SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

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A Christ Caring People Who Gather Around Word and Sacrament, Yoked Together, In Personal Service to Christ in World Wide Missions



→ DIVINE SERVICE →

OPENING HYMN

"The God of Abraham Praise" vs. 1-4

(LSB 798)

INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the

→ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

EXHORTATION

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

© But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the gifts of our Lord Jesus Christ through Word and Sacrament, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

CONFESSION and **ABSOLUTION**

Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

- Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

+ WORD +

INTROIT

Ps. 105:4-7; (antiphon: Ps. 105:8)

- P He remembers his covenant forever, the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations.
- Seek the LORD and his strength; seek his presence continually!
- P Remember the wondrous works that he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he uttered,
- O offspring of Abraham, his servant, children of Jacob, his chosen ones!
- P He is the LORD our God; his judgments are in all the earth.
- Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.
- P He remembers his covenant forever, the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations.

KYRIE



C Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

SALUTATION and **COLLECT OF THE DAY**

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- Let us pray. O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

(Please be seated)

OLD TESTAMENT Genesis 12:1–9 (A great promise of God is made to Abram.)

After the reading:

- **L** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM "Wayfarin' Stranger" (Applachian folk hymn, arr. R. Untersheher)
Helen Kiepke, Laura Streich, Laura Mehlhaff, Marlis Doud, Carolyn Ryckman

EPISTLE Romans 4:1–8, 13–17 (The faith of Abraham, who believed God, is remembered.)

After the reading:

- **L** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

(Please stand)

HOLY GOSPEL John 3:1–17 (Jesus teaches Nicodemus about being born again.)

- **P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the third chapter.
- C Glory to You, O Lord.

After the reading:

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to You, O Christ.

(Please be seated)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON HYMN "All Depends On Our Possessing" (LSB 732)

SERMON "Mercy in Suffering" (1 Peter 2:21-25)

Pastor Sam Handschke

CREED 8:30am Nicene Inside back cover of the Lutheran Service Book 11:00am Apostles' Inside back cover of the Lutheran Service Book

OFFERING We gather our tithes and gifts of love

(Please stand)

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

- Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.
- P Heavenly Father, Your Son has shown Your love to the world in His death and resurrection. Give Your people hearts to remember Your gracious works and to proclaim Your name in all things. Lord, in Your mercy,

call on

Him

- C hear our prayer.
- Lord God, heavenly Father, You promise us an inheritance not because of Your law but because of Your promise to Abraham and to us. In Your grace, nourish us in the faith unto life eternal. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P Heavenly Father, You made Your servant Abraham the father of us all through faith, and You have given all fathers the calling of Abraham to hand down the Gospel of Christ. Fill their hearts with the words of Christ, and remember them according to Your great mercy. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- Almighty God, remember our nation and its leaders. Bless all who make, administer and judge our laws, and enable us to be good and responsible citizens. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P Gracious Lord, be near to the sick and the suffering [especially ______]. Comfort them with Your divine promises, and grant healing according to Your will. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- P Heavenly Father, Nicodemus was led by the word of Jesus to the cross, and from the cross he received the body of Jesus. Grant us faith like his to trust Your Word and

- receive Christ's body and blood in the Holy Sacrament for forgiveness, life and salvation. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- Lord God, You give life to the dead and have united the faithful of all ages in the Body of Christ. As You shelter all the saints in the arms of Your mercy, so comfort us who await Your final victory over death and the life of the world to come. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of Him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever.
- C Amen.

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 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.

The 11:00 am service continues on page 9 with the Benedicamus and Benediction.

IN REGARD TO HOLY COMMUNION: According to Scripture, Holy Communion should be celebrated by those who are: **United in a common faith** (1 Cor. 10:16-17, 21-22; Rom. 16:17); **Repentant of sins** (1 Cor. 5:11, Matt. 18:17-18); **Able to examine their lives** (1 Cor. 11:27-29); and believe that in this precious meal they **receive the true body and blood of Jesus** given and shed for the forgiveness of their sins (Luke 22:19-22).

Since Scripture teaches that those people who do not fully understand the meaning of this meal eat and drink to their own harm (1Cor. 11:27-29), and because the Lord's Supper is the supreme act of stating our unity in faith and doctrine, we would ask those people who are visiting with us to **please speak with our pastors**, before communing, in order that we might fulfill our responsibility of properly instructing people in the right use of the precious Sacrament.

★ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ★ 8:30 am Service

PREFACE

- **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 Him thanks and praise.
- It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS



PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

At Your command, Abraham prepared to offer his son Isaac as a sacrifice on the mountain; yet, in mercy You provided a ram as a substitute. We give thanks that on Calvary You spared not Your only Son but sent Him to offer His life as a ransom for many.

As we eat and drink His body and blood, grant us, like Abraham our father, to trust in Your promise now fulfilled in Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

C Amen.

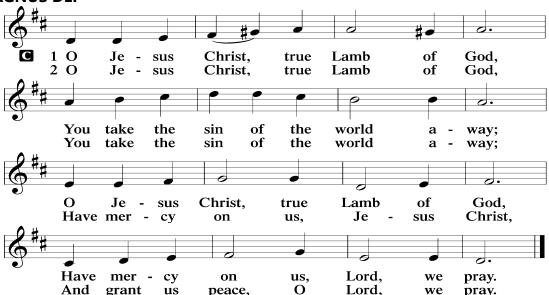
WORDS OF OUR LORD

Matt 26:26-28; Mk 14:22-24; Lk 22:19-20; 1 Cor 11:23-25

PAX DOMINI

- **P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- **C** And also with you.

AGNUS DEI



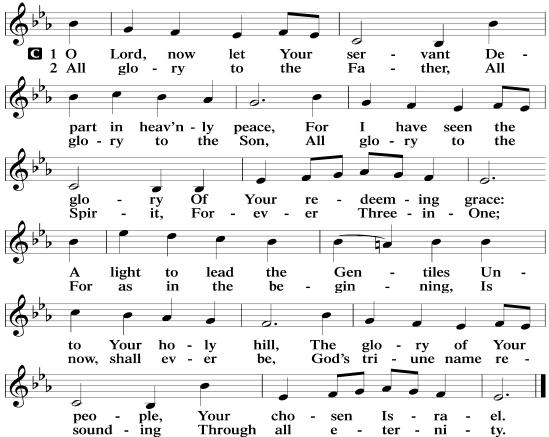
(Please be seated)

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"When I Behold Jesus Christ"	(LSB 542)
"Jerusalem, My Happy Home"	(LSB 673)
"Sing Praise to the God of Israel"	(LSB 936)

(Please stand)

NUNC DIMITTIS



POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Let us pray. Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of

pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

BENEDICAMUS and **BENEDICTION**

Numbers 6:24-26

- **P** Let us bless the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.
- The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
 The Lord look upon you with favor and

 → give you peace.
- C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

"The God of Abraham Praise" vs. 5-9 (LSB 798)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

AS WE GATHER In this service for Week 2 of Lent in our In View of God's Mercy series, we look at our lives through the lens of God's love toward us in the sacrifice of his Son, Jesus. In this service, we recall that no life is without suffering, but our sufferings are not worth comparing to the glory to be revealed to us in Jesus by God's great mercy.

If there are prayer concerns for you, your family, your friends, or your neighbors, please put them on the back of the blue attendance/communion card. Our Board of Elders are prayerful with our pastors about these joys and struggles of our earthly journey.

"The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective." James 5:16b

Welcome to Faith Evangelical Lutheran on this Second Sunday in Lent! We are delighted to have you in worship with us. If you are visiting from out of town, we bid you welcome and God-speed on your journey. Should you be from our community, and have no church home, we invite you to make Faith your church home.

Preaching today is Reverend Sam Handschke.

Holy Communion is celebrated at our 8:30 service this Sunday. In this Sacrament, our Lord gives His true body and blood for our forgiveness. Those who confess the faith declared at this altar and who desire to receive communion today are asked to read our communion statement found in the bulletin. Thank you.



Want to listen to our worship service via livestream? Go to: www.faithluth.com. Click on livestream and it will take you to the service or if you have missed the service it will take you to the archived services. We livestream our 8:30 service each Sunday.

First Sunday of the Month Fellowship Join us after our 8:30 service for our 1st Sunday Fellowship. We thank the women of Priscilla Circle for the goodies and hosting our fellowship.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Feb. 22, Ash Wed. \$535.00; **Sun., Feb. 26, Att. 272;** General Fund \$9,193.34; Sunday School Offering \$3.00; HVAC System \$600.00; Love Fund \$100.00; Contingency Fund \$100.00; Mexico Mission \$545.00.

Endowment Fund When giving to the Endowment Fund **PLEASE** make it a **SEPARATE CHECK**. Must be a **CHECK** as the account doesn't accept cash for the deposit. It is not always easy to find a check for the correct amount to substitute for cash or for a check made out for multiple purposes that includes an Endowment donation. The

counters would greatly appreciate your help in this matter. Thank you.



If you have had your photo taken for the Church Directory your FREE 8 x 10 is on the table in the Living Room. Please pick yours up today. Your name will be on the envelope so it should be easy to find.

Interested in the Mexico Mission Trip? Are you interested in going on the Mexico Mission trip in 2023? If so, we need to hear from you soon. There will be a meeting on Sunday, January 29 at 7:00pm to share information. Please contact Dennis or Carolyn Ryckman (605-280-6347) for more information.

Dinner and a Movie Night The Board of Parish Fellowship will sponsor this event **TODAY, Sunday, March 5th**. The movie, "The Prince of Egypt," will be shown from 5-6:30 PM in the Sanctuary. Following the movie there will be pizza in the Fellowship Hall. Bring the whole family and your friends for this special showing.



March is Faith Lutheran Church's month to collect items for the Pierre/Fort Pierre Food Pantry. Pick up an extra item or two while shopping for your own groceries. Nonperishable food items, paper

products, hygiene items, and cash donations are welcome.

Checks may be made payable to PARS. Write Food Pantry or Townsend Challenge on the memo line.

Butter Braids Fundraiser "The Board of Early Education is selling Butter Braids to help raise funds for the daycare and preschool. Some of the funds raised will be used to purchase Christian themed rugs for some of the classrooms. If you would like to purchase Butter Braids, we will be selling them in the Narthex after church services on March 12th. Estimated delivery date for the Butter Braids is March 30th. A perfect treat





Corned Beef 'N' Cabbage Meal Sunday, March 12, 2023 Noon meal following the late services

Freewill Offering

It is back again this year! The K-A family along with the Youth Group is organizing the Corned Beef 'N' Cabbage meal as we have done in the past.

Menu:

Corned Beef N Cabbage Red Potatoes
Macaroni and Cheese Dark Rye Bread
Bread Pudding with Caramel Sauce

This meal will be once again served family style There will also be meals available for take-out Please sign up in the narthex so we know you're coming



High School Girls Bible Study – All High School girls are invited to join in on this Bible Study. Come and bring friends! This study began Monday, February 6, 2023. The study will be every Monday at 7:00 PM. Please contact Cassandra Ryckman for details - 222-4895.

This Week at Faith Lutheran

Today: Mar. 5

8:30 am Communion

9:30 am First Sunday Fellowship

9:45 am Sunday School

11:00 am Worship

2-6 pm Fastpitch

5-8 pm BoPF Movie & Dinner

6:30 pm 1, 2, 3, John Bible Study

7:00 pm Board of Elders

Mon: Mar. 6

6-9 pm Pickleball

7:00 pm Men's Club

Tues: Mar. 7

8:00 am Staff Devotions

10:30 am Women's Bible Study

6-9 pm Fastpitch

6:30 pm Choir (Living Last Supper)

Wed: Mar. 8

11:00 am Lenten Worship

5:15-6:45 pm Lenten Meal

6:00 pm Midweek/Catechism

6:00 pm Hebrews Study

6:00 pm Romans Bible Study

7:00 pm Lenten Worship

8:00 pm LYF

Thurs: Mar. 9

8:00 am Staff Devotions

11:30 am Ministerium

1:30-3:00 pm Little Dresses

5-8 pm MOPS in Gym

7:00 pm Faith Circle

7:00 pm Psalms Bible Study in Sanct.

Sat: Mar. 11

SET CLOCKS AHEAD ONE HOUR

Sun: Mar. 12 Daylight Savings

Begins

8:30 am Worship

9:45 am Sunday School/Adult Study

11:00 am Communion

12:00 pm Corned Beef & Cabbage Meal

1:00 pm Board of Stewardship/Endow

2-6 pm Fastpitch

6:30 pm 1, 2, 3, John Bible Study

THE WEDNESDAYS IN LENT

Wednesday, March 8

"Grace for the Lost"

Wednesday, March 15

"Grace for the Blind"

Wednesday, March 22

Grace for Those Ashamed"

Wednesday, March 29

"Grace for the Wretched"

LOOKING AHEAD TO PALM SUNDAY



LIVING LAST SUPPER Palm Sunday, April 2, 2023 at 6:30 PM

Invite your friends and neighbors for this moving portrayal of Jesus' last evening with the disciples before His crucifixion.

HOLY WEEK

Maundy Thursday, April 5

"Grace for the Loveless"

Good Friday, April 6

Grace for the Guilty"

Easter, April 9 "Grace for Those Who Lament"