

The Second Sunday in Lent March 5, A+D 2023



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> DIVINE SERVICE Setting 1 – Page 151 Lutheran Service Book

The Word of the Gospel Opens the Eyes of Faith and Fixes Them on Christ Jesus

The Lord called Abram (Abraham) to leave his home and go to a land that God would show him. He also promised to make of Abram "a great nation," to bless him and make his name great as a blessing to "all the families of the earth" (Gen. 12:2–3). "Abram went, as the LORD had told him" (Gen. 12:4), and in Canaan "he built an altar to the LORD and called upon the name of the LORD" (Gen. 12:8). He "believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness" (Rom. 4:3). Here the grace of God is manifested, that He "justifies the ungodly" (Rom. 4:5), not by works of the Law, but through faith in His promises. He removes all of our sins and lawless deeds through Jesus Christ, the offspring of Abraham in whom all the Lord's promises are realized. This forgiveness of sins is the Word of the Gospel, the voice of the Holy Spirit, which "gives life to the dead" (Rom. 4:17). It opens the eyes of faith to behold Christ Jesus, the Son of Man lifted up on the cross, "that whoever believes in him may have eternal life" (John 3:14–15).

Ringing of the Bells

Welcome

Confession and Absolution

571 God Loved the World So That He Gave

Stand

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

Invocation

- In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Exhortation

- LSB 151
- If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- 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 on God's Word and for self-examination.

Confession of Sins

- **P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- 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.

Absolution

- 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.

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Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 105:4-7; antiphon: v. 8

- P He remembers his covenant forever,
- **G** the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations.
- P Seek the LORD and his strength;
- **G** seek his presence continually!
- P Remember the wondrous works that he has done,
- **C** his miracles, and the judgments he uttered,
- P O offspring of Abraham, his servant,
- **C** children of Jacob, his chosen ones!
- P He is the LORD our God;
- **G** his judgments are in all the earth.
- **G** 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,
- **G** the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations.

Kyrie

A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



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



A 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.



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



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be 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.



Sit

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 12:1–9

A The Old Testament Reading for The Second Sunday in Lent is from the twelfth chapter of Genesis the First Book of Moses.

¹The LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. ²And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

⁴So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. ⁵And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother's son, and all their possessions that they had gathered, and the people that they had acquired in Haran, and they set out to go to the land of Canaan. When they came to the land of Canaan, ⁶Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. ⁷Then the LORD appeared to Abram and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built there an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him. ⁸From there he moved to the hill country on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. And there he built an altar to the LORD and called upon the name of the LORD. ⁹And Abram journeyed on, still going toward the Negeb.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Romans 4:1-8, 13-17

A The Second Reading is from the fourth chapter of the Epistle of St. Paul to the Romans.

¹What then shall we say was gained by Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh? ²For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. ³For what does the Scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness." ⁴Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due. ⁵And to the one who does not work but trusts him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness, ⁶just as David also speaks of the blessing of the one to whom God counts righteousness apart from works: ⁷"Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven, and whose sins are covered;

 8 blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin." . . .

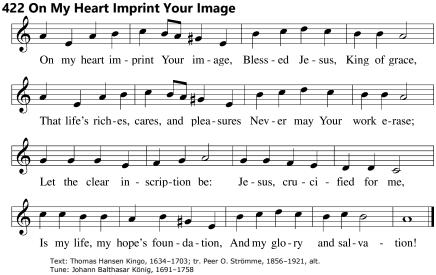
¹³For the promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of the world did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression.

¹⁶That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring—not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all, 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.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

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Holy Gospel

John 3:1–17

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the third chapter.

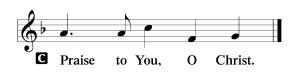


¹Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. ²This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him." ³Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." ⁴Nicodemus said to him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" ⁵Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. ⁶That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' ⁸The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit."

⁹Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" ¹⁰Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? ¹¹Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. ¹²If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



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708 Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart

Sermon

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Apostles' Creed

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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.

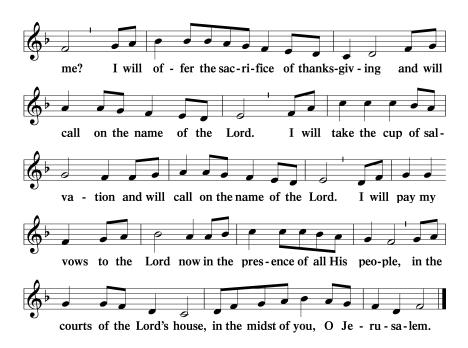
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Gathering of Tithes & Offerings

If you are submitting a prayer request on a prayer card, kindly hand it directly to the usher. Do not place it into the offering plate.

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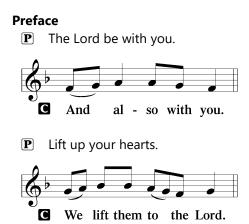


Prayer of the Church

P ... Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

Service of the Sacrament



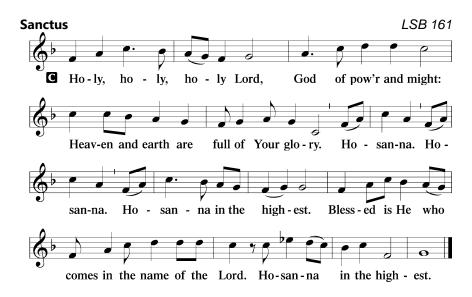
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Proper Preface (Full)

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



Prayer of Thanksgiving

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Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross. Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Lord's Prayer

- **P** 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

The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

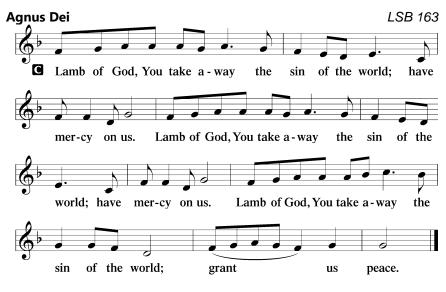
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

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P The peace of the Lord be with you always.





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Distribution of Christ's Body and Blood

Members of other Christian denominations who are present may come forward to receive a blessing from the Pastor during the distribution. It is requested that you cross your arms over your chest to indicate that you desire this blessing.

Silent Prayer Before Communing: Dear Savior, at your gracious invitation, I come to Your table to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Let me find favor in Your eyes to receive this holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Silent Prayer After Communing: Almighty and everlasting God, I thank and praise You for feeding me the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send your Holy Spirit that, having with my mouth received the holy Sacrament. I may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace the forgiveness of sins unity with Christ, and life eternal; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

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632 O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee

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The Communion Dismissal

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C Amen.



Post-Communion Collect

A 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.



Benediction

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P 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.



877 God, Who Made the Earth and Heaven

Silent Prayer

Announcements

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Dear Food Basket Helpers,

Thank you for your support of our Food Basket program! It has been a blessing to many who struggle throughout the year. As we look forward to the Resurrection of our Lord, we would like to provide support for those in need for Easter. However, due to the continued impact of the Corona Virus, we will continue to purchase Aldi gift cards to send to our families in need. If you would like to donate to help purchase the gift cards in place of the items you would normally be purchasing, it would be much appreciated.

Please make your donations for the Easter Gift Cards by Sunday March 26th so we have time to purchase cards and send them to the families.

Include your donations with your offering and mark on your envelope Social Ministry Food Baskets.

This is a difficult time for all, but we still need to care for those less fortunate. Thank you for your continued support of this important ministry!

Social Ministry











March 15 Midweek Lenten Service There will be a Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner (also Hotdogs) on March 15 at 5:30 pm followed at 7:00 pm with a Worship Service. Sign up sheet in the Parish hall, email office@splcms.org, call or

text 312-533-1896, or call 708-877-6564 with the number of people attending.



March 5, 2023

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

ST. PAUL'S FAMILY

Edward & Barbara Hoeksema, Jr., Family Blake, Emily David & Kristi Hudson, Jr., Family Emily Melanie Hudson, Family Levi, Malorie Joshua Hurson Abby & Shawn Ignowski, Family Corbin

BIRTHDAYS

Denise Riordan, 3/5 Sally Heiwig, 3/11 Emily Hoeksema, 3/11

BAPTISM ANNIVERSARIES

Steven Nowicki, 3/8

FIRST COMMUNION ANNIVERSARIES

Kaitlin Dejonowski, 3/8

SPECIAL CONCERNS

In Rehab this past week –Russ Budde at the Villa, South Holland.

Pray for Diane Akers, Janice Abel, Violet Andersen, Sondra Budde, Jay Carey, Judy Diekleman, Violet Rich, Dolly Tagenhorst, Dorothy Van Mynen, Warren Van Mynen, Gene Wiltjer.

Serving in the Military – Austin Brandy, David Capodagli, James Fluechtling, Nathan Lopez, and Robert Wisely.

Serving as First Responders – David Allen, Dave Bloom, Nathan Conway, Brianne Giba, Melanie Hudson, Brian Orth, Dana Tatgenhorst, Taylor VanDommelen and Dan Zander.

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NEWS UPDATE

Join the *Pastor Fluechtling Lenten Challenge*. Everyone is encouraged to read the entire New Testament between now (never to late to start) and Easter morning. You can read it—approxamately 45 minutes per day—listen to it on your phone or tablet! This is good quiet time alone. Or even better with a partner or smal group. Maybe an evening family reading! No matter how, when, or where Jesus is always there!



St. Paul Book Club will meet Wednesday March 22, to review *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* by Rebecca Skloot. We usually meet at 10am on the second Wednesday of the month and always welcome new members. Book Club is now in person and thru FB chat. Please let Deb know in advance so she can link you in.

You Are Invited to participate in a Voice of Care Respite and Companion Care workshop on March 11, 2023, hosted by the LCMS Lutheran Churches of Beecher and made possible by a grant from The Lutheran Women's Missionary League Northern Illinois District. The workshop, Set to Serve: Respite and Companion Care, will be offered from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Zion Lutheran Church in Beecher and will equip participants with the necessary techniques and skills for safe, effective caregiving and the confidence to offer respite and relief to families of people with special needs. Register by March 8. Suggested free will donation is \$5. Participant guide and lunch are provided. Register or learn more at voiceofcare.org

Christ For You this week on KFUO.org: Hear a Lenten Organ Recital and Worship Service on 3/8 at 11:00 a.m. CT from Peace Lutheran in St. Louis, study John 12 on Sharper Iron's "The Word Made Flesh" (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), and begin studying the book of Hosea on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT). Find your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org or wherever you get your podcasts!

Clear, Concise, Consistent... Issues, Etc. is a radio-talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's teachings include: God's Word in the Christian home, the hymn "Lord of Our Life," the Religiously Unaffiliated Spiritual Nones, Witchcraft and more. You can listen at your convenience at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

Word of Hope offers free and confidential counseling to women and men struggling with an abortion experience. If you would like more information on how Word of Hope can help you or someone you love, visit our website at www.word-of-hope.org. You can be healed.

We'd love to see you in worship. Our worship services are every Sunday at 8:45 AM. If you are unable to attend it can be viewed on Facebook live at https://www.facebook.com/splcms/videos. A previous recording is also available. Bulletins for the services are available for viewing or download on our website at https://www.splcms.org/worship.

"But death isn't a part of the life for which we were created—for we were created. You didn't morph from pond scum into an intelligent hairless monkey; you were handcrafted by the Lord of the Universe." Hannah Nissing, Bulldogs4Life, the Y4Life team at Concordia, Nebraska – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

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ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS

February 22nd Attendance 30, 22 Communed February 26th Attendance 19, 15 Communed, 2 Online

Basket	\$230.00	Weekly Missions	\$20.00
Envelopes	835.00	Luth. Church Charity	10.00
Ash Wednesday	396.00	Church Maint	60.00
		Social Ministry	55.00
Budgeted Total	1,461.00	Non-budgeted Total	\$145.00
Offering Needed	1,233.00		
	\$228.00		



THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

8:45 am	Worship Service
9:45 am	Coffee &
10:00 am	Sunday School

Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday Sunday

Today

7:30 pm	Elders	Meeting

8:45 am	Worship Service
9:45 am	Coffee &
10:00 am	Sunday School

SERVANT SCHEDULE un. Mar 5, 8:45 AM Sun. Mar 12.

Sun, Mar 5, 8:45 AM	Sun, Mar 12, 8:45 AM
Pastor Dobberstein	Pastor Fluechtling
Louis Sella	Bill Sommer
	Norma Allen

Lay Reader

Pastor Usher

Mary Sella

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