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3RD SUNDAY IN LENT

FEBRUARY 24, 2008

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WELCOME to all who are visiting today! Our greatest desire is to share that wonderful message of forgiveness and eternal salvation for all in Jesus' name. We pray you will be drawn closer to Christ today as the Holy Spirit nurtures us through God's Word. Please, take home any of the material found on the tables in the entrance, and we hope you will join us every week for worship in Jesus' name.

**10:30am**

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC + WELCOME

**SONG: "This is The Day" (cong. sings bold print)**

This is the day (**This is the day**) That the Lord has made (**That the Lord has made**)

We will rejoice (**We will rejoice**) And be glad in it (**And be glad in it**)

**This is the day that the Lord has made We will rejoice and be glad in it.**

This is the day (**This is the day**) **that the Lord has made.** (Repeat)

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**"I Will Enter Your Gates" (He has made me glad)**

I will enter His gates with thanksgiving in my heart; I will enter His courts with praise.

I will say, "This is the day that the Lord has made," I will rejoice for He has made me glad.

He has made me glad, He has made me glad, I will rejoice,

For He has made me glad, He has made me glad; He has made me glad, I will rejoice,

For He has made me glad. (Repeat song)

**Ending....** I will rejoice, For He has made me glad

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INVOCATION

**LENTEN SELF-EXAMINATION:**

P. What is the Fifth Commandment?

C. YOU SHALL NOT MURDER.

P. What does this mean?

C. WE SHOULD FEAR AND LOVE GOD SO THAT WE DO NOT HURT OR HARM OUR NEIGHBOR IN HIS BODY, BUT HELP AND SUPPORT HIM IN EVERY PHYSICAL NEED.

P. What is the Sixth Commandment?

C. YOU SHALL NOT COMMIT ADULTERY.

P. What does this mean?

C. WE SHOULD FEAR AND LOVE GOD SO THAT WE LEAD A SEXUALLY PURE AND DECENT LIFE IN WHAT WE SAY AND DO, AND HUSBAND AND WIFE LOVE AND HONOR EACH OTHER.

**CONFESSION OF SIN:**

P. O Lord, deal not with us according to our sins.

C. NEITHER REWARD US ACCORDING TO OUR INIQUITIES.

P. Almighty God, our heavenly Father, You do not desire the death of a sinner, but rather that he should turn from his evil ways and live.

C. SO WE ASK YOU LORD, IN YOUR GRACE, TO TURN AWAY FROM US THE PUNISHMENT WHICH WE HAVE DESERVED BECAUSE OF OUR SINS, AND INSTEAD GIVE US YOUR FORGIVENESS AND LOVE THROUGH JESUS CHRIST, THAT WE MIGHT LIVE HOLY LIVES TO YOUR GLORY. AMEN.

**ASSURANCE OF GRACE:**

P. By the mercy of God we are redeemed in Jesus Christ,

C. AND IN HIM WE ARE FORGIVEN!

P. In this forgiveness we rest now in Christ's love and care,

C. AND WE RISE EACH DAY TO SERVE HIM!

P. Go in peace.

C. SO BE IT. AMEN.

**"You Are My King" (Amazing Love)**

**Verse:** I'm forgiven because You were forsaken. I'm accepted, You were condemned I'm alive and well, Your Spirit is within me, Because You died and rose again.

**Chorus:** Amazing love, how can it be, That You, my King, would die for me? Amazing love, I know it's true, It's my joy to honor You, In all I do, I honor You.(Repeat V&C)

**BRIDGE:** You are my King, You are my King. Jesus, You are my King. Jesus, You are my King. (Chorus X 2)

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## PRAYER

### OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 42:14-21

14 “For a long time I have kept silent, I have been quiet and held myself back. But now, like a woman in childbirth, I cry out, I gasp and pant. 15 I will lay waste the mountains and hills and dry up all their vegetation; I will turn rivers into islands and dry up the pools. 16 I will lead the blind by ways they have not known, along unfamiliar paths I will guide them; I will turn the darkness into light before them and make the rough places smooth. These are the things I will do; I will not forsake them. 17 But those who trust in idols, who say to images, ‘You are our gods,’ will be turned back in utter shame. 18 “Hear, you deaf; look, you blind, and see! 19 Who is blind but my servant, and deaf like the messenger I send? Who is blind like the one committed to me, blind like the servant of the LORD? 20 You have seen many things, but have paid no attention; your ears are open, but you hear nothing.” 21 It pleased the LORD for the sake of his righteousness to make his law great and glorious.

### EPISTLE READING: Ephesians 5:8-14

8 For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light 9 (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth) 10 and find out what pleases the Lord. 11 Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them. 12 For it is shameful even to mention what the disobedient do in secret. 13 But everything exposed by the light becomes visible, 14 for it is light that makes everything visible. This is why it is said: “Wake up, O sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.”

Anthem: “Pass It On” 3-8 Sunday School

## CHILDREN'S LESSON

### GOSPEL READING: John 9:1-7,13-17,34-39

1 As he went along, he saw a man blind from birth. 2 His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” 3 “Neither this man nor his parents sinned,” said Jesus, “but this happened so that the work of God might be displayed in his life. 4 As long as it is day, we must do the work of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work. 5 While I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” 6 Having said this, he spit on the ground, made some mud with the saliva, and put it on the man’s eyes. 7 “Go,” he told him, “wash in the Pool of Siloam” (this word means Sent). So the man went and washed, and came home seeing...13 They brought to the Pharisees the man who had been blind. 14 Now the day on which Jesus had made the mud and opened the man’s eyes was a Sabbath. 15

Therefore the Pharisees also asked him how he had received his sight. “He put mud on my eyes,” the man replied, “and I washed, and now I see.” 16 Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath.” But others asked, “How can a sinner do such miraculous signs?” So they were divided. 17 Finally they turned again to the blind man, “What have you to say about him? It was your eyes he opened.” The man replied, “He is a prophet.”...34 To this they replied, “You were steeped in sin at birth; how dare you lecture us!” And they threw him out. 35 Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, and when he found him, he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” 36 “Who is he, sir?” the man asked. “Tell me so that I may believe in him.” 37 Jesus said, “You have now seen him; in fact, he is the one speaking with you.” 38 Then the man said, “Lord, I believe,” and he worshiped him. 39 Jesus said, “For judgment I have come into this world, so that the blind will see and those who see will become blind.”

### CONFESSION OF FAITH: *(Spoken together)*

I believe in God the Father Almighty; that He made the heavens and the earth. He has made all people for fellowship with Himself and with one another. I believe that He loved each of us so much that He sent His only Son to be born a human, to grow and to teach and to love. But I also know that being human was not enough; He had to suffer and He had to die. So God’s Son, for the joy set before Him, endured the pain and death on a cross, for you and for me and for all people. After three days, He rose from the grave, ascended into heaven, and was exalted by His Father to be the Lord and King of all the universe, and will come again visibly at the end of time to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, who gives us faith in Jesus and preserves us in that faith. He gives to us new life and new hope and an everlasting love. I know that all believers in Christ shall rise from the dead and live with the Lord in eternal glory. And I believe that we have more than just a fellowship of people with faith to associate with. We have a message for the world, and that message is Jesus the Christ, in whom alone forgiveness and life with God are found.

### SONGS: “*We Fall Down*”

We fall down; we lay our crowns at the feet of Jesus, the greatness of mercy and love at the feet of Jesus. And we cry holy, holy, holy and we cry holy, holy, holy, and we cry holy, holy, is the Lamb. *(Repeat)*

### “*I Could Sing of Your Love Forever*” *(chorus)*

I could sing of Your love forever (x4)

We fall down, we lay our crowns at the feet of Jesus, the greatness of mercy and love at the feet of Jesus. And we cry holy, holy, holy and we cry holy, holy, holy, and we cry holy, holy, holy, is the Lamb. Holy, holy, holy, is the Lamb

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**SERMON: "Where Shall I Go?"**

*(A sermon outline with the Scripture references is printed in the bulletin to aid your meditation on God's Word)*

**SONG: "Change My Heart, O God"**

*(Is 64:8 Yet, O LORD, you are our Father. We are the clay, you are the potter; we are all the work of your hand.)*

Chorus: Change my heart, Oh God, make it ever true; Change my heart, Oh God, may I be like You.

Verse: You are the Potter, I am the clay; Mold me and make me, this is what I pray.

*(Repeat chorus, verse, chorus)* (C. 1982 Mercy Publishing Used by permission. CCLI #1561573)

**THE OFFERING + RITE OF FELLOWSHIP:**

*(Please sign fellowship book at end of pew)*

**PRAYERS & THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**BLESSING**

**SONG: "Shout to the North"**

1. Men of faith rise up and sing, of the great and glorious King  
You are strong when you feel weak, in your brokenness complete.

**Chorus:** Shout, to the north and the south; sing to the east and the west  
Jesus is Savior to all, Lord of heaven and earth.

2. Rise up women of the truth, stand and sing to broken hearts  
Who can know the healing pow'r, of our glorious King of love. *(Chorus)*

**BRIDGE:** We've been through fire, we've been through rain; We've been refined by the  
pow'r of His name. We've fallen deeper in love with You. You've burned the  
truth on our lips.*(chorus)*

3. Rise up church with broken wings, fill this place with songs again  
Of our God who reigns on high, By His grace again we'll fly. *(Chorus twice)*

Ending...Lord of heaven and earth, Lord of heaven and earth.  
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**ANNOUNCEMENTS + POSTLUDE**

**PRAISE BAND SCHEDULE FOR MONTH OF FEBRUARY & MARCH:**

February 24<sup>th</sup> – 10:30 Service  
March 9<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> – 10:30 Service

**Sermon Series**

**"Where Shall I Go?"**

Bible References: Psalm 32:3,5; Hebrews 10: 19-23; Leviticus 5:5,6; James 5:16a

1. When people tell us their problems, what's really happening, though we might not realize it at the time?
  
2. Why would God be the obvious choice to confess our sins to?
  
3. What gives us the confidence to approach God's throne in confession without fear?
  
4. When was private confession practiced in the Old Testament?
  
5. Besides God, who else can we confess our sins to?
  
6. How does private confession help us as believers in Christ?
  - A.
  
  - B.
  
  - C.