

Lent 1
March 6, 2022

Welcome to Saved By Grace! If you are a guest, it is our pleasure to have you worship with us today. We would be glad to answer any questions you may have and hope that you will return to visit us again.

Today's Theme: Holding God to His Word

Though Jesus seemed to ignore and reject a Canaanite woman, she continued to call upon His name and look to Him for help (Mt. 15:21–28). Even when the Lord called her a little dog, she held on to Him in faith and would not let Him wriggle out of His words: *“Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.”* This Gentile woman shows herself to be a true Israelite, who struggles with God and man in Christ and prevails. *“O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire”* (Mt. 15:27–28). This is the sanctifying will of God (1 Thess. 4:1–7)—to test your faith in order that it may be refined and strengthened.

Midweek Lenten Vespers continues this Wednesday, Ash Wednesday, at 5:30 pm.

- This week we will consider the witness to Christ of Mary, the sister of Lazarus and Martha.
- A daily Lenten devotional entitled, “The Witnesses of Christ” is available in the church entry.

Private Confession and Absolution is available for anyone who desires it. Arrangements for it can be made by contacting Pastor.

Friendship Sunday: The congregation is planning for a specific Sunday when we can invite guests to church and connect them to Jesus by the hearing of his Word. After the service an activity will be provided to get to know one another. The church council is looking for a volunteer from the congregation to coordinate and promote this special Sunday. If you are interested in volunteering, please talk to our congregation president, Dave Sparley or to Pastor.

This Week's Schedule:

- Wednesday - 4:15 pm, Afterschool Class; 5:30 pm, Lent Vespers
- Thursday - 10:30 am Bible Class; 5 pm Online Confirmation Class
- Sunday, March 13 - 10 am, Service of Word and Sacrament

