

Second Sunday In Lent

February 24 and 25, 2018

P = Pastor

C = Congregation

THE OPENING HYMN

LSB 726

“Evening and Morning”

THE INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen**

THE CONFESSION

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

C: **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

(Silence for reflection and self-examination)

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C: **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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**

THE ABSOLUTION

P: ...

C: **Amen**

THE KYRIE (Spoken)

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P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: 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.**

P: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: **Amen**

THE HYMN OF PASSION

LSB 616, st. 2, 3

*I look to Christ upon the tree, His body broken there for me;
I lay before him all my sin, my darkest secrets from within.*

*Lord, may Your wounded hand impart Your healing to my broken heart;
Your love alone can form in me a heart that serves You joyfully.*

THE PRAYER 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**

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

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.” (ESV)

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM

Psalm 22:23-31

P: You who fear the LORD, praise Him! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify Him, and stand in awe of Him, all you offspring of Israel!

C: **For He has not despised or abhorred the affliction of the afflicted, and He has not hidden His face from him, but has heard, when he cried to Him.**

P: From You comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will perform before those who fear Him.

C: **The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek Him shall praise the LORD! May your hearts live forever!**

P: All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, and all the families of the nations shall worship before You.

C: **For kingship belongs to the LORD, and He rules over the nations.**

P: All the prosperous of the earth eat and worship; before Him shall bow all who go down to the dust, even the one who could not keep himself alive.

C: **Posterity shall serve Him; it shall be told of the Lord to the coming generation;**

P: They shall come and proclaim His righteousness to a people yet unborn, 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**

THE 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. ³Not only that, but 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. (ESV)

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

THE VERSE

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*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.*

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 8:27-38

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

C: **Glory to You, O Lord.** (Sung)

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 calling the crowd to him with his disciples, he 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 soul? ³⁷For what can a man give in return for his soul? 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.” (ESV)

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: *Praise to You, O Christ.* (Sung)

THE APOSTLES' CREED

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

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

THE HYMN OF THE DAY

LSB 575

“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”

THE SERMON

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Pastor Countryman

WE WORSHIP THE LORD WITH OUR OFFERINGS

Visitors and members are asked to please fill out an Attendance Card and pass it to the center aisle. The ushers will pick up the cards after the offerings have been brought forward.

THE PRAYER HYMN

“In Christ Alone”

In Christ alone my hope is found –
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my All in All, Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe.
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save.
Till on that cross, as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied,
For ev’ry sin on Him was laid. Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain.
Then bursting forth in glorious day,
Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory
Sin’s curse has lost its grip on me.
For I am His and He is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death;
This is the pow’r of Christ in me.
From life’s first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny
No pow’r of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand.
Till He returns or calls me home, Here in the pow’r of Christ I’ll stand.

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THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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

THE BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you . . .

C: *Amen, Amen, Amen* (Sung)

THE CLOSING HYMN

LSB 535

“How Wide the Love of Christ”

THE SILENT PRAYER

THE POSTLUDE