



Sunday, March 9, 2025

First Sunday in Lent

Now the tax collectors and sinners were all gathering around to hear Jesus. But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them."

Then Jesus told them this parable: "Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Doesn't he leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.' I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.

Luke 15:1-7 niv

- *Highland, A Place to be Seen, Known, and Loved* -

Greeters: Sue & Jim Hess, Sandy & John Wolfe, Connie & Dennis Jeff, Sonteary & Saron Keat

Ushers: Randy Heller, Bev Campbell, Howard McIntyre, Bill Delong, Nancy Holtzapple, Lois Snyder and Fred Brown

The white rose recognizes and bears witness to the life and memory of John C. Wylie

The Chancel Flowers are presented by:

David & Kelly Kurtz, in memory of their dad, Don Houghton

Gathering in God's Name

Chimes

Prelude ~ Violin Solo by Melody Brubaker "Sarabande" J.S. Bach

Welcome & Ministry Highlights

Rev. Allison Beaulieu

*Please sign and pass the "Friendship Pad" down the pew.
At the end of the row, pass it back so that we can greet one another by name after the service.*

One Great Hour Video

Call to Worship

Rev. Allison Beaulieu

Leader: The season of Lent sets us on a journey.

People: The journey begins in the wilderness.

Leader: We follow the way of Jesus,

People: Who faced trials, trouble, temptation, and testing.

Leader: Like Jesus, we are not alone. The Holy Spirit is with us.

People: Our call is to trust God alone, to do God's will in all things.

Leader: For God leads us not only into the wilderness, but also through the wilderness.

People: Let us worship God!

*Opening Hymn #84 In the Cross of Christ I Glory

Children 5th grade and under are invited to attend Sunday School. Teachers are stationed at the main doors of the sanctuary and will walk the children to the children's classrooms in the Narthex. Parents/Guardians may pick up their children after the service in the classroom.

Silent Prayer of Confession

Prayer of Confession

Rev. Matt Drumheller

O God, our refuge and fortress, forgive us when we fail to trust you—when we fall into temptation and are swayed by false words. We choose our ease and comfort over your demanding claims upon us. In turning from you, we settle for less than the generosity you intend. Forgive us, we pray. Do not let us be put to shame. Hear us as we pray to you and show us your salvation. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

Congregational Response

Rev. Matt Drumheller

Humble yourself in the sight of the Lord

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And He shall lift you up, higher and higher,

And He shall lift you up.

Assurance of Pardon

Rev. Matt Drumheller

Leader: John writes, "If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness." Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Passing of the Peace

Rev. Matt Drumheller

Leader: As we are forgiven and reconciled to God through Christ Jesus, let us be reconciled to one another. The peace of the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

* Gloria Patri 579

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

Proclaiming God's Word

Scripture Readings

Luke 15:1-7

Henry Pember

Message

The Parable of the Shepherd Who Lost His Sheep

Rev. Allison Beaulieu

Invitation To The Offering

Offertory Anthem "Lord, Thou Hast Searched Me (Psalm 139) *by Howard Helvey*
Lyrics on back of bulletin

Prayer of Dedication

Rev. Dr. Robert Burns

Responding to God's Word

Prayers of Thanksgiving, and the Lord's Prayer

Rev. Dr. Ann Osborne

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Going in God's Name

*Closing Hymn #387

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

Charge & Benediction

Rev. Allison Beaulieu

*PLEASE STAND IN BODY OR SPIRIT

*MUSIC: DR. PAUL THORLAKSON, DIRECTOR OF MUSIC
JONATHAN LEFEVER, ORGANIST
A/V: JERRY ROTHACKER & GUS BEAULIEU*

Lord, Thou Hast Searched Me (based on Psalm 139)

Lord, thou hast searched me and dost know where'er I rest, where'er I go;
Thou knowest all that I have planned, and all my ways are in thy hand.

My words from thee I cannot hide; I feel thy pow'r on every side;
O wondrous knowledge, awful might, unfathomed depth, unmeasured height!

Where can I go apart from thee, or whither from thy presence flee?
In Heaven? It is thy dwelling fair; in death's abode? Lord thou art there.

If I the wings of morning take, and far away my dwelling make,
The hand that leadeth me is thine, and my support thy pow'r divine.

If deepest darkness cover me, the darkness hideth not from thee;
To thee both night and day are bright, the darkness shineth as the light.

Please be advised that services are recorded and you may be incidentally captured on video as part of the recording of the service. The back of the right side of the sanctuary as you enter is out of the range of the camera.

A description of the stained Chancel window can be found in the front of the hymnal.

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