

THE WORSHIP OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD
AT SWIFT CHURCH
Second Sunday in Lent

GATHERING

WELCOME

PRELUDE “El Shaddai”

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

*CALL TO WORSHIP Susan Pichoff

Leader: The Lord is my light and my salvation;

People: Whom shall, I fear?

Leader: The Lord is the stronghold of my life;

People: Of whom shall I be afraid?

Leader: Come, seek God in this time of worship.

*HYMN #43 “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Silent Prayer “Lord, Be Glorified”

Eternal God, as enemies circle and fear grows large; the distance between us feels like absence and we come to believe you are hidden and concealed. Forgive our doubt. Forgive our lack of spiritual seeking. Forgive us when we make our faith all about what you might do for us rather than how we might serve you and work at right relationship with you. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PASSING THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

*RESPONSE #335 “Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus”

Turn your eyes upon Jesus, Look full in His wonderful face, And the things of earth will grow strangely dim
In the light of His glory and grace.

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING Psalm 27

SECOND READING Luke 13:31–35

RESPONSE

Leader: This is the word of God, for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON “Lament”
Reverend Alexandra Hutson

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN #493 “It Is Well with My Soul”

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(From the Brief Statement of Faith)

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent

and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*HYMN #429 “Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”

THE LORD’S PRAYER

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory “His Name Is Wonderful”

*RESPONSE #625 “Doxology”
Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him
All creatures here below; praise Him above ye
heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

PRAYER AND DEDICATION OF THE OFFERING

**please stand as you are able*

SENDING

*HYMN #490 "I Am His, and He Is Mine"

*TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*CHARGE

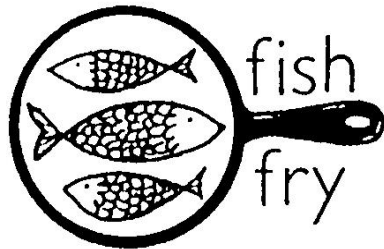
Leader: Good people of Swift Church, who are you?

People: Striving to bring God joy, we proclaim Christ's love and grace through serving and nurturing body, mind, and soul.

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Lord of the Dance"

Music is licensed through CCLI.



Thank you, Lynn

Please join us in the fellowship hall immediately after worship for a fish fry, in honor of Lynn Aspray on her retirement and service as church treasurer.

THIS WEEK AT SWIFT

Sunday, March 16

Sunday School, 9 a.m.

Worship in the Sanctuary, 10 a.m.

Fish Fry

Immediately Following Service

Fellowship Hall

Cursillo Reunion Group

St. Paul's Episcopal, 6 p.m.

Monday, March 17

Session, 4:30 p.m.

Annex Room 2

Wednesday, March 19

Prayer Group, 9 a.m.

Chapel

Food Pantry, 10 to 11 a.m.

Fellowship Hall

Lent Bible Study, noon

Annex Room 2

Thursday, March 20

Christmas and Craft Market Meeting

10 a.m.

Fellowship Hall

Lenten Lunches

noon

Pine Street Park, Foley

Butterfly Girls and Guys Night Out

6 p.m.

Peng Garden

Welcome to Swift Church

March 16, 2025

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