provision. Help us steward these
gifts wisely and multiply our resources
to do good work in faith. Amen.**

Hymn: VU #468 Let Us Talents and

Tongues Employ

Let us talents and tongues employ,
Reaching out with a shout of joy:
Bread is broken, the wine is poured,
Christ is spoken and seen and heard.

**Jesus lives again,
earth can breathe again,
Pass the Word around:
loaves abound!**

**Jesus lives again,
earth can breathe again,
Pass the Word around:
loaves abound!**

Christ is able to make us one,
At the table he sets the tone,
Teaching people to live to bless,
Love in word and in deed express.

Refrain

Jesus calls us in, sends us out,
Bearing fruit in a world of doubt,
Gives us love to tell, bread to share:
God (Immanuel) everywhere!

Refrain

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Affirmation of Faith:

**We believe God created a world to
provide for our needs with abundant
nourishment. We believe God wants
everyone to have the food they need
to thrive. We believe God calls us to
share our bread with those who
hunger. We believe that in God's
kin(g)dom, there is enough for
everyone. We believe the bread of life
is not just for the body but also for the
soul. We believe the Spirit of God
inspires us to work for justice so all
people have what they need.**

**We believe that when we break bread
together we experience a glimpse of
God's feast of love, which is available
to everyone. Amen**

Benediction:

Sung Benediction: The Lord Bless You

**The Lord bless you
The Lord keep you
May his love ever,
Always surround you,
Protect you and guide you,
In all that you do.
Our prayer for you.
Amen.**



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Announcements

March 23rd, 2025 3rd Sunday of Lent.

Reader for this week: Muriel

Reader for next week: Sue Ness

Greeter this week: Muriel and John

Greeter next week: Donna Hall

Tellers this week: Susan and Lori

Tellers next week: John and Muriel

A/V this week: John

A/V next week: Lloyd

Sunday 9:30 Coffee Time via Zoom
10:00 Sunday Service

AGM AFTER THE SERVICE

Wednesday 6:00 Choir Rehearsal

Thursday 6:00 Kiwanis Bob and Sue
6:30 Youth Group

Next Sunday 9:30 Coffee Time via Zoom
10:00 Sunday Service via
Facebook and Zoom

AGM after the service. There will be 3 vacant positions to fill on the board. There are 4 positions as regional reps to be filled. Nominations will be taken from the floor. The AGM will be café style. Please bring some cookies, treats or snacks.

A Lenten Program is available: if you would like a copy of the book 31 short spiritual practices, please contact the office to get your copy. It can be electronic or printed.

Minutes from the board will be posted on the bulletin board by the sanctuary doors as they are approved.

Good News and Caring Corner: If you have some good news you want shared with the congregation, let us know and we'll pass it on. If there is someone you think should have a card from the caring corner for whatever reason, please see the attendant in the corner, or call the office.

Offering Envelopes are available at the office or on the table in the entryway. If you are using them for the first time, be sure to have your name and address on the first one so we can get you your tax

receipt at the end of the year.

Grocery Cards: It's an easy fundraiser as we all buy groceries so why not do it via grocery cards as it results in income for the church. We will be available (as we are able) before and after church for you to purchase cards. As well, cards are available for purchase in the office during regular business hours.

Contact information: Please keep your contact information and addresses updated so we can get information out to you. An inaccurate address may lead to delays for tax receipts. Thanks.

A reminder that you may be on our video presentation as we are broadcasting our services on Facebook.

Join in or listen to any of the Zoom calls via Internet using the link:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/179750852?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/179750852?pwd=7IAYtPHcGTE)

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If you know of anyone needing help, please contact the office or Rev. Jenn Brown