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WORSHIP ON WEDNESDAY SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION
2nd Wednesday in Lent
12:10pm on March 4, 2026

Dying to Pride, Living for Others

THEME VERSE: For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many. – Mark 10:45

Invocation and Call to Worship

P In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

P Let us confess our sins to God and ask his forgiveness.

C Almighty God, you have called us in Christ Jesus to lives of love and service, but we so often would rather serve ourselves. Instead of putting the needs of others ahead of our own, we seek to satisfy our own selfish desires. We follow our own ways and not the way of love to which we have been called. Have mercy on us, and forgive us. Strengthen us by your Spirit to follow in our Savior's steps, to walk in the way of love.

P God has had mercy on us. He sent his Son to be our Savior. Jesus put our needs and interests ahead of his own, and bore our sins in his body on the cross. Our sins are washed away in his blood. I announce to you that your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

C Almighty God, renew in us the mind of Christ, so that we might lay aside our pride and follow our Savior, who came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life for us.

Gospel Reading: Mark 10:35-45

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the tenth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

P And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came up to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." And he said to them, "What do you want me to do for you?" And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" And they said to him, "We are able." And Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized, but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared." And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant at James and John. And Jesus called them to him

and said to them, "You know that those who are considered rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. But it shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Homily

Prayers

Concluding with:

P Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, through our Savior Jesus Christ. **C Amen.**

Great Thanksgiving

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The Words of Our Lord

P In the night

in which he was betrayed
our Lord Jesus took bread,
and gave thanks; broke it,
and gave it to his disciples,
saying: Take and eat;
this is my body, given for you.

Do this in remembrance of me.

Again, after supper,

he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink,
saying: This cup is

the new covenant in my blood,

shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Lord's Prayer

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

C 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.

Breaking of the Bread

C Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

Invitation to Communion

L Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

C Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

The Communion

All baptized persons who believe in the Real Presence of Christ in, with, and under the bread and wine are welcome to the Table of the Lord.

For those fasting from the sacrament, you are invited to pray the following prayer, The Spiritual Communion:

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Blessed Sacrament.

I love You above all things,

and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,

come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if you were already there,

and I unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You.

(Saint Alphonsus Liguori)

Post Communion Blessing

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

C Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

P Let us pray. Merciful Father, accompany our journey through these forty days. Renew us in the gift of baptism, and guide those preparing for baptism, that we may provide for those who are poor, pray for those in need, fast from self-indulgence, and above all, that we may find the treasure of forgiveness in the life and death of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. **C: Amen.**

Benediction & Dismissal

P 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.
In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C Amen.**

P Go in peace to love and serve the Lord and our neighbors.
C Thanks be to God.

Please join us for lunch in Fellowship Hall directly after the worship service.

Presiding Minister: Pastor Karin Pejack
Minister of Technology: Catherine Germann
Hospitality: Eileen Marks

WOW (Worship On Wednesday) 12:10pm Service & Lunch Fellowship

12:10pm Service of Word & Prayer (in-person & online)

Service of Holy Communion on 1st Wednesday of the month

12:35pm Lunch Fellowship (in-person only)

LENTEN Worship Series: "Dying His Death, Living His Life"

Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we also live with him. – Romans 6:8

February 25, Lent 1:	Dying to Sin, Living in Forgiveness
March 4, Lent 2:	Dying to Pride, Living for Others (1 st Wed. COMMUNION)
March 11, Lent 3:	Dying to Greed, Living for the Treasures of Heaven
March 18, Lent 4:	Dying to Doubt, Living by Faith
March 25, Lent 5:	Dying to Turmoil, Living in Peace
April 1, Holy Wednesday:	Dying to Judgment, Living in Grace (1 st Wed. COMMUNION)
April 2, Maundy Thursday:	Remember His Death (Maundy Thursday Communion)
April 3, Good Friday:	He Died For All (Tenebrae Service)

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PARKING for WEDNESDAYS: 12:10pm WOW Services:

Please enter at the chapel doors on 4th Street. An outdoor sign will mark the appropriate doorway. There is very limited free parking on site. Parking on the street is actively enforced at this time of day on a weekday, so please plan to pay for parking if you park on the street. Speak with pastor about parking options for regular WOW attenders.

ADDITIONAL PRAYER RESOURCES

Invocation and Call to Worship

P In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P The apostle Paul writes, "Walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love..." (Ephesians 4:1-2).

C Lord, help us to lay aside selfish, conceited and prideful ways.

P We are told, "Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others" (Philippians 2:3-4). This is the attitude of Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us.

C Lord, help us to be humble and to regard others as more important than ourselves. Lead us to lives of service to others.

P The Lord tells us, "Through love serve one another" (Galatians 5:13).

C Lord, help us to love others as you love us.

Prayer of the Day

P Lord Jesus, in your life of humble service, we see the pattern for our own lives. You laid aside your heavenly majesty and humbled yourself to be born among us and to give your life to save us. As we follow your path to the cross, teach us to walk in the way of love, the way in which you walked. Help us to put aside our pride and selfish ways. Open our eyes to the needs and suffering of those around us, so that we might serve them in love and share with them the good news of salvation through faith in your name. Hear our prayer and accept our grateful praise. **C Amen.**

Prayers

P Lord Jesus, from all eternity you are one with the Father and the Spirit, yet you laid aside your divine majesty to be born among us. In obedience to your heavenly Father, you humbled yourself to the point of death on a cross. Lord Jesus, you gave your life to save us;

C Help us to spend our lives in service to others.

P Lord Jesus, in baptism we die with you and are raised to new life. Teach us daily to die to self and to lay aside our selfish, prideful ways. Lead us to live for others as you did and to put their interests and needs ahead of our own. Lord Jesus, you gave your life to save us;

C Help us to spend our lives in service to others.

P Lord Jesus, you are our crucified and risen King. You reign now in exalted glory at the right hand of the Father. King of Kings, by the power of the Holy Spirit, strengthen us in faith as we seek to serve you by serving others in love. Lord Jesus, you gave your life to save us;

C Help us to spend our lives in service to others.

P Lord Jesus, we pray that you would use us to bring comfort and hope to those who are suffering. Through the promises of your Word, give them peace. According to your will, bring healing to ... and to those we name in our hearts. Lord Jesus, you gave your life to save us;

C Help us to spend our lives in service to others.

P Lord Jesus, you raised us to new life as your holy people. Help us to build up others and treat them with kindness and care. We pray that the Holy Spirit would work through our works of love and our words of witness so that others will come to know and worship you as Lord and King. Lord Jesus, you gave your life to save us;

C Help us to spend our lives in service to others.

P *Additional petitions offered...*

P Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, through our Savior Jesus Christ. **C Amen.**

Benediction (Philippians 2:1-4; 2 Thessalonians 3:16)

P If there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind.

C Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.

P Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in every way. The Lord be with you all. Amen.