

Lent 2 February 25, 2024

Prelude The God of Abraham Praise, arr. by Marcia C. Newcome

Welcome & Announcements

Children's Sermon

Confession and Absolution

L Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **C Amen.**

L Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **C Amen.**

L Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Most merciful God,

All: We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

L In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Opening Hymn Bless Now, O God, the Journey ELW 326

Apostolic Greeting

L The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

Kyrie pg 147-148

L In peace let us pray to the Lord. **C Lord Have Mercy**

L For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord Have Mercy

L For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. **C Lord have mercy.**

L For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord. **C Lord, have mercy**

L Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **C Amen.**

Prayer of the Day

L The Lord be with you.

C Also, with you.

L Let us pray: 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.

C Amen

First 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. 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."

Holy wisdom, holy word.

C Thanks be to God

Psalms 22: 23-31 chanted responsively

²³You who fear the LORD, give praise! All you of Jacob's ¹ line, give glory.

Stand in awe of the LORD, all you off- ¹ spring of Israel.

²⁴**For the LORD does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither is the LORD's face hid- ¹ den from them; but when they cry out, ¹ the LORD hears them.**

²⁵From you comes my praise in the ¹ great assembly;

I will perform my vows in the sight of those who ¹ fear the LORD.

²⁶**The poor shall eat ¹ and be satisfied,**

Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts ¹ live forever!

²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn ¹ to the LORD;

all the families of nations shall bow ¹ before God.

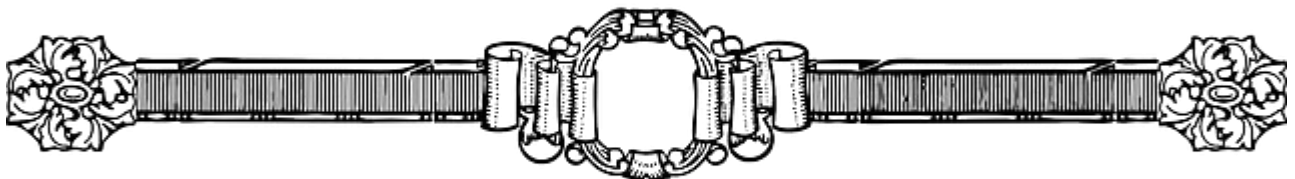
²⁸**For dominion belongs ¹ to the LORD, who rules o- ¹ ver the nations.**

²⁹Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow ¹ down in worship;

all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel be- ¹ fore the LORD.

³⁰**Their descendants shall ¹ serve the LORD, whom they shall proclaim to genera- ¹ tions to come.**

³¹They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people ¹ yet unborn, saying to them, "The ¹ LORD has acted!"



Second Reading: Romans 4: 13-25

¹³The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

¹⁶For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, ¹⁷as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations")—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. ¹⁸Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." ¹⁹He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. ²⁰No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, ²¹being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. ²²Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." ²³Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, ²⁴but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, ²⁵who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

Holy wisdom Holy Word.

C Thanks be to God

We stand to sing the Gospel Acclamation for Lent

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

The Gospel according to Mark the 8th Chapter

C Glory to you, O Lord

³¹[Jesus] 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."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

ELW 759

Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

Prayers of the Church

- L Unashamed to call Jesus our Lord, and in need of his gracious care, we pray with humble hearts for our neighbors and ourselves.
- AM For the Church, that we may have the courage to bear whatever cross we may be called to endure, Lord in your mercy, **C Hear our prayer.**
- AM For all who would cling to their own lives instead of clinging to the Lord of life, Lord in your mercy, **C Hear our prayer.**
- AM For a world in crisis, that we willingly seek to become its protectors and defenders, Lord in your mercy. **C Hear our prayer**
- AM For the lost, rejected, abused, and all who struggle with any burden, and for those who experience violence, that they may find relief, Lord in your mercy,
C Hear our prayer
- AM For the victims of war – in Palestine and Israel, in Ukraine, and wherever weapons replace words to solve conflicts, Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer**
- A.M. For all these we pray, Lord in your mercy, **C Hear our prayer.**
- AM For any needs you now lift In silence or out loud.... Lord in your mercy,
C Hear our prayer.
- AM For hearts overflowing with generosity, that the mission of the church may be a bold witness into the future for the healing of the world, Lord in your mercy,
C Hear our prayer.
- L For all these and any other needs, we offer our prayers in the name of Christ, our Lord. **C Amen**

Sharing of the Peace

A Capella Choir Anthem Tender Shepherd words by Joseph M. & Pamela Martin music by Joseph M. Martin.

Tender shepherd, lead me on. From the hills I hear your song calling me home where I belong, back to your arms so kind, so strong. When my path begins to stray, shepherd, you never turn away. You bear my sins and take the blame, and carry me back to the fold to stay. Though I walk through valleys dark your love will keep me from all harm; and I know I am safe in your arms, I am safe in your arms. Mighty God, and yet a man; shepherd, my heart is in your hands, my every thought you understand; you know what it's like to be a Lamb, you know what it's like to be a Lamb.

Offertory Hymn Sung as the plates are brought forward

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Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.

The Leader speaks an Offertory Prayer

"Christ has extended a wide and loving invitation to join with him and with each other at his table of grace. Anyone who desires to come forward to receive the Eucharist is encouraged to do so."

The Great Thanksgiving

L The Lord be with you.

C And also, with you.

L Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

L Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

P It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Proper Preface is chanted.

The Sanctus

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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 Leader continues with the Great Thanksgiving

The 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**

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Communion is distributed.

Communion Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone, arr. by Gregg Sewell c. 1988 by Lorenz Publishing Co. in "Songs of Calvary for Piano"

Post Communion Prayer

L Let us pray. We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.
C Amen

Benediction

L The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.
C Amen.

Closing Hymn The God of Abraham Praise ELW 831 vs. 1-4

Dismissal

AM Go now in peace, to love and serve the Lord and your neighbors.
C Thanks be to God

Postlude When I Survey the Wondrous Cross, arr. by Cindy Berry c. 1988 by Word Music in "Classic Hymns in Classical Styles"

Please maintain a respectful quiet during the Prelude.



Around the Church

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| Feb 26 | WELCA | 6:30 PM |
| March 6 | Finance Meeting | 6:00 pm |
| | Property Meeting | 7:00 pm |
| March 11 | Council Meeting | 7:00 pm |

Midweek Lenten Services will be Thursday evening beginning at 5:45 pm. Please bring a dish to share.

Dates: Feb. 29
March 7, 14

March 21 will be in the church. No Potluck dinner due to the Soup Kitchen's Empty Bowls Fundraise that evening.

Pastor will be on vacation from March 1 through March 7. There will not be Bible Study that week.

Bible Studies 6pm most Tuesdays Zoom & 10 am most Wednesdays in person

Tai Chi 11:00 am Wednesdays
Quilting Group 1:00 pm Wednesdays



Offerings Summary:

Needed weekly – \$4,948
Received last week— \$
Shortage—\$()

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IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

The following is a listing of those who need your prayers. Our hope is that you will take this listing home with you and in your daily prayers remember those listed below.

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| Joe Abbott | Shannon Hilton | Caroline Quintal |
| Laurie Abbott | Jake Hoadley | Roman Radzins |
| Francine Ahrens | Erma Horn | RuthAnn Rash |
| Kim & Will Ahrens | Brian Hurlock | Jonathan Richard |
| Peggy Ali | Susan Jones | Michelle Richards |
| Joyce Almsted | Ulf Johannson | Ralph Richardson |
| William Appell | A&R Jones | Emily Robertson |
| Coni-Jo Aparo | Rusty Judd | Louise Roche |
| Vinnie Aparo | Ed Killingbeck | Christine Roulin |
| Cory Aulbin | Lynn Killingbeck | Raymond Roy |
| Nanci Battistoni | Pat King | Debra Seitz |
| Armando Binelli | Raquel Launabaugh | Judy Schaller |
| Charlie Blakeslee | David Little | Rosemary & Otto Schibi |
| Cherie Brown | Rebecca Little | Shelli Schwab |
| Eli Boda | Anita Loeber | Teri Seleman |
| Selma Boscarino | Dave Loomis | Russell Sirois |
| Mark & Tiffany Brilliant | Audrey & Ernie Marquard | Paul Smith |
| Sharon Cable | Abigail Marine | Carol Speaker |
| Ryan Castaldi | Eric Marine | Jon Sterling |
| Janine Cimmino | Michael Marine | Julia Thompson Carroll |
| Diane Currier | Richard Marine | Carol Valliere |
| Emily Decker | Janis Martin | Vincenzo Viscariello, Sr. |
| Angela DeJesus | Mike Martin | Jackie Quinn Wassik |
| Linda Dellano | Kate Merrow | Bob & Sue Watkins |
| Irene Douglas | Jerry McCarthy | Diane Wright |
| Betty Enbeskotte | Patrick & Denise McCormack | Bruce Yauney |
| Mark Enbeskotte | Dr. Edward & Kathy McDonough | Bruce & Joyce Young |
| Judy Elliott | Michael Meyers | Helen |
| Jan Eucallito | Rich Minelli | Madison |
| Bruce & Liz Falls | Sharon Mitchell | Finley |
| Deb Francis | John Monsam | JoAnn |
| Ashley Friday | Baby Amelia Mosca | Glen |
| Rosemarie Foth | Bill Muhl | Jen O. |
| Mary Lynn Gagnon | Dennis Nalette | Jaiden |
| Joan Gerard | Karen Ness | Roger T. |
| Fred George | Tom O'Brien | Alissa |
| Ruth Grech | Dawn Osterman | Ava |
| Theresa Corriveau Greene | Terry Parker & Family | Verna G. |
| Julie Hake | Maria Payne | Amanda T. |
| Jack & Barbara Heintz | Dr. Barbara Rose Ponse | Corrine |
| Lorraine Hill | Jack Quinn | Diane H. |
| Kathleen Hilton | | Fitzpatrick Family |

Kristan, Mason & Family
 Clarence & Pricilla
 Cynthia
 Gidio
 Laura
 Baby Walker
 The Kurtz Family
 Heidi
 Angela
 Charles
 Dennis P.
 Steve
 Ethan R.
 Angel Marie
 Lou W.

Our Nursing Home Members

Dee Gammon
 Midge Rosenbeck
 Calvin Bensch
 Ida Maillet

Our Military Friends

Lord Jesus, Savior of the World and King of Peace, watch over our sons and daughters in the service of their Country. Protect them from the physical and moral dangers. Keep them close to you and help them live the commandments. Lord, Jesus give them courage to serve their country with honor and dignity. Be with them when they are in danger; strengthen them when they face hardship. Above all Lord, grant that when their service is finished that they may return to us, sound in mind, body and soul. Amen.

Tyler Quinn
 Eric Beyus
 Major Zachary Fulton
 Brandan Holbrook
 Jonathan Connell
 Tom Gregg, Jr.
 Eric Bremer
 Peter Hutchinson
 S/W Anderson James
 Ernst USCG
 SPC Dominic Boscarino
 PVT Noah Braatz
 PVT 2 Christian Braatz

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