



Sunday, March 3, 2024
The Third Sunday in Lent
10:00 a.m.



“The End of Religion”
Pastor Steve Albertin

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Call to Worship Great is the Lord

Announcements

* (*indicates please stand*)

* **Greeting & Passing of Peace**

Song Now the Feast and Celebration

Prayer of the Day

Song Awesome God

please be seated

Lesson 1st Corinthians 1:18-25 Pew Bible pg 1038

P: The holy Gospel according to St. Mark

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel John 2:13-22 Pew Bible pg 967

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Children's Message Pastor Steve Albertin

Sermon "The End of Religion" Pastor Steve Albertin

- Many think that good religion is keeping the Ten Commandments. However, in today's Gospel Jesus shows us that he came to end that kind of religion.
- Jesus angrily attacks such religion. If Jesus were to visit us, it would not be very pleasant either.
- Jesus attacks our attempts to make religion into something we do to please God.
- Instead Jesus offers himself, the end of religion and a new life of service.
- We now are FREE and GET TO use our lives to serve the world instead of always having to check on how well we are doing.

* **Song**

Refiner's Fire

please be seated

The Offering

* **Offertory**

We Are an Offering

ELW 692

* **The Nicene Creed**

ELW pg 104

Prayers of the Church : *(the congregation joins in speaking the first names of those for whom we pray.)*

Members:

Lee & Wes, Craig, Kathy, Kay, Carole, Vickie, John

Family & Friends

Ann, Bob, Pete, George, Carol, Linda, Jeannie, Joyce, Randall & Mary

Communion

The 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 our thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...

And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

C: **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

The Lord's Prayer

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name, Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the Kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours, now and forever. Amen!

please be seated

Distribution

All baptized Christians who seek the blessings of Christ's true body and blood in the bread and wine of Holy Communion are welcome at his table. There, they receive him and the new life he offers. Those who eat and drink at his table commit themselves to the care and redemption of all that God has made. If you are not baptized, contact Pastor Albertin to learn how you can receive the great gift God has for you in baptism. Today, you are welcome to join us at Christ's table.

Benediction

* **Sending Song**

Step By Step

P: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

Please join us Wednesday evenings at 7:00
for Lenten Worship as we explore
"Voices of Passion"

This Week:
Caiaphas, High Priest and Defender of the Faith
(Matthew 26:57-68)