

First Sunday in Lent

February 18, 2024

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So Abraham called
the name of that place,

**“The Lord
will provide” ...**

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OUR WORSHIP



Liturgical Color

Purple: *The color of sorrow and repentance*

Jesus, I Will Ponder Now



1 Je - sus, I will pon - der now On your ho - ly
2 Make me see your great dis - tress, An - guish, and af -
3 Yet, O Lord, not thus a - lone Make me see your
4 If my sins give me a - larm And my con - science
5 Grant that I your pas - sion view With re - pent - ant



pas - sion; With your Spir - it me en - dow
flic - tion, Bonds and stripes - and wretch - ed - ness
pas - sion, But its cause to me make known
grieve me, Let your cross my fear dis - arm;
griev - ing. Let me not bring shame to you



For such med - i - ta - tion. Grant that I in love
And your cru - ci - fix - ion; Make me see how scourge
And its ter - mi - na - tion. Ah! I al - so and
Peace of con - science give me. Help me see for - give -
By un - ho - ly liv - ing. How could I re - fusc



and faith May the im - age cher - ish Of your suf -
and rod, Spear and nails did wound you, How for them
my sin Wrought your deep af - flic - tion; This in - deed
ness won By your ho - ly pas - sion. If for me
to shun Ev - ry sin - ful pleas - ure Since for me



f'ring, pain, and death That I may not per - ish.
you died, O God, Who with thorns had crowned you.
the cause has been Of your cru - ci - fix - ion.
he slays his Son, God must have com - pas - sion!
God's on - ly Son Suf - fered with - out meas - ure?

6 Graciously my faith renew; Help me bear my crosses,
Learning humbleness from you, Peace mid pain and losses.
May I give you love for love! Hear me, O my Savior,
That I may in heav'n above Sing your praise forever.

The Apostolic Greeting

P The grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C And also with you.

Confession and Absolution

P God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

C **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

P God our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Prayer and Praise

P For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.



C: Lord, have mer - cy.

P For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.



C: Christ, have mer - cy.

P For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.



C: Lord, have mer - cy.

P Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:



C: A - men.

P The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.

O Lord, Our Lord



C: O Lord, our Lord, how glo - rious is your name in



all the earth. Al - might - y God, mer - ci - ful Fa - ther,




you crown our life with your love. You take a - way our sin;



you com - fort our spir - it; you make us pure and



ho - ly in your sight. You did not spare your on - ly Son,




but gave him up for us all. O Lord, our Lord,




how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.



O Son of God, e - ter - nal Word of the Fa - ther,



you came to live with us; you made your Fa - ther known;



you washed us from our sins in your own blood. You are the



King of glo - ry; you are the Lord! O Lord, our Lord,



how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.

The Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray.

Lord our strength, the battle of good and evil rages around us, and our ancient foe tempts us with his deceits and empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your Word, and when we fall, raise us up again and restore us through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



The Word

First Lesson Genesis 22:1–18

Some time later God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!"

"Here I am," he replied.

² Then God said, "Take your son, your only son, Isaac, whom you love, and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains I will tell you about."

³ Early the next morning Abraham got up and saddled his donkey. He took with him two of his servants and his son Isaac. When he had cut enough wood for the burnt offering, he set out for the place God had told him about. ⁴ On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place in the distance. ⁵ He said to his servants, "Stay here with the donkey while I and the boy go over there. We will worship and then we will come back to you."

⁶ Abraham took the wood for the burnt offering and placed it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. As the two of them went on together, ⁷ Isaac spoke up and said to his father Abraham, "Father?"

"Yes, my son?" Abraham replied.

"The fire and wood are here," Isaac said, "but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?"

⁸ Abraham answered, "God himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering, my son." And the two of them went on together.

⁹ When they reached the place God had told him about, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it. He bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood.

¹⁰ Then he reached out his hand and took the knife to slay his son.

¹¹ But the angel of the Lord called out to him from heaven, "Abraham! Abraham!"

"Here I am," he replied.

¹² "Do not lay a hand on the boy," he said. "Do not do anything to him. Now I know that you fear God, because you have not withheld from me your son, your only son."

¹³ Abraham looked up and there in a thicket he saw a ram caught by its horns. He went over and took the ram and sacrificed it as a burnt offering instead of his son. ¹⁴ So Abraham called that place The Lord Will Provide. And to this day it is said, "On the mountain of the Lord it will be provided."

¹⁵ The angel of the Lord called to Abraham from heaven a second time ¹⁶ and said, "I swear by myself, declares the Lord, that because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, ¹⁷ I will surely bless you and make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as the sand on the seashore. Your descendants will take possession of the cities of their enemies, ¹⁸ and through your offspring all nations on earth will be blessed, because you have obeyed me."



Psalm 25

Refrain



To you, O Lord, I lift my soul; in you I trust, my God.

Psalm tone



To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul;*
in you I trust, O my God.

Remember, O LORD, your great mercy and love,*
for they are from of old.

Remember not the sins of my youth and my rebellious ways;*
according to your love remember me,
for you are good, O LORD. **Refrain**

Turn to me and be gracious to me,*
for I am lonely and afflicted.

Look upon my affliction and my distress*
and take away all my sins.

Guard my life and rescue me,*
for I take refuge in you.

**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. **Refrain****

Second Lesson Romans 8:31-39

³¹ What, then, shall we say in response to this? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³² He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? ³³ Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who is he that condemns? Christ Jesus, who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. ³⁵ Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? ³⁶ As it is written: “For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.”

³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, ³⁹ neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Verse of the Day (*spoken in unison*)

P It is written: "Worship the Lord your God and serve him only."

Gospel Mark 1:12–15

¹² At once the Spirit sent him out into the desert, ¹³ and he was in the desert forty days, being tempted by Satan. He was with the wild animals, and angels attended him.

¹⁴ After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. ¹⁵ “The time has come,” he said. “The kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news!”

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God



1 A might - y for - tress is our God, A trust - y shield
 2 With might of ours can naught be done; Soon were our loss
 3 Though dev - ils all the world should fill, All ea - ger to
 4 The Word they still shall let re - main, Nor an - y thanks



and weap - on; He helps us free from ev - 'ry need
 ef - fect - ed. But for us fights the val - iant one
 de - vour us, We trem - ble not, we fear no ill;
 have for it; He's by our side up - on the plain



That has us now o'er-tak - en. The old
 Whom God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask,
 They shall not o - ver-pow'r us. This world's
 With his good gifts and Spir - it. And do



c - vil foe Now means dead - ly woe;
 "Who is this?" Je - sus Christ it is,
 prince may still Scowl fierce as he will,
 what they will— Hate, steal, hurt, or kill—



Deep guile and great might Are his dread arms in fight;
 The al - might - y Lord. And there's no oth - er God;
 He can harm us none. He's judged; the deed is done!
 Though all may be gone, Our vic - to - ry is won;



On earth is not his e - qual.
 He holds the field for - ev - er.
 One lit - tle word can fell him.
 The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

The Sermon

Text: Genesis 2:1-18

LENT IS FOR YOU!

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
and became fully human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped
and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Offering Is Gathered

(In case you didn't place your contribution in the offering plate before worship, it is still available after the service directly outside the entrance of the sanctuary.)

The Prayer of the Church

The Lord's Prayer *(spoken by all)*

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 Sacrament

P The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

P Lift up your hearts.



C: We lift them up to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. *He made his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.* Now have come the salvation and the power and kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever.

Holy, Holy, Holy



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.



You are my God, and I will ex - alt you.



I will give you thanks, for you have be - come my sal -



va - tion. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

The Words of Institution

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.



C: A - men.

O Christ, Lamb of God



C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



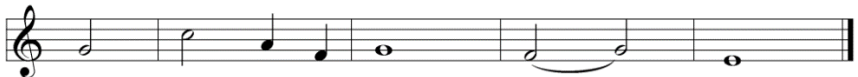
world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you



take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; grant us your peace. A - men.

The Distribution

Please note: Receiving the Lord's Supper is an expression of common faith and fellowship. If you are visiting us today or are new to the congregation, please speak with Pastor Grosnick before coming forward to receive the Sacrament today.

Thanksgiving

O Lord, We Praise You

1 O Lord, we praise you, bless you, and a - dore you,
in thanks - giv - ing bow be - fore you. Here with your
bod - y and your blood you nour - ish our weak souls that
they may flour - ish. O Lord, have mer - cy!
May your bod - y, Lord, born of Mar - y, that our
sins and sor - rows did car - ry, and your blood for us plead
in all tri - al, fear, and need. O Lord, have mer - cy!

P Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



The Blessing

P Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.



Who Knows When Death

4 His body and his blood I've taken
In his blest supper, feast divine;
Now I shall never be forsaken
For I am his and he is mine.

Refrain:

My God, for Jesus' sake I pray
Your peace may bless my dying day.

Lenten Worship

This year Bethlehem and Faith congregations are joining together for midweek worship throughout the season of Lent. Each Wednesday through March 20, come either here to Faith at 10:00 AM or to Bethlehem Lutheran (1206 Ontario Street) at 6:00 PM. This year's Lenten theme is: "God On Trial."

Worship Time Change

Considering the congregation's financial standing, Faith's Church Council has agreed that we can no longer afford to pay two pastors to meet Faith's ministry needs.

Pastor Grosnick will continue to preach weekly through the month of February. Beginning Sunday, March 3, Faith's worship service will begin a half hour later at 10:30 AM. This allows Pastor Lidtke to conduct worship at Bethlehem at 9:00 AM and then make the drive to Faith to conduct services.

Thanksgiving Celebration for Pastor Grosnick

Pastor Grosnick's service to Faith congregation these last couple of years has been a blessing. As a way to thank him for his faithful service, the Church Council is planning for a celebration gathering following the worship service on February 25. We'll plan for a potluck meal that day. Please make plans to join us.

Faith of a Child Now Enrolling

Our learning center has immediate openings to fill. If you know someone looking for childcare for children ages one to four, please share this news with them. They may call 920-303-9406 and speak with Kari, the Center's Director, or email her at faithofachilddirector@yahoo.com. Once a child of a referred family is enrolled at the learning center, you will receive a \$100 Kwik Trip gift card! Word of mouth is the best source to fill openings.

GRACE IS UNIVERSAL AND PERSONAL

The advertisement arrives in bright, attractive packaging. The heading of the letter is large and distinct, assuring you that “You may have already won!” The winning number is printed boldly on the page, and you are directed to confirm your eligibility by scratching off the little silver box. When you do so, you find that the numbers clearly match, giving you every impression that you are a winner of a fantastic prize.

Except . . . you’re not. Reading the fine print, you realize that the advertiser has no real intention of providing you with an actual gift for free. The letter is just a hook, designed to get your attention and get you to show up somewhere to claim your prize, which most likely includes listening to a professional sales staff trying to sell you something.

Aren’t you glad that God’s grace doesn’t work like that? Unlike these bulk mailing advertisements where everyone is a “winner” but no one actually receives a prize, God’s grace is universal, offered to all people of all nations. This grace is embodied in the person and work of Jesus Christ, as the apostle Paul wrote to Titus: “The grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people” (2:11). And God isn’t concerned with turning a profit, but with sharing his grace in Christ with the whole world.

At the same time, this universal grace is received as a personal gift by simple faith. God connects you to his grace with his gospel message—both verbal and sacramental—so that through his divine power, you may be fully convinced of what he has done for all. He assures you: Jesus’ death is his redeeming work for you. Jesus’ unlimited holiness is your personal robe of righteousness. Jesus’ glorious resurrection is your individual hope of rising from death. And this too is all by grace, as Paul rejoices, “It is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from

yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast” (Ephesians 2:8,9).



You see, the promise of a universal gift is only useful if that gift is given to every single person. In God’s grace in Christ, we have a gift without limit—an atoning sacrifice for the sins of every person of every generation since Adam. And yet what may seem impersonal in its vast supply is truly personal in its great value in our

individual lives. God’s grace assures us: since Christ has died for all, he has died for you. Since Christ has died for you, you are saved. Only God’s grace, and his grace alone, can be both universal and personal in a way that actually saves.