



# The 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent February 25, 2024

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*Our mission: to share our faith in Christ by serving all with respectful compassion.*

## GATHERING

Gathering Music:

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude:

We begin in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

L: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C: Amen.**

L: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

L: Gracious God, **C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. IN your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and the things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. 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.**

1. Around you, O Lord Jesus, your own you gather still  
To share the feast you give us with grace our lives to fill.  
You say to us so lovingly, "Take, eat! This is my body!  
Take, drink! This is my blood!"
2. We hear your invitation, and heed, O Lord, your call;  
Your word of consolation is spoken here to all.  
It draws us to your loving heart; it brings to us your blessing,  
Which never will depart.
3. We are your own forever; until our final breath  
We will be true and never – in joy, in grief, in death –  
Depart from you, for you are still among your people dwelling,  
As you have said you will.

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

ELW p. 138

L: We pray together the Prayer of the Day...

**C: 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. Amen.**

### WORD

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

Word of God, word of life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Responsive reading of Psalm 22:23-31

L: You who fear the Lord, give praise! All you of Jacob's line, give glory.

**C: Stand in awe of the Lord, all you off-spring of Israel.**

L: For the Lord does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither is the Lord's face hidden from them; but when they cry, out the Lord hears them.

**C: From you comes my praise in the great assembly; I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the Lord.**

L: The poor shall eat and be satisfied. Let those who seek the Lord give praise! May your hearts live forever!

**C: All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord; all the families of nations shall bow before God.**

L: For dominion belongs to the Lord, who rules over the nations.

**C: Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow down in worship; all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel before the Lord.**

L: Their descendants shall serve the Lord, whom they shall proclaim to generations to come.

**C: They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying to them, "The Lord has acted!"**

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Romans 4:13-25

Word of God, word of life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

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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.

Gospel: Mark 8:31-38

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

The Gospel of our Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Children's Time

Pastor Tammy Bull

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: I Want Jesus to Walk With Me

ELW #325

1. I want Jesus to walk with me; I want Jesus to walk with me;  
All along me pilgrim journey, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.
2. In my trials, Lord, walk with me; in my trials, Lord, walk with me;  
When my heart is almost breaking, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.
3. When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me; when I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me;  
When my head is bowed in sorrow, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

L: Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith...

Apostles' Creed

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**C: 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 to the dead.**

**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 People (each petition ends... "Lord, in your mercy... **hear our prayer.**")

Sharing the Peace of Christ

L: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. **C: And also with you.**

## **MEAL**

**Offering:** (At this time we bring our gifts and offerings to God in gratitude and joy. In response to God's love, we care for others in the name of Jesus. We do this, in part, through our financial and volunteer support of Family Promise of Great Falls – a local housing ministry that helps neighbors achieve and maintain stable housing. We appreciate your gifts of time, money, energy, and prayers to this work! If you are our guest today - either in person or online – we invite you to join us in caring for God's people and God's world!)

Offertory Music:

Offering Response: Create in Me

ELW #186

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.

Offertory Prayer: **C: God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us with these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

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L: It is indeed right, ...and join their unending hymn:  
Holy, Holy, Holy

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Words of Institution and Lord's Prayer

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, [...] Now, 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.**

Invitation to Communion

Lamb of God

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Hymn during Communion: For the Bread Which You Have Broken ELW #494

1. For the bread which you have broken, for the wine which you have poured,  
For the words which you have spoken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.
2. By this promise that you love us, by your gift of peace restored,  
By your call to heav'n above us, hallow all our lives, O Lord.
3. With the saints who now adore you, seated at the heav'nly board,  
May the church still waiting for you keep love's tie unbroken, Lord.
4. In your service, Lord, defend us; in our hearts keep watch and ward;  
In the world to which you send us let your kingdom come, O Lord.

P: The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen us, unite us,  
and keep us in his grace. **C: Amen.**

L: Let us all pray... **C: Merciful God, accompany our journey through these forty days. Renew us in the gift of baptism, that we may provide for those who are poor, pray for those in need, fast from self-indulgence, and above all that we may find our treasure in the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## SENDING

L: The blessing of God Almighty, the wisdom and power of + Christ Jesus, and the light of the Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always. **C: Amen.**

Sending Song: In the Cross of Christ I Glory

ELW #324

1. In the cross of Christ I glory tow'ring o'er the wrecks of time.  
All the light of sacred story gathers round its head sublime.
2. When the woes of life o'ertake me, hopes deceive, and fears annoy,  
Never shall the cross forsake me; lo, it glows with peace and joy.
3. When the sun of bliss is beaming light and love upon my way,  
From the cross the radiance streaming adds more luster to the day.
4. Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure, by the cross are sanctified;  
Peace is there that knows no measure, joys that through all time abide.

L: Go in peace. Remember the poor. **C: Thanks be to God!**

Postlude:

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**Keeping in Prayer...** Holly Hesper & family following the death of her mother; family & friends of Dorothy Sowa following her death, Arvin Swenson, Hy & Becky, John & Elizabeth, Pat, Chris Bender, Dawn, Brian, Kathy's friend, Beth, Jim, Arnie Depping, Larry & Peggy Johnson, Rachel, Don & Donna, Diana, Rose Ulery, Amy, Ann, Ted, Carl & Harley, Sandy Kirkegaard, Noah, Elaine Rice, Dorothy Roseth, Jerry, Toni Sperle, Steven, Megan, Scott, Haley, Judi Jonas, Esther Bender, Reta.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS for the Week of February 25:**

- *FLOWING WATER* noon recital series Wed. Feb. 28. Bring a sack lunch; beverages and cookies will be provided.
- Lent Soup Supper is Wednesday, 2/28 from 6:00-6:45 pm followed by Holden Evening Prayer worship from 6:45 – 7:30 pm in the Social Hall.
- Handbells rehearse Thurs. at 5:40 pm in the Library.
- GF Community Band rehearses Thur. 7 pm in the Fireside Room.
- NEXT SUNDAY (3/3) All-Comers' Choir rehearses at 9:15 am
- NEXT SUNDAY (3/3) Confirmation students meet from 1-3 pm.

Accompanist: James Rickley

Cantor: Jodie Tooley

Reader:

Communion Assistant:

Fellowship: