

Mid-Week
Lenten Service
March 12, 2025
Kingdom Identity - Matt 6:1-17



-- OPENING RESPONSE: Psalm 15

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

PEOPLE: Amen

Pastor: Lord, who may dwell in your sacred tent? Who may live on your holy mountain?

PEOPLE: **Those whose walk is blameless, who do what is righteous, who speak the truth from their hearts.**

Pastor: Those who have no slander on their tongue, who do their neighbors no wrong, and cast no slur on others.

PEOPLE: **Lord, cleanse our tongues and purify our words, that we may speak only truth and kindness.**

Pastor: Those who honor those who fear the Lord, who keep an oath even when it hurts, and lend money to the poor without interest.

PEOPLE: **Lord, grant us integrity, faithfulness, and compassion, that we may dwell with you forever. Amen.**

-- THE OPENING HYMN

"Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me" (Robinson, Farren, Thompson #7121852)

- 1. What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer
There is no more for heaven now to give
He is my joy my righteousness and freedom
My steadfast love my deep and boundless peace
To this I hold my hope is only Jesus
For my life is wholly bound to his
Oh how strange and divine I can sing all is mine
Yet not I but through Christ in me***

4. *With every breath I long to follow Jesus
For he has said that he will bring me home
And day by day I know he will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne
To this I hold my hope is only Jesus
All the glory evermore to him
When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat
Yet not I but through Christ in me
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-- CONFESSON AND ABSOLUTION - Matthew 6:1-17

Leader: Let us confess our sins to God, our merciful Father, as we reflect on the words of our Lord in the Sermon on the Mount.

(Silence for self-reflection)

Leader: Lord, we confess that we have not always been poor in spirit. We have clung to pride and self-sufficiency, rather than acknowledging our need for your grace.

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: We confess that we have not always been merciful. We have judged others harshly, and have failed to forgive as you have forgiven us.

PEOPLE: Christ, have mercy.

Leader: We confess that we have not always been peacemakers. We have contributed to division and conflict, rather than seeking reconciliation.

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: We confess that we have often failed to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world. We have hidden our faith, rather than letting your light shine through us. We have allowed our salt to lose its savor.

PEOPLE: Christ, have mercy.

Leader: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained 1 servant of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit

PEOPLE: Amen. As salt and light, we go forth in peace to love and serve the Lord.

The Old Testament Lesson
Micah 6:1-8

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.
PEOPLE: THANKS BE TO GOD.

The Holy Gospel
Matthew 5:1-16

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord
PEOPLE: PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST

-- THE APOSTLES CREED

-- THE SERMON – Kingdom Way Sermon on the Mount -
Kingdom Identity

-- PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH - Matthew Chapters 5-7

Leader: Lord Jesus, you called us the salt of the earth and the light of the world.

PEOPLE: Help us to season the world with your love and shine your light brightly before others.

Leader: Lord Jesus, you said, "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled."

PEOPLE: Fill us with your righteousness, and help us to seek your kingdom above all else.

Leader: Lord Jesus, you taught us to forgive others as we are forgiven.

PEOPLE: Grant us hearts of forgiveness, and help us to release bitterness and resentment.

Leader: Lord Jesus, you told us not to worry about tomorrow, but to seek your kingdom today.

PEOPLE: Help us to trust in your provision, and to cast all our anxieties upon you.

Leader: Lord Jesus, you said that those who hear your words and put them into practice are like a wise builder.

PEOPLE: Give us the strength to not only hear your word, but to live it out faithfully. Amen.

-- THE LORD'S PRAYER

-- THE BLESSING Numbers 6:24-26

Leader: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you his peace.

PEOPLE: AMEN.

-- THE CLOSING HYMN

"When Peace, Like a River" (LSB 763 Vs 1-4)

1. *When peace, like a river, attendeth my way;
When sorrows, like sea bellows, roll; whatever my lot,
Thou has taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.
It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.*
 2. *Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
Let this blest assurance control, that Christ has regarded my helpless estate
And hath shed His own blood for my soul!
It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.*
 3. *He lives—oh, the bliss of this glorious thought; my sin, not in part,
But the whole, Is nailed to His cross, and I bear it no more.
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.*
 4. *And, Lord, haste the day when our faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trumpet shall sound
And the Lord shall descend; even so it is well with my soul.
It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.*
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Lenten Season 2025

Wednesday's, March 19 & 26, April 2 & 9:
Fellowship Meal at 5:30 PM and Service at 6:30 PM

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE! April 13 THROUGH April 20

April 13 - Palm Sunday: 8:30 AM & 10:15 AM (10:15 AM will be livestreamed)

April 17 - Maundy Thursday: 6:00 PM with Communion (Live Streamed)
(Fellowship Meal will follow afterwards, IHOP?)

April 18 - Good Friday: 12:00 (Noon) and 7:00 PM (Noon service live Streamed)

April 20 -Easter Sunday: 6:30 AM (outside), 8:30 AM & 10:15 AM (10:15 service live Streamed)

Easter Breakfast & Fellowship: starts after Sunrise Service (7:30ish)
serving will end at 10:00 AM (Egg hunt: 9:50 AM)