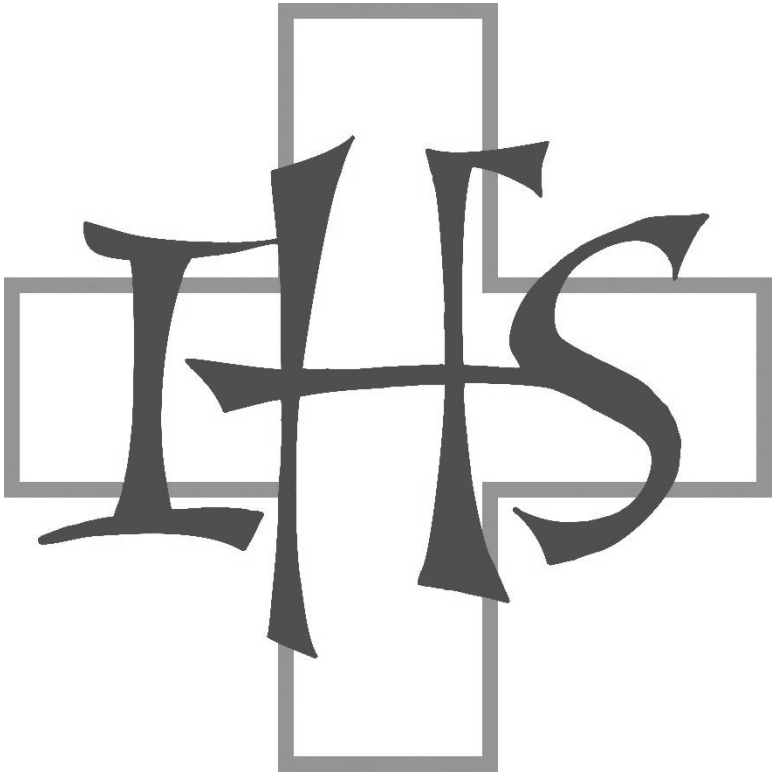


The Lutheran Church of the Savior

A Community of Faith: *Centered in Christ – Called to Serve*



Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through 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.

Romans 5:1–2

Order of Worship

February 25, 2024 10:45 AM

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Introit

Psalm 115:11–13, 18; antiphon: Psalm 25:6

Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love,
for they have been from of old.

You who fear the LORD, trust in the LORD!

He is their help and their shield.

The LORD has remembered us; he will bless us;

he will bless the house of Israel; he will bless the house of Aaron;
he will bless those who fear the LORD,
both the small and the great.

We will bless the LORD

from this time forth and forevermore. Praise the LORD!

*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.

Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love,
for they have been from of old.

Communion Theology and Practice

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper is intended for those:

- who have been baptized in the name of the Triune God,
- who have faith in Jesus Christ as God the Son in the flesh and their personal Savior from sin, death, and the devil;
- who believe that they have sin that needs forgiving, hurt that needs healing, and faith that needs strengthening;
- who are committed to amending their sinful ways; and
- who believe that in, with, and under the bread and wine they receive the true body and blood of the risen Christ, together with the forgiveness of all their sins.

Second Sunday in Lent

Divine Service

Invocation

L In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son *Matthew 28:19*
and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

L In the morning, O Lord, You hear my voice;

C In the morning I prepare a sacrifice for You and watch. *Psalm 5:3*

L My mouth is filled with Your praise,

C And with Your glory all the day. *Psalm 71:8*

L O Lord, open my lips,

C And my mouth will declare Your praise. *Psalm 51:15*

Opening Song

No One Like You Lord

Mark

Verse 1, Chorus, Verse 2, Chorus, Bridge, Verse 3, Chorus x2

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a time signature of 7/4. It features three systems of music with lyrics underneath. The first system is marked 'VERSE' and includes three verses of lyrics. The second system continues the lyrics. The third system includes the bridge and the final verse. The lyrics are: Verse 1: '1. You are the stone that the'; Verse 2: '2. When from the cross You to the'; Verse 3: '3. Then from the earth You to the'; Chorus: 'build - ers re - ject - ed, / depths de - scend - ed, / heights as - cend - ed,'; Bridge: 'a rock of ref - uge where my / the hosts of hell con - spired to / where You are are seat - ed at Your';

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pride is bro - ken,
make You cap - tive,
Fa - ther's right hand,

a sure found - a - tion when the
but ev - 'ry chain of sin and the
For - ev - er plead - ing for the

sand is sink - ing,
death You've bro - ken,
souls You've cap - tured,

where we are built up - on like liv - ing stones. There is
and tri - umphed o - ver by Your might - y pow'r.
for - ev - er watch - ing as You call us home.

no one else like You, there is no one like You, Lord; -

There is no one else like You, Son of Man -

and Son of God, Son of Man -

and Son of God.

I want to run the race You've set be -

fore me, e-ven to share in the suf-f'ring of the cross,
 that I might gain the prize for which You
 called me, to be with You, Son of Man
 and Son of God, to be with You, Son of Man
 and Son of God. *D.S. al Coda*

Confession and Absolution

- L** Holy Lord, as we stand in your presence, we are aware of our sins of thought, word, and action.
- C** **We have not lived our lives according to your will.**
- L** We have failed to live up to your expectations.
- C** **We all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination

- L** Hear us now, O Lord, as we confess our failings to you:
- 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.**

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. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C Amen.

Psalm

Psalm 22:23–31

Spoken responsively

²³You who fear the Lord, praise him!
All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him,
and stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!

**²⁴For 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.**

²⁵From you comes my praise in the great congregation;
my vows I will perform before those who fear him.

**²⁶The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied;
those who seek him shall praise the LORD!
May your hearts live forever!**

²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember
and turn to the LORD,
and all the families of the nations
shall worship before you.

**²⁸For kingship belongs to the Lord,
and he rules over the nations.**

²⁹All 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.

**³⁰Posterity shall serve him;
it shall be told of the Lord to the coming generation;**

³¹they shall come and proclaim his righteousness to a people yet
unborn,
that he has done it.

Prayer

- L** 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.**

Old Testament 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, 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."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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. ³More than that, 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.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**



Holy Gospel

Mark 8:27–38

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

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

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 he called to him the crowd with his disciples and 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 life? ³⁷For what can a man give in return for his life? 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."

L This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

C 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.**



Song

Christ Above Me

Chisum, Sercy

Chorus x2, Verse 1, Chorus, Verse 2, Chorus, Tag

Christ ab-ove me, Christ be-side me, Christ with-in me,
 ev - er guid - ing; Christ be-hind me, Christ be-fore,
 Christ my love, my life, my Lord.

1. Bread of life from Heav - en,
 2. Mer - cy ev - er - last - ing,
 Lov - er of my soul; Peace of God, so
 ten - der-ness di - vine; Word of God so

ev - er pres - ent, I sur-ren-der my con - trol to
 ev - er heal - ing I sur-ren-der heart and mind to

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Sermon

"Pride Goeth Before a Fall"

Mark 8:27-38



Prayers of the Church and the Lord's Prayer

- L** Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Response after each petition

L Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

- L** Heavenly Father, receive our praise this day for St. Peter and his confession that Jesus is the Christ. We rejoice that Your Son builds His Church upon this rock and that the gates of hell cannot prevail against it. Keep us in this faith all our days; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

- L** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

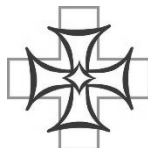
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory

forever and ever. Amen.

Benediction

- L** The Lord bless us and keep us.
The Lord make His face shine on us and be gracious to us.
The Lord look upon us with favor and ✠ give us peace.

C **Amen.**



Closing Song

My Hope *Baloche, Kerr, Mellinger, Rabe*

Verse 1, Verse 2, Chorus, Verse 3, Chorus x2

4
1.Noth-ing will change if

5
all the plans I make go wrong; Your love stays the same; Your

8
light will guide me through it all; I'm hang-ing on, I'm lean-ing in to You;

11
— 2.Noth-ing can reach the
3.You are my Rock when

14
end of all Your faith-ful-ness; Your grace is with me through
storms are rag-ing all a-round; You shel-ter me, God; I'm

16
ev- 'ry sha-dow, ev- 'ry test; I'm
safe with You on sol-id ground; I'm

17
hang-ing on, I'm lean-ing in to You;—
hang-ing on, I'm lean-ing in to You;—

21
I don't know where You'll— take— me,— but

23
I know You're al-ways good.— My hope is built on

26
noth-ing less than Your Great love, Your right-eous-ness

29
I will not walk an-oth-er way; I trust Your heart, I

32
trust Your name; I'm hold-ing on,— I'm hold-ing on— to You.

36

1. **4**

2. Chorus

My hope is built on noth-ing less

43

than Your Great love, Your right-eous-ness I will not walk an-

46

oth - er way; I trust Your heart, I trust Your name; I'm hold - ing on, —

50

I'm hold - ing on — to You. —



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Resources for Meditation this Week

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

25 February 2024

Readings

Genesis 17:1–7, 15–16

Romans 5:1–11

Mark 8:27–38

By the Cross of Our Lord Jesus, We Inherit Life Everlasting with God

In His covenant with Abraham, the Lord promised to be with him, to bless him and to make him *"the father of a multitude of nations."* It is *"an everlasting covenant"* in Christ Jesus, the seed of Abraham who is blameless before God Almighty. All who believe in this Lord Jesus are the offspring of Abraham and are blessed *"throughout their generations"* (Gen. 17:1–7), because the Christ has suffered many things. He was rejected and killed, and after three days He rose again (Mark 8:31). To comprehend this theology of the cross, we must set our minds *"on the things of God,"* and not *"on the things of man"* (Mark 8:33). *"God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us"* (Rom. 5:8). Therefore, having been *"reconciled to God by the death of his Son,"* much more *"shall we be saved by his life"* (Rom. 5:10). Baptized into His cross and resurrection, *"we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,"* and by faith we rejoice in the hope of His glory (Rom. 5:1–2).



Readings

Exodus 20:1–17

1 Corinthians 1:18–31

John 2:13–22 (23–25)

The Crucified and Risen Body of Jesus Is the True Temple of the Lord

The Lord rescues His people, Israel, *“out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery”* (Ex. 20:2) and makes His gracious covenant with them, defined by the Ten Commandments. Since He has become their God by His grace, they shall be His people, having *“no other gods”* before Him (Ex. 20:3). He is *“jealous”* for them as a husband for his wife and as a father for his children. He has named them with His name and called them to rest in Him (Ex. 20:5–9). The incarnate Son, Christ Jesus, is likewise jealous for His Father’s house, because it is to be a place of divine grace and Sabbath rest for His people, and not *“a house of trade”* (John 2:16–17). His zeal consumes Him as He gives up *“the temple of his body”* to the destruction of the cross, but in three days He raises it up again to be the true temple forever (John 2:17–21). By His crucifixion He cleanses the entire household, and in His resurrection He becomes *“wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption”* (1 Cor. 1:30).



Lent, Holy Week & Easter Worship

Please join us in worship this Lent & Easter season



Midweek Lent Services

Wednesday, February 28th at 7:00 pm

Wednesday, March 6th at 7:00 pm

Wednesday, March 13th at 7:00 pm

Wednesday, March 20th at 7:00 pm



Palm Sunday Services

Sunday, March 24th at 8:00 am & 10:45 am



Holy (Maundy) Thursday Service

Thursday, March 28th at 7:00 pm



Good Friday Service

Friday, March 29th at 7:00 pm



Easter Services

Sunday, March 31st at

6:00 am (*sunrise service*)

8:00 am & 10:45 am