

Scripture and Prayers for Third Sunday in Lent
Swords: Jameson Swords; Fork Chapel: Jackie Copelan

Scripture: Luke 13:1-9 - Jesus calls for genuine change

Pew Bible: Swords, p. 795; Fork Chapel, NT p. 76

The Prayers: Let us prepare our hearts for prayer and confession [silent prayers]

Lord, if we had a fraction of the faith in you that you have in us
Then our lives and this world would be transformed. [silent prayers]

Lord, if we showed a fraction of the love that you show to us
Then our lives and this world would be transformed. [silent prayer]

Lord, if we possessed a fraction of the patience that you display with us
Then our lives and this world would be transformed. [silent prayer]

Lord, if we shared just a portion of the blessings that we have received from you
Then our lives and this world would be transformed. [silent prayer]

Lord, if we showed as much trust in others as you have shown in us
Then our lives and this world would be transformed. [silent prayer]

Lord, if we claimed just a fraction of the power you promised to your Church
Then our lives and this world would be transformed. [silent prayer]

Transform us first, Lord, that we might transform this world
Through your love and your power. Amen.

Confession and Pardon - Led by the Pastor

**God, our Creator and Sustainer,
even though we look to you for fulfillment,
too often we turn our backs on you.
Hear us now as we confess our sin before you.
Loving God, our memories are often clouded and we forget you.
Our tempers are short and we fail to act with grace.
Our bodies are weak and we treat others without respect.
Our faith is shallow and we forget to trust.
Our minds are proud and we forget your ways.
Forgive our failings,
create in us clean hearts,
and set us free to live new lives.**

Pastor's Prayer with the Lord's Prayer

Sharing the Peace of Christ



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3rd Sunday in Lent

Green County Food Pantry - April Food Items

Corn, green beans or any canned vegetables

Bring to church by April 21

The Service for the Lord's Day

Welcome, Celebrations and Concerns

Opening Prayer

*Hymn Sing

*Apostles' Creed No. 881

Special Music

Scripture and Prayers (see back page)

The Offering with the Doxology

Scripture: Psalm 63:1-11 "My soul thirst for you, O God" +Hymnal 788

Sermon "A Song That Satisfies the Soul" +Dr. Gavalas

*Hymn 380: "There's Within My Heart a Melody"

Charge and Blessing Dismissal Chorus

"God be with you till we meet again, by his counsels guide uphold you,
with his sheep securely fold you, God be with you till we meet again."

Welcome to All Who Worship with Us Today

We welcome you to worship today. No matter who you are, or what your lifestyle may be, whether you are high on the "hog" or low down in the pits, we welcome you with open hands, open hearts, and open minds. We invite you to join with us in church membership. If you desire to join with us, please meet the pastor at the

Lent and Easter Schedule and Services

4/14: Palm Passion Sunday

4/18: Maundy Thursday Communion: 5:00 pm: Swords; 7:00 pm: Fork Chapel

4/19: Good Friday Tenebrae Service: 7:00 pm, at Fork Chapel

4/21: Easter Sunday:

9:00 am; Swords Easter Service beginning with Worship at Cross

11:00 m: Fork Chapel Easter Service

Prayer Leaders Next Sunday, March 31

Swords: Louise Hess; Fork Chapel: Cathy Smith

Unshakeable Hope - Small Group Study - Wednesday. 7:00p.m.

God's promise: "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you (Acts 1:8). Come this Wednesday night to learn who is and what the Holy Spirit does for us as we go live through all the ups and down of life. Lay Servant Ron Hess will lead the study.

St. Andrew Lenten Devotions and Giving Program for Hunger in America

Today's devotion in *Season of Joy and Gladness* shows the consequences of health scares. Titled *Discipline Through Love and a Stroke*, the devotion shows us how Gold helps through a traumatic health event, and all the consequences, to a new normal. The Society of St. Andrew, challenges us to remember our desperate 42 million children and adults here in the United States who suffer the trauma of hunger, and struggle to put enough food on the table each day.

Does your daily spiritual focus this Lent include giving? Every \$3.00 you set aside, the Society of St. Andrew will put 20 meals of healthy food on the plates of those who need it most, giving both you and them, a blessing!

Please use the coin box (for use daily at meal time) and/or offering envelope (for a one time gift) that are provided to make your gift. Pick up your box or offering envelope today. They are located at the entrance to the church. We will dedicate our gifts at the Maundy Thursday Service on April 18. Thank you.

C.S. Lewis on "Hungering for God"

C.S. Lewis gave us the following insight on hungering for God: "Our Lord finds our desires and hunger for God not too strong, but too weak. We are half-hearted creatures, fooling about with peripheral things when infinite joy is offered to us. Many times we are like an ignorant child who wants to go on making mud pies in the slum because he cannot imagine what is meant by the offer of a holiday at the sea. We are far too easily pleased by issues that disguise our real hunger for and our ultimate joy in God."