

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

With Purpose, on Purpose

February 28, 2021

AS WE GATHER



Our Lord's whole purpose in becoming one of us in human history was to die for us. As a result, He purposely marched toward Jerusalem and the certain death on the cross He knew would come. For Him, the Scriptures were not forecasts of what might happen but God's immutable will for Him. He had to suffer and die so that we could be saved. And the eternal life He thereby won for us gives us purpose in daily living. We can willingly deny ourselves in service to others; we can take up our cross, knowing that our life with Him will never end.

✠ PREPARATION ✠

HYMN "Great is Thy Faithfulness" LSB 809

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: God established an everlasting covenant with Abraham,

People: but our faith has waxed and waned. O Lord, forgive our forgetfulness of Your unchanging grace.

Pastor: David wrote, "All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD,"

People: but we have failed to remind one another of God's mercy and love. O Lord, forgive our hesitancy to share the news of Your gracious presence.

Pastor: Paul wrote that because Christ died for the ungodly, we are justified by His blood,

People: but we have tried to hide our sinfulness. O Lord, forgive our blindness to the necessary sacrifice of our Savior.

Pastor: God sent His Son into the world with one purpose: to save us from the wrath of God. “For 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.” As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

☩ **WORD** ☩

INTROIT *Psalm 115:11–13; antiphon: Psalm 25:6*

Pastor: Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your | steadfast love,*

People: for they have been | from of old.

Pastor: You who fear the LORD, trust | in the LORD!*

People: He is their help | and their shield.

Pastor: The LORD has remembered us; he will | bless us;*

People: he will bless the house of Israel; he will bless the house of | Aaron;

Pastor: he will bless those who | fear the LORD,*

People: both the small | and the great.

Pastor: We will | bless the LORD*

People; 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 be- | ginning,*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Pastor: Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your | steadfast love,*

People: for they have been | from of old.

HYMN “Come, Let Us Join Our Cheerful Songs” LSB 812

KYRIE

Pastor: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

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

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: 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.

People: Lord, have mercy.

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

People: Lord, have mercy.

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

People: Amen.

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

O God, who sent Your Son into the flesh so that He might pay for our sins and open eternal life to us, grant us strong faith so that we may purposefully take up our crosses and follow where He has led the way; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Genesis 17:1–7, 15–16*

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE *Romans 5:1–11*

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

VERSE *Mark 8:34b*

Pastor: If anyone would come after Me,

People: let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me.

HOLY GOSPEL *Mark 8:27–38*

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

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

(The Gospel is read.)

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN "You Are the Way; through You Alone" LSB 526

SERMON

CREED *Apostles' Creed*

People: 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.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER *Matthew 6:9–13*

People: 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.**

OFFERTORY "O Dearest Jesus, What Law Hast Thou Broken" LSB 439 vs 1,8,14

BENEDICTION

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen.

HYMN "I Lift Your Name

Lord, my heart can grown so far away and cold;
And yet for me Your love is still the same.
Lord I bend my knee in awe and fear of Thee,
My head bowed down in rev'rence to Your name.

I lift Your name, Your holy name,
Jehovah God, Elohim.
The Great I am, the Risen Lamb,
My Comforter and King.

Lord, my heart's desire is to be filled with Spirit Fire,
My purpose is to worship You alone.
Open up my soul to worship and adore,
To be a fragrance offered to Your throne.

I lift Your name, Your holy name,
Jehovah God, Elohim.
The Great I am, the Risen Lamb,
My Comforter and King.