



## March 16, 2025 – Second 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: “Blessed with Peace”.

### WELCOME

**HYMN:** LSB 427 “In the Cross of Christ I Glory”

### INVOCATION

**Pastor:** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People:** Amen.

### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

**Pastor:** As we eagerly await our final transformation as citizens of heaven on the day of resurrection, let us above all pursue steadfastness of faith, relying on the power and promises of God our heavenly Father.

*(Moment of silence for personal confession and reflection.)*

**People:** **O almighty God, our Father in heaven, we come to You in our weakness seeking and imploring the strength of Your grace and blessing. Our sins wear us down. Make us desire all that You promise and to firmly believe in Your forgiveness and help now and for all our days. We ask this solely for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Good Shepherd.**

**Pastor:** Even amid the challenges and hardships of life in faith in this world, as citizens of the kingdom of God we have the assurance of grace abounding throughout our days. Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People:** Amen.

**INTROIT** *Psalm 74:1–3; antiphon: Psalm 69:9* [See Music Index]

**All:** **For zeal for Your house has consumed me,  
and the reproaches of those who reproach You have fallen on me.**

**Pastor:** O God, why do You cast us off forever?\*

Why does Your anger smoke against the sheep of Your pasture?

**People:** **Remember Your congregation, which You have purchased of old, which You have redeemed to be the tribe of Your heritage!**

Pastor: Remember Mount Zion, where You have dwelt. Direct Your steps to the perpetual ruins the enemy has destroyed everything in the sanctuary!

**People: 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.**

**All: For zeal for Your house has consumed me, and the reproaches of those who reproach You have fallen on me.**

**KYRIE:** "Lord Have Mercy"

**All: Lord have mercy; Christ have mercy; Lord have mercy.**

*(During Lent the Hymn of Praise is omitted by many congregations.)*

### **SALUTATION**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor: Let us pray.

O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

### **OLD TESTAMENT READING – Jeremiah 26:8-15** *(Jeremiah's prophecy is not well received.)*

<sup>8</sup> But as soon as Jeremiah finished telling all the people everything the LORD had commanded him to say, the priests, the prophets and all the people seized him and said, "You must die!" <sup>9</sup> Why do you prophesy in the LORD's name that this house will be like Shiloh and this city will be desolate and deserted?" And all the people crowded around Jeremiah in the house of the LORD. <sup>10</sup> When the officials of Judah heard about these things, they went up from the royal palace to the house of the LORD and took their places at the entrance of the New Gate of the LORD's house. <sup>11</sup> Then the priests and the prophets said to the officials and all the people, "This man should be sentenced to death because he has prophesied against this city. You have heard it with your own ears!" <sup>12</sup> Then Jeremiah said to all the officials and all the people: "The LORD sent me to prophesy against this house and this city all the things you have heard. <sup>13</sup> Now reform your ways and your actions and obey the LORD your God. Then the LORD will relent and not bring the disaster he has pronounced against you. <sup>14</sup> As for me, I am in your hands; do with me whatever you think is good and right. <sup>15</sup> Be assured, however, that if you put me to death, you will bring the guilt of innocent blood on yourselves and on this city and on those who live in it, for in truth the LORD has sent me to you to speak all these words in your hearing."

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### **EPISTLE READING – Philippians 3:17-4:1** *(Paul reminds us that while many people live only for the present world, our citizenship is in heaven.)*

<sup>17</sup> Join together in following my example, brothers and sisters, and just as you have us as a model, keep your eyes on those who live as we do. <sup>18</sup> For, as I have often told you before and now tell you again even with tears, many live as enemies of the cross of Christ. <sup>19</sup> Their destiny is destruction, their god is their stomach, and their glory is in their shame. Their mind is set on earthly things. <sup>20</sup> But

our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>21</sup> who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, you whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, dear friends!

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL – Luke 13:31-35** (*Jesus is intent on fulfilling His mission.*)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the thirteenth chapter.

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>31</sup> At that time some Pharisees came to Jesus and said to him, “Leave this place and go somewhere else. Herod wants to kill you.”<sup>32</sup> He replied, “Go tell that fox, ‘I will keep on driving out demons and healing people today and tomorrow, and on the third day I will reach my goal.’”<sup>33</sup> In any case, I must press on today and tomorrow and the next day—for surely no prophet can die outside Jerusalem!<sup>34</sup> “Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were not willing.”<sup>35</sup> Look, your house is left to you desolate. I tell you, you will not see me again until you say, ‘Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.’”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Hymn: LSB 763 “When Peace Like A River”

Sermon: John 14:23-29 “Blessed with Peace”

**Nicene Creed:**

**All: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life + of the world to come. Amen.**

**PRAYERS**

**OFFERINGS**

## COMMUNION CONFESSION

Pastor: The Lord's Supper is God's gift for Christians who are properly taught. In communion, we want people to receive Christ's body and blood for their good. This means that as you come to the Lord's Table you affirm with each communicant that Jesus is your Savior and Lord; and with Lutheran Christians you confess:

**All: I recognize and confess that I am a sinner. I repent of my sins and ask God's forgiveness. I believe Jesus Christ is my only Lord and Savior from sin, Satan, and death. I believe that the risen Christ is really present in the Sacrament and, that under the form of bread and wine, I receive His true body and blood for the forgiveness of my sin and the strengthening of my faith and life. (Augsburg Confession-Article X)**

## COMMUNION LITURGY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Pastor: It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, whose tears of lament over Jerusalem, even over all to this day who are unwilling to repent and return to You, drove Him in love to die for all, that whoever turns and believes in Him may have everlasting life. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY** (*Words and music in the hymnal—LSB page 208*)

**Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sab-a-oth adored;  
Heaven and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.  
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;  
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord.**

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, strengthen and change us through Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**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.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### GREETING OF PEACE

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

**LAMB OF GOD** (*Words and music in the hymnal—LSB page 210*)

1. **O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;  
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.**
2. **O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;  
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ, And grant us peace, O Lord we pray.**

## COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

**DISTRIBUTION HYMNS:** LSB 623 “Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray”  
LSB 420 “Christ, the Life of All the Living”

**NUNC DIMITTIS---SONG OF SIMEON** (*Words and music in the Hymnal—LSB page 211*)

1. **O Lord, now let Your servant Depart in heavenly peace,  
For I have seen the glory Of Your redeeming grace:  
A light to lead the Gentiles Unto Your holy hill,  
The glory of Your people, Your chosen Israel.**
2. **All glory to the Father, All glory to the Son,  
All glory to the Spirit, Forever Three in One;  
For as in the beginning, Is now, shall ever be,  
God’s triune name resounding Through all eternity.**

## POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

Pastor: Let us pray.

All praise and thanks to You, O God, that while we were still sinners, You sent Your Son to die for the ungodly, in order to reconcile us to You. By the body and blood of Jesus, we now have assurance of the peace that is ours through Christ. Help us, by this gift, to take up our cross and forever follow Christ, in whose name we pray.

People: Amen.

## BENEDICTION

Pastor: The LORD bless you and keep you. The LORD make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The LORD look upon you with favor and give you peace.

People: Amen.

**HYMN:** LSB 917 “Savior, Again to Thy Dear name We Raise”

**Family for the Week: Faith & Hallee Wright**  
**Immanuel, Joplin - Rev. Christopher Ramstad**

**Prayers of Peace and Comfort**  
**Family of Tony Lynn – (Joe Lynn’s brother)**

**Prayers of Thanksgiving:**

**Prayers for Health and Healing:**

**Complete Prayer List:**

**Temporary**

Doug Bernard – (Cathy Munden’s cousin’s husband – health and healing)	Tabitha Packwood – (health & healing)
Bob Brents – (health and healing)	Steve Parker – (friend of Joanne Michel – health and healing surgery)
Treasa Bussey – (friend of Pam Bowling – health and healing)	Suzanne Parsons – (friend of Sue Doss – health and healing)
Michelle Cody – (Pastor Cody’s wife – health and healing from heart issues)	Billy Schmells – (friend of Cheryl Lile – health and healing)
Roger Harris – (Wendy’s Dad – health and healing from flu)	Robert Sick – (Ardella Frerich’s granddaughter’s husband)
Ervin Jung – (cousin of Kathy Holle – health and healing)	Bill Thompson – (health and healing)
Deborah Knotts – (our cleaning lady – health and healing)	Bryan Velasco – (friend of Bernie Thomas – health and healing)
Wendy Koenig – (friend of Heidi Costello – health and healing from flu)	Thomas Williams – (Ruth Stoddard’s friend)
Cathy Munden – (health and healing – from upper respiratory infection)	

**Long Term**

Diana Bauer – (daughter-in-law of Gladys Bauer – health & healing)	Ron Hicks – (friend of Glenda Enlow – health and healing)
Jami Bauer – (relative of Gladys Bauer – peace and comfort)	Steve Hilton – (friend of Harold Lampe – health & healing, cancer)
Rick Bauer – (Gladys Bauer’s son – health and healing from surgery)	Sheryl Holle – (Kathy Holle’s cousin – health & healing, cancer)
Jill Bode – (niece of Rachel Sanford – health & healing, cancer)	Marty Jones – (Bobby Jones’ mother – health)
Kathy Browne – (friend of Kathy Holle – health and healing)	Robbie Krueger – (friend of Kathy Holle)
Jackie Clark – (Micki Gettman’s friend – healing from a broken-hip)	Marybeth Lamp – (friend of Pam Bowling – health and healing)
Dorthea Dennis – (health and healing)	Gary Lampe – (Pastor’s brother – health and healing)
Steve Doss – (friend of Harold Lampe – health & healing)	Pat Michel – (Bill Michel’s Sister-In-Law – health & healing)
Jan Fisher – (daughter of Bill & Joanne Michel – health and healing)	Larry Moennig – (friend of Harold Lampe – health & healing)
Lois Gaddy – (friend of Gwen Lampe – health and healing)	Margaret Seburn – (cousin of Joanne Michel – health and healing)
Gary Gardner – (health and healing)	Ruth Stoddard – (health & healing)
Jane Goodman – (health & healing)	Larry Swart – (friend of Bill Munden – health and healing)
Betty Gordon – (Health and healing)	Kooper Tutten – (Jeeper Meyer’s Great-grandson healing)
Pastor Gary Griffin – (health & healing from cancer)	Barbara Jean Wilson – Friend of Pam Bowling – health and healing)
Vicki Heppard – (relative of Gladys Bauer – health & healing from cancer)	June Winger – (Sharon Barlow’s mother – health & healing)

**THIS WEEK**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Mar. 16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9:00 am - Happy Half Hour</b> <b>9:30 am - Fellowship</b> <b>10:00 am – Service with Communion</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Mar. 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Braille - 9:00 am &amp; 1:00 pm</b> <b>Ladies Bible Study in Freistatt - 1:30 pm</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Mar. 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Pastor in Office</b> <b>Pizza – 5:30 pm</b> <b>Service - 6:30 pm – Pastor Ken</b>

<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Mar. 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Pastor in Office Elders - 10:00 am Council - 11:00 am</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Mar. 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Game Night: 6:00 pm pizza; 7:00 pm games</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Mar. 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>9:00 am - Happy Half Hour 9:30 am - Fellowship 10:00 am – Service</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Mar. 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Braille - 9:00 am &amp; 1:00 pm</b>

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**Birthdays: Tammy Stafford-Mar. 16; Elias Sharp-Mar. 21; Cindi Wolf-Mar. 24**  
**Anniversaries: None**

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<b>Greeters</b>	<b>March</b>	<b>Ushers</b>
<b>03/16: Bill &amp; Joanne Michel</b>		<b>16: Harold Lampe</b>
03/23: Charlie & Edee Chambers		23: Charlie Chambers
03/30: Emily Ernest & Sue Doss		30: David Lampe

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

**Portals of Prayer** for April-June are now available.

**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](mailto: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 2<sup>nd</sup> St.)**

**March 17<sup>th</sup>: 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.** See the flyer on the bulletin board.

The **LWML Spring Gathering** will be held on Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, 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 15<sup>th</sup>. Additional information is on the flyer on the bulletin board in the narthex. If you have any questions, ask Edith.