

The Second Sunday in Lent

Sunday – February 25, 2024 – 9:30 a.m. Worship

(In-Person & Live -Streamed)



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† Call to Worship †

Greeting

Opening Hymn “There Is a Redeemer”



1 There is a Re - deem - er— Je - sus, God's own Son;
2 Je - sus, my Re - deem - er, Name a - bove all names;
3 When I stand in glo - ry, I will see His face;



Pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes - si - ah, Ho - ly One.
Pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes - si - ah, Hope for sin - ners slain.
There I'll serve my King for - ev - er In that ho - ly place.



Refrain
Thank You, O my Fa - ther, For giv - ing us Your Son,



And leav - ing Your Spir - it Till the work on earth is done.

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The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation

Matthew 28:19b; 18:20

P In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Exhortation

Psalms 43:4; Psalm 124:8 290

P I will go to the altar of God,

C to God my exceeding joy.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Confession of Sins

LSB 254

P Holy and gracious God,

C I confess that I have sinned against You this day. Some of my sin I know—the thoughts and words and deeds of which I am ashamed—but some is known only to You. In the name of Jesus Christ, I ask forgiveness. Deliver and restore me that I may rest in peace.

Absolution

P 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.

† Service of the Word †

Responsive Reading: Psalm 22:23-31

P²³You who fear the LORD, praise Him!

All you offspring of Jacob, glorify Him,

C and stand in awe of Him, all you offspring of Israel!

P²⁴For He has not despised or abhorred the affliction of the afflicted,

C and He has not hidden His face from him,
but has heard, when he cried to him.

P²⁵From you comes My praise in the great congregation;

C My vows I will perform before those who fear Him.

P²⁶The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied;

C those who seek Him shall praise the LORD!
May your hearts live forever!

P²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD,

C and all the families of the nations shall worship before You.

P²⁸For kingship belongs to the LORD,

C and He rules over the nations.

P²⁹All the prosperous of the earth eat and worship;

C before Him shall bow all who go down to the dust,
even the one who could not keep himself alive.

P³⁰Posterity shall serve Him;

C it shall be told of the Lord to the coming generation;

P³¹they shall come and proclaim His righteousness to a people yet unborn,

C that He has done it.

ALL 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.

Kyrie

Mark 10:47 LSB 204



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.

P 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.

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

¹When 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, ²that I may make my covenant between me and you, and may multiply you greatly.” ³Then Abram fell on his face. And God said to him, ⁴“Behold, my covenant is with you, and you shall be the father of a multitude of nations. ⁵No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham, for I have made you the father of a multitude of nations. ⁶I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make you into nations, and kings shall come from you. ⁷And I 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. . . .

¹⁵And God said to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name 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 become nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle: Romans 5:1-11

¹Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ²Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. ³More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— ⁸but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. ¹¹More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Verse for Lent

Joel 2:13 LSB 157



C Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for He is gra - cious and



mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in



stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

Holy Gospel: Mark 8:27-38

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the eighth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

²⁷And Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi. And on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” ²⁸And they told him, “John the Baptist; and others say, Elijah; and others, one of the prophets.” ²⁹And he asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Christ.” ³⁰And he strictly charged them to tell no one about him.

³¹And he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²And he said this plainly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “**Get behind me, Satan! For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.**”

³⁴And he called to him the crowd with his disciples and said to them, “**If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. ³⁵For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel’s will save it. ³⁶For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? ³⁷For what can a man give in return for his life? ³⁸For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.**”

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

Sit

Sermon Hymn #537 “Beautiful Savior”



1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion, Son of
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, Fair are the wood - lands, Robed in
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, Fair is the moon - light, Bright the
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions, Son of



God and Son of Man! Tru - ly I'd love Thee, Tru - ly I'd
 flow'rs of bloom - ing spring; Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is
 spar - kling stars on high; Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines
 God and Son of Man! Glo - ry and hon - or, Praise, ad - o -



serve Thee, Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
 pur - er, He makes our sor - r'wing spir - it sing.
 pur - er Than all the an - gels in the sky.
 ra - tion Now and for - ev - er - more be Thine!

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Sermon "Tough Questions with Wonderful Answers"

Mark 8:27:38

Stand

Apostles' Creed

- C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth.

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
 born of the virgin Mary,
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, died and was buried.
 He descended into hell.
 The third day He rose again from the dead.
 He ascended into heaven
 and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
 From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life † everlasting. Amen.

Offerings are brought to the LORD's altar as we sing:

Offertory

Psalm 116:12-13, 17-19 LSB 159

G What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to
me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my
vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

Sit

Prayer of the Church

Responses:

- P** Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** Hear our prayer.

Final Petition:

- P** Hear us Father for we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, Who has forgiven our sins, healed our diseases, will one day raise us from the dead and has taught us to pray:

Lord's Prayer

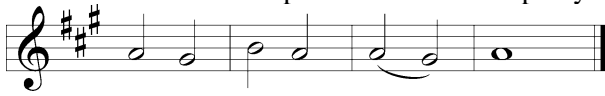
C Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses

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.

Benediction

Numbers 6:24–26 202

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.



- C** A-men, a-men, a - men.

Hymn "Beneath the Cross of Jesus"



1. Be neath the cross of Je - sus I fain would take my
2. There lies be - neath its shad - ow, but on the far - ther
3. Up on the cross of Je - sus mine eyes at times can



stand; The shad - ow of a might - y rock with - in a wea - ry land. A
side, the dark - ness of an aw - ful grave that gapes both deep and wide; And
see the ver - y dy - ing form of One who suf - fered there for me. And



home with - in the wil - der - ness, a rest up - on the way from the
there be - tween us stands the cross, two arms out - stretched to save, like a
from my smit - ten heart, with tears, two won - ders I con - fess: The



burn - ing of the noon - tide heat and the bur - den of the day.
watch - man set to guard the way from that e - ter - nal grave.
won - der of re - deem - ing love, and my un - wor - thi - ness.

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