



First Sunday of Lent **Formed, Filled & Sent:**

Encountering Jesus in the Gospel, at the Table, and on the Road.

First Last & Last First **February 18, 2024**

GATHERED: INTO GOD'S PRESENCE

*The chime is rung as a call to set aside distractions to find rest in God,
who welcomes us here.*

Prelude

Opening Sentence

*No one can truly know Christ
unless they follow after him in daily life,
And no one can follow Christ in daily life
unless they truly know him. (VT 928 Hans Denck, 16th c.)*

CALL TO WORSHIP – VT 874

Opening Prayer

HYMN *Lord, I Am Fondly, Earnestly Longing* VT 555

Passing the Peace & Fellowship Greeting

FORMED: Encountering Jesus in the Gospel

HYMN *Come Away From Rush and Hurry* VT 9

Children's Time

Scripture Reading *Mark 10:17-31*

Sermon

FILLED: Encountering Jesus at the Table

HYMN *Eat This Bread* VT 476 (repeat as a prayer)

Prayer of Preparation for Communion

Words of Institution (VT Worship Leader Edition 248)

L: Jesus, on the night when he was betrayed,
took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks,
he broke it and said,

ALL: “When you share bread together, remember me.”

L: Jesus took the cup after supper, saying,

ALL: “This cup is the new covenant.
When you drink it together, remember me.”

Come to the Table... (with Music for Meditation)

Come in the center aisle to one of the stations in the front to receive bread and juice. If you prefer to remain seated, a server will come to you. In keeping with our Anabaptist tradition, we offer those still making a decision about baptism (often children and youth) a bunch of grapes and a blessing. However, as this is God’s Table and not ours, we invite you to participate as you feel led by the Spirit of the Living Christ, the true host. All seeking to know and follow Christ more fully are welcome

Prayer after Communion

SENT: Encountering Jesus on the Road

Prayers of the People & The Lord’s Prayer

Announcements

HYMN *Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song* VT 581

Benediction

Postlude ... *receive the postlude as a musical blessing*

If you need a hearing assist device, please ask at the sound booth in the back of the sanctuary.

The Nursery is typically staffed with a volunteer care provider during worship (and Sunday School as needed). Children are also welcome to remain in the sanctuary! Worship bags with drawing/coloring materials are provided at the back of the sanctuary.

If you’d like to be added to our all-church email list to receive prayer requests and announcements (typically 2 emails/week), please contact the church office or Pastor Tonya.

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Sound: Earl Ediger
Livestream: Jay Gehring
Ushers: Susan Combs, Joretta Martens
Nursery: Stephanie Gehring
Pianist: Shelley Kauffman
Worship Leader, Scripture Reader: Calvin Buller
Children’s Time: Susan Combs
Sermon: Pastor Tonya Ramer Wenger
Communion Preparation: Dohn and Jeanette Fast
Communion Servers: Pastor Tonya, Pastor Jim Unruh,
Calvin Buller, Jean Gaeddert, Esther Regier

Welcome!

We are so glad you all are here!!

Your offerings are received, with gratitude, in the offering box on the table at the back of the sanctuary.

You can also now donate electronically on our website.

Thank you for your generosity shown in many ways!

TODAY: Fellowship Time after worship & Sunday School @ 11:00

Sunday School classes for all ages

- **CHILDREN (all ages + nursery care):** *Jesus Brings Good News*
- **ADULT CLASS (combined in fellowship hall):**
Lenten Handel's Messiah Study begins!
- **YOUNGER ADULTS CLASS:** meets in the library

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

- **Feb 23** – *mfc* Liverwurst and Fried Mush fundraiser (5-8pm)
- **Feb 24** – Singing Group @ Wenger's (5:30 potluck; 6:30 singing)
- **Feb 28** – Choir rehearsals begin (5:30pm in the choir loft)
- **Feb 28** – WNAF (Wed. Nights at First) begins
 - 6:00-7:00 Meal Served
 - 7:00-8:00 Adult Program & Children's Activities
- **March 4-6** – MCC Comforter Blitz – Journey Activity Center, Yoder
- **April 12-13** – Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale – state fair grounds

LENT and EASTER EVENTS:

- Invitation to purchase Easter Lilies *in memory of or in honor of* someone (details coming next week).
- March 26-29 – Stations of the Cross (space to meditate & pray)
- March 28 – Maundy Thursday service
- March 31 – Easter morning breakfast potluck, worship @ 10:00am, filling the cross with flowers in celebration



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