

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

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10:45 a.m.



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Welcome to worship at Our Savior's Lutheran Church. Rev. John Freidheim will be leading us in worship

today. Welcome, Pastor Freidheim!

Pre-service Music-Bring this service folder and a lighted candle to your place of worship.

We will be sharing Communion today! Please bring bread or a cracker/wine or juice so that we may all share in God's gift together.

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

During this Season of Lent, we gather together, in our hearts and in our homes, to worship in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Amen!

Opening Hymn

♪ I Want Jesus To Walk With Me

I want Jesus to walk with me;
I want Jesus to walk with me;
All along my pilgrim journey,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me

In my trials, Lord, walk with me;

In my trials, Lord, walk with me;
When my heart is almost breaking,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me
When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me;
When my head is bowed in sorrow,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

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Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, +one God, the keeper of the covenant, the source of steadfast love, our rock and our redeemer. **Amen.**

God hears us when we cry, and draws us close in Jesus Christ. Let us return to the one who is full of compassion.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Fountain of living water,

Pour out your mercy over us. Our sin is heavy, and we long to be free. Rebuild what we have ruined and mend what we have torn. Wash us in your cleansing flood. Make us alive in the Spirit to follow in the way of Jesus, as healers and restorers of the world you so love. Amen.

Beloved, God's word never fails. The promise rests on

grace: by the saving love of Jesus Christ, the wisdom and power of God, your sins are +forgiven, and God remembers them no more. Journey in the way of Jesus. **Amen.**

Sharing of the Peace of the Lord

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

O God, by the passion of your blessed Son you made an instrument of shameful death to be for us the means of life. Grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ that we may gladly suffer shame and loss for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Word

A reading from Genesis

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. ²And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous." ³Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him,

⁴"As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ⁵No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ⁶I will make

you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you.

⁷I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.

¹⁵God said to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. ¹⁶I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.”

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God

♪ Return to the Lord, Your God

Return to the Lord, your God,
for he is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love,
and abounding in steadfast love.

By Richard W. Hillert (LBW Communion Setting #1)

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A reading from Mark

Mark 8:31-38

Glory to you, O Lord.

³¹Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

³⁴He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

☺ **Children’s Message**

Sermon

Response to the Word

♪ I Love You, Lord
Flute solo

Prayers

On this second Sunday in Lent, let us pray for the church and for all people in need, responding to each petition with the words, “hear us, we pray.”

A brief silence.

God of mercy and might, bless your church throughout the world. Uphold those believers who suffer for the sake of your gospel. Strengthen the faith of all the baptized, and make your presence felt by those unable to assemble for worship...

When we cry out, O faithful God,
hear us, we pray.

As this week we commemorate John and Charles Wesley, we ask you to bless the Methodist churches around the globe. Unite them in the promises of baptism, and in due time return us all to the joy of singing the hymns that Charles wrote...

When we cry out, O warm-hearted God,
hear us, we pray.

Bless the earth. Save the animals and their habitats from wild and uncontrolled weather. Teach humanity to live respectful of nature and to join you in tending to creation's well-being. We ask you to smile also on Mars...

When we cry out, O wondrous God,
hear us, we pray.

Bless the nations of the world. Raise up advocates for peace and justice within and between nations. Give life where hope seems dead; call into existence new realities we cannot even imagine. Lead all people around the world to receive the COVID-19 vaccine with gratitude to you. Grant to our Congress the wisdom and the will to improve the lives of all our residents...

When we cry out, O righteous God,
hear us, we pray.

Bless all who suffer in body, mind, and spirit. We beg that you bring an end to the pandemic. Restore medical systems, and comfort all who are sick or dying. Lead us out of the practices of discrimination. Bring vindication for victims of injustice and relief to oppressed minorities. We remember before you those we name in our hearts...

When we cry out, O benevolent God,
hear us, we pray.

Bless families: those in our community, those waiting at national borders, those whose struggles are known only to you. Keep children safe; sustain expectant parents and those facing infertility; protect women in childbirth. Accompany everyone who lives alone. Equip the ministries and services of church and state that attend to families in their needs...

When we cry out, O loving God,
hear us, we pray.

Fill each one of us with hope and receive our personal prayers....

When we cry out, O gracious God,
hear us, we pray.

Praises to you, O God, for centuries of saints whose faithfulness inspires our Lenten journey. Bless those who mourn the half million dead of the virus. Be our way, our truth, our life, and strengthen our faith in the gift of your final salvation...

When we cry out, O everlasting God,
hear us, we pray.

We entrust ourselves and all our prayers to you, O God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Offering

As the vaccine becomes more available, we look forward to the day when the Covid 19 crisis is behind us. Until then, the work of the church continues. In this time, so filled with fear and anger, people need our Lord and the peace only He can bring more than ever.

To those of you who have been supporting the church and its mission to be God's light in a dark world, thank you. If you haven't been and would like to, we invite you to join us now. If we can be together or not, God's call to all of us is clear. In the words of an old hymn:

Let none hear you idly saying,
"There is nothing I can do,"
While the multitudes are dying,
and the Master calls for you.
Take the task he gives you gladly;
Let his work your pleasure be.
Answer quickly when he calls you,
"Here am I. Send me, send me!"

Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling LBW 381 v4

Meal

The Lord be with you
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and offer our love and devotion to you.

Words of Institution

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 for the 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 sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

The Lord's Prayer

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray.

**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.

Invitation to Communion

Jesus draws the whole world to himself. In this meal, we meet him, and we are fed.

(Open your bread packet)

The body of Christ given for you.

(Open your wine cup)

The blood of Christ given for you.

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus strengthen you and keep you in his peace.

Amen

Let us pray.

God of steadfast love, at this table you gather your people into one body for the sake of the world. Send us in the power of your Spirit, that our lives bear witness to the love that has made us new in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

Sending

Merciful God, accompany our journey through these forty

days. Renew us in the gift of 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 our treasure in the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

♪ Step by Step

Oh God, you are my God and I will ever praise You.
Oh God, You are my God and I will ever praise You
I will seek You in the morning
and I will learn to walk in Your ways,
And step by step You'll lead me
and I will follow You all of my days.
(repeat)

And I will follow you all of my days,
And I will follow you all of my days,
And step by step You'll lead me
and I will follow you all of my days.

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Go in peace. Share the good news.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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[“Be Thou My Vision”](#)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mkK_XfVc2Ik

[“We Trust in God Alone”](#)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MvsBDBX0oCk>

[“Jesus Calls Us”](#)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JcxnwQPuwQQ>

Readings for the Week:

Monday (commemoration of George Herbert, hymnwriter, 1633) Psalm 105:1-11, 37-45. **Tuesday** (commemoration of John Wesley, 1791; Charles Wesley, 1788; renewers of the church) Hebrews 11:1-3, 13-19. **Wednesday** Jeremiah 30:12-22. **Thursday** Psalm 19. **Friday** Exodus 19:9b-15. **Saturday** Exodus 19:16-25. **Second Sunday in Lent** (commemoration of Perpetua and Felicity and companions, martyrs at Carthage, 202) Exodus 20:1-17; Psalm 19; 1 Corinthians 1:18-25; John 2:13-22.