



March 9, 2025 – First Sunday in Lent

As We Gather: The sermon series for the Sundays during Lent is entitled, “Words from the Upper Room”. In his Gospel John devotes five chapters (John 13-17), almost a fourth of his Gospel, to giving us an account of what happened in that Upper Room as Jesus met with His disciples to celebrate the Passover for the last time. In this series, we will look at some of the words Jesus spoke to His disciples that night and see the timeless messages they have for us as Christ’s followers 2,000 years later. Our theme for today is: “Commanded by Example”.

Service of Prayer and Preaching

Welcome

Hymn: LSB 430 “My Song Is Love Unknown”

Opening Versicles

Pastor: This is the day the Lord has made;

People: **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Pastor: From the rising of the sun to its setting,

People: **The name of the Lord is to be praised.**

Pastor: Return to the Lord, your God, for He is gracious and merciful

People: **Slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

Pastor: Jesus said, “O new commandment I give unto you, that you love one another:

People: **Just as I have loved You, you also are to love one another.**

Pastor: Christ was wounded for our transgressions.

People: **He was bruised for our iniquities.**

Pastor: From the rising of the sun to its setting,

People: **The name of the Lord is to be praised.**

All: **Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Confession of Sins and Absolution

Pastor: Let us now make confession of our sins to God our heavenly Father as people redeemed by Christ.

(Moment of silence for personal reflection and confession.)

People: **Merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We repent of having sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. We have left undone those things we ought to have done; we have done those things we ought not to have done. We have not lived our lives fully in the baptismal grace with which we have been blessed. We have not completely shared the bounty You have given us as stewards of Your creation. We sincerely repent of our sins and humbly ask Your grace and forgiveness in Jesus Christ. By the renewing work of the Holy Spirit, forgive what is sinful in our lives, and grant that each day we grow in righteousness and godly living to the glory of Your holy name.**

Pastor: God has promised pardon, life, and salvation because of the atoning sacrifice of His beloved Son. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Old Testament Cantic (*Music in hymnal: LSB pages 261 & 262*)

Refrain: **The Lord God is my strength and my song, and He has become my salvation.**

With joy will you draw water from the wells of salvation. And you will say in that day: "Give thanks to the Lord, call upon His name, make known His deeds among the peoples, proclaim that His name is exalted." Refrain:

Sing praises to the Lord, for He has done gloriously; let this be made known in all the earth. Shout and sing for joy, O inhabitants of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

Refrain:

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen. Refrain:

Prayer of the Day

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray

Merciful Lord, because of Your mercy, we pray, deliver us from our pride and arrogance and bring us to repentance, that we may experience the healing of Your mercy, be comforted with a clear conscience through the forgiveness of sins, and serve in the obedience of faith; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, we pray.

People: Amen.

Old Testament Reading: Deuteronomy 26:1-11 (*The Israelites receive instructions about offering their firstfruits and remembering what God has done for them.*)

When you have entered the land the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance and have taken possession of it and settled in it, ²take some of the firstfruits of all that you produce from the soil of the land the LORD your God is giving you and put them in a basket. Then go to the place the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his Name ³and say to the priest in office at the time, "I declare today to the LORD your God that I have come to the land the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us." ⁴The priest shall take the basket from your hands and set it down in front of the altar of the LORD your God. ⁵Then you shall declare before the LORD your God: "My father was a wandering Aramean, and he went down into Egypt with a few people and lived there and became a great nation, powerful and numerous. ⁶But the Egyptians mistreated us and made us suffer, subjecting us to harsh labor. ⁷Then we cried out to the LORD, the God of our ancestors, and the LORD heard our voice and saw our misery, toil and oppression. ⁸So the LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with great terror and with signs and wonders. ⁹He brought us to this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey; ¹⁰and now I bring the firstfruits of the soil that you, LORD, have given me." Place the basket before the LORD your God and bow down before him. ¹¹Then you and the Levites and the foreigners residing among you shall rejoice in all the good things the LORD your God has given to you and your household.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading: Romans 10:8b-13 (*God's message of salvation is for everyone.*)

⁸ But what does it say? “The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart,”^[a] that is, the message concerning faith that we proclaim: ⁹ If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved. ¹¹ As Scripture says, “Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame.” ¹² For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, ¹³ for, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading: Luke 4:1-13 (*Jesus is tempted by Satan.*)

Pastor: Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness for forty days, being tempted by the devil. And He ate nothing during those days. And when they were ended, He was hungry. The devil said to Him, “If You are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread.” And Jesus answered him,

People: “It is written, ‘Man shall not live by bread alone.’”

Pastor: And the devil took Him up and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time, and said to Him, “To You I will give all this authority and their glory, for it has been delivered to me, and I give it to whom I will. If You, then, will worship me, it will all be Yours.” And Jesus answered him,

People: “It is written, ‘You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him only shall you serve.’”

Pastor: And he took Him to Jerusalem and set Him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to Him, “If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down from here, for it is written, ‘He will command His angels concerning You, to guard You,’ and ‘On their hands they will bear You up, lest You strike Your foot against a stone.’” And Jesus answered him,

People: “It is said, ‘You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.’”

Pastor: And when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from Him until an opportune time.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Responsory

Pastor: We have an advocate with the Father; Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.

People: He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.

Pastor: Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

People: He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.

Pastor: We have an advocate with the Father; Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.

People: He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.

Hymn: LSB 842 “Son of God, Eternal Savior”

Sermon: John 13:34-35 “Commanded by Example”

The Apostles Creed

All: 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 Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He

descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life + everlasting. Amen.

Hymn: LSB 425 "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

Offerings

Prayer of the Church

Pastor: In view of Your mercy, O Lord, we come in prayer to ask Your aid for the Church, the nation, the sick, and all people who have requested our prayers.

Pastor: Grant grace to Your Church and those who preach and teach Your Word, that they be faithful to Your Word and truth and that Your Church may prosper and many be brought to faith. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Guide and direct our nation in paths of goodness and virtue. Bless our president, governor, and all elected and appointed government officials, that we may be free to worship You in spirit and truth and live as godly citizens while on earth. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Deliver us from stubbornness of heart and willful desire that we may learn in all humility and patience and share with others the Gospel of the cross. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Look in compassion on all who cry to You for mercy and who bear any afflictions of body and soul, [*especially . . .*]. Grant them healing in accordance with Your will and patience until Your deliverance comes. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

(Any additional petitions will be included here.)

Pastor: Hear Your people, O Lord, who come to You at Your own invitation, with the concerns of our hearts and praise of our lips, trusting that You will grant us all things needful and protect us from all things harmful to our salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, we pray.

People: Amen.

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 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 forever and ever. Amen.

New Testament Cantic (*Music in hymnal: LSB pages 266 & 267*)

Refrain: **Christ has been raised from the dead! Alleluia. Alleluia.**

Christ our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed. Raised from the dead, He will never die again. Death has no more dominion over Him. Refrain:

Dying, Christ dies to sin, once for all. Living, He lives to God. Count yourselves as dead to sin and alive to god in "Christ Jesus, our Lord. Refrain:

Blessing

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Pastor: The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

People: **Amen.**

Hymn: "In Christ Alone"

- 1: **In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light my strength my song
This Cornerstone this solid Ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love what depths of peace When fears are stilled when strivings cease
My Comforter my All in All, here in the love of Christ I stand.**
- 2: **In Christ alone who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones He came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid, here in the death of Christ I live.**
- 3: **There in the ground His body lay, light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious Day, up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.**
- 4: **No guilt in life no fear in death, this is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I'll stand.**



ANNOUNCEMENTS for Week of March 9, 2025

Grace Lutheran Church 1120 S. Park Ave. Aurora, MO

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Family for the Week: **Don & Cindi Wolf**
Trinity, Freistatt - Rev. Jake Sletten

Prayers of Peace and Comfort

Prayers of Thanksgiving:

Prayers for Health and Healing:

Ervin Jung – (cousin of Kathy Holle – health and healing)

Complete Prayer List:

Temporary

Doug Bernard – (Cathy Munden's cousin's husband – health and healing)
Bob Brents – (health and healing)
Treaa Bussey – (friend of Pam Bowling – health and healing)
Michelle Cody – (Pastor Cody's wife – health and healing from heart issues)
Roger Harris – (Wendy's Dad – health and healing from flu)
Deborah Knotts – (our cleaning lady – health and healing)
Wendy Koenig – (friend of Heidi Costello – health and healing from flu)
healing) Michael & Jennifer Lampe – (health and healing from a car accident)
Cathy Munden – (health and healing – from upper respiratory infection)

Tabitha Packwood – (health & healing)
Steve Parker – (friend of Joanne Michel – health and healing surgery)
Suzanne Parsons – (friend of Sue Doss – health and healing)
Billy Schmells – (friend of Cheryl Lile – health and healing)
Robert Sick – (Ardella Frerich's granddaughter's husband)
Bill Thompson – (health and healing)
Bryan Velasco – (friend of Bernie Thomas – health and
Randy Wallace – (brother-in-law of Micki Gettman)
Thomas Williams – (Ruth Stoddard's friend)

Long Term

Diana Bauer – (daughter-in-law of Gladys Bauer – health & healing)
Jami Bauer – (relative of Gladys Bauer – peace and comfort)
Rick Bauer – (Gladys Bauer's son – health and healing from surgery)
Jill Bode – (niece of Rachel Sanford – health & healing, cancer)
Kathy Browne – (friend of Kathy Holle – health and healing)
Jackie Clark – (Micki Gettman's friend – healing from a broken-hip)
Dorthea Dennis – (health and healing)
Steve Doss – (friend of Harold Lampe – health & healing)
Jan Fisher – (daughter of Bill & Joanne Michel – health and healing)
Lois Gaddy – (friend of Gwen Lampe – health and healing)
Gary Gardner – (health and healing)
Jane Goodman – (health & healing)
Betty Gordon – (Health and healing)
Pastor Gary Griffin – (health & healing from cancer)
Vicki Heppard – (relative of Gladys Bauer – health & healing from cancer)

Ron Hicks – (friend of Glenda Enlow – health and healing)
Steve Hilton – (friend of Harold Lampe –health & healing, cancer)
Sheryl Holle – (Kathy Holle's cousin – health & healing, cancer)
Marty Jones – (Bobby Jones' mother – health)
Robbie Krueger – (friend of Kathy Holle)
Marybeth Lamp – (friend of Pam Bowling – health and healing)
Gary Lampe – (Pastor's brother – health and healing)
Pat Michel – (Bill Michel's Sister-In-Law – health & healing)
Larry Moennig – (friend of Harold Lampe – health & healing)
Margaret Seburn – (cousin of Joanne Michel – health and healing)
Ruth Stoddard – (health & healing)
Larry Swart – (friend of Bill Munden – health and healing)
Koopert Tutten – (Jeeper Meyer's Great-grandson healing)
Barbara Jean Wilson –Friend of Pam Bowling – health and healing)
June Winger – (Sharon Barlow's mother – health & healing)

THIS WEEK

Sunday	Mar. 9th	9:00 am - Happy Half Hour 9:30 am - Fellowship 10:00 am – Service
Monday	Mar. 10th	Braille - 9:00 am & 1:00 pm Ladies Bible Study in Freistatt - 1:30 pm
Tuesday	Mar. 11th	Circuit Pastor's meeting in Carthage - 9:30 am
Wednesday	Mar. 12th	Pastor in Office Pizza – 5:30 pm Service - 6:30 pm – Pastor Jake
Thursday	Mar. 13th	Pastor in Office
Sunday	Mar. 16th	9:00 am - Happy Half Hour 9:30 am - Fellowship 10:00 am – Service with Communion
Monday	Mar. 17th	Braille - 9:00 am & 1:00 pm Ladies Bible Study in Freistatt - 1:30 pm

Birthdays: Garrett Dean-Mar. 9; Tammy Stafford-Mar. 16

Anniversaries: None

Greeters	March	Ushers
03/09: Cheryl Lile & Gladys Bauer		09: Mitch Littler
03/16: Bill & Joanne Michel		16: Harold Lampe
03/23: Charlie & Edee Chambers		23: Charlie Chambers
03/30: Emily Ernest & Sue Doss		30: David Lampe



Choice Dollars: Please use them or lose them by March 31. If questions, ask Pam.

New Member Church Directory: We will be printing a new church directory in April. We will have a proof sheet for review of information. Please review the sheet and make any corrections as needed. You may also text me at 417-489-0413 or email changes to chambers120@gmail.com. Also, if you want a new picture, txt or email a selfie that you wish to include in the directory.

Lenten Lunches Start on March 12 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Verona. (212 N 2nd St.)

March 17th: Lutheran High School Concert – St. John's in Monett at 7:00 pm

April 5 (Saturday) Project Shine will be from 9 am to 12 pm at Camp Barnabas to help get ready for campers this summer. Please sign up! The sign-up sheet is in the narthex. If you have any questions, please contact Pam Bowling.

Now Hiring - Trinity Lutheran School in Freistatt.

- 5th grade teacher for 2025-2026

For more information, call 417-235-5931 & See the flyer on the bulletin board.

The **LWML Spring Gathering** will be held on Sunday, May 4th, at Stockton, Missouri. Registration begins at 2:30 pm. The gathering begins at 3:00 p.m. If you would like to attend, please let Edith Chambers know by April 15th. Additional information is on the flyer on the bulletin in the narthex. If you have any questions, ask Edith.