

## The Second Sunday in Lent

March 5, 2023

**As We Gather** - The pages of the Bible are filled with some very human people. In the appointed Readings of the Sundays in Lent, we encounter several. In today's Old Testament Reading, we hear of Abraham, who followed the guidance of God faithfully to the land of promise. Yet in Genesis, we also read that when in a challenging situation in Egypt, he misrepresented his wife as his sister and profited from the deception. Nicodemus, to whom Jesus explained the Gospel in great detail, kept his association with the Lord a secret. Even at the time of the burial of Jesus after the crucifixion, Nicodemus labors with Joseph of Arimathea "secretly for fear of the Jews" (John 19:38). It is well that we are reminded as we confess in the Nicene Creed that "for us men and for our salvation" our Lord "was made man." As imperfect and very human people, we are assured by the Spirit that we are loved by God, who knows us as we are, and that we truly are "precious in the sight of the Lord" in life and in death (Psalm 116:15).

**Offering and Registry of Worship Cards: (Sunday Only)** Please fill out a Registry of Worship Card found in the pew racks. We ask that you print the names of every person in your family, indicating if they take communion. One side of the card is for members and the other side for guests. As the offering is collected, pass the cards to the center aisle so our ushers can gather them.

**Saturday Worship:** Offerings and Worship Cards will be received in the offering plates at the rear of the church either upon entering or when leaving. Thank you for your gift to the work of the Lord.

**About Protecting the Healthy:** To protect yourself and others from COVID-19 and other infectious respiratory diseases, individuals may choose to mask at any time. Appropriate hand washing by everyone is encouraged. People with symptoms of an infectious illness are highly encouraged to stay home. Symptoms include fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, and diarrhea. Thank you for helping to keep everyone healthy as we receive God's gifts in worship.

**GENERALLY, BE MINDFUL, NOT FEARFUL.**

**Prelude and Meditation:** Before worship we talk to God (see prayers on page 308 in the hymnal); during worship God talks to us; after worship we talk to one another.

**Prelude:**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS  
The Greeting and Sharing of Peace *(stand)*

## Confession and Absolution

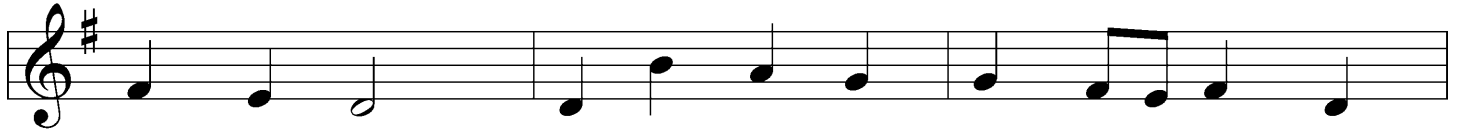
Hymn of Invocation:

Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain

LSB 435



1 Come to Cal - v'ry's ho - ly moun - tain, Sin - ners, ru - ined  
2 Come in pov - er - ty and mean - ness, Come de - filed, with -  
3 Come in sor - row and con - tri - tion, Wound - ed, im - po -  
4 They that drink shall live for - ev - er; 'Tis a soul - re -



by the fall; Here a pure and heal - ing foun - tain  
out, with - in; From in - fec - tion and un - clean - ness,  
tent, and blind; Here the guilt - y, free re - mis - sion,  
new - ing flood. God is faith - ful; God will nev - er



Flows for you, for me, for all, In a full, per -  
From the lep - ro - sy of sin, Wash your robes and  
Here the trou - bled, peace may find. Health this foun - tain  
Break His cov - e - nant of blood, Signed when our Re -



pet - ual tide, O - pened when our Sav - ior died.  
make them white; Ye shall walk with God in light.  
will re - store; They that drink shall thirst no more.  
deem - er died, Sealed when He was glo - ri - fied.

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*Stand*

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

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C** But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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

**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.**

**P** 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.**

### ***Service of the Word***

#### **Introit**

*Psalm 105:4–7; antiphon: v. 8*

He remembers his covenant forever,  
the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations.

Seek the LORD and his strength;  
seek his presence continually!

Remember the wondrous works that he has done,  
his miracles, and the judgments he uttered,

O offspring of Abraham, his servant,  
children of Jacob, his chosen ones!

He is the LORD our God;  
his judgments are in all the earth.

**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.**

He remembers his covenant forever,  
the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations.

**Kyrie**

**P** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

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



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**P** 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.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

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



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

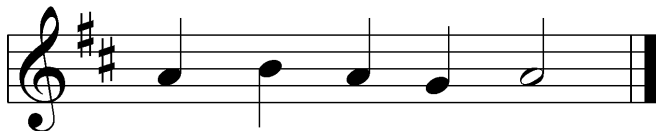
**P** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



**C** A - men.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And al - so 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.



**C** A - men.

*Sit*

## Old Testament Reading

*Genesis 12:1–9*

<sup>1</sup>The LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. <sup>2</sup>And 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. <sup>3</sup>I 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."

<sup>4</sup>So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. <sup>5</sup>And 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, <sup>6</sup>Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. <sup>7</sup>Then 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. <sup>8</sup>From 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. <sup>9</sup>And Abram journeyed on, still going toward the Negeb.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Epistle

Romans 4:1–8, 13–17

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

<sup>7</sup>“Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven,  
and whose sins are covered;

<sup>8</sup>blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin.” . . .

<sup>13</sup>For 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. <sup>14</sup>For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. <sup>15</sup>For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression.

<sup>16</sup>That 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, <sup>17</sup>as 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.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

Stand

## Holy Gospel

John 3:1–17

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



**C** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. <sup>2</sup>This 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." <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." <sup>4</sup>Nicodemus 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?" <sup>5</sup>Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. <sup>6</sup>That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup>Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' <sup>8</sup>The 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."

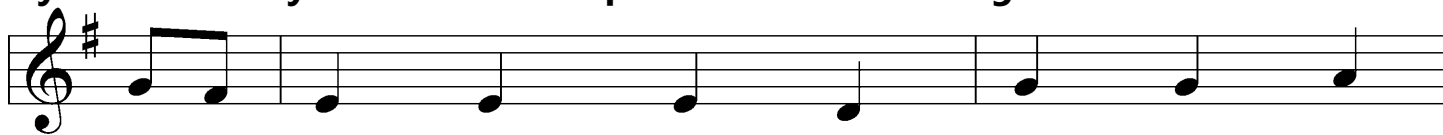
<sup>9</sup>Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" <sup>10</sup>Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? <sup>11</sup>Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our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

<sup>16</sup>"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. <sup>17</sup>For 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.



Sit



1 No tramp of sol - diers' march - ing feet  
 2 And yet He comes. The chil - dren cheer;  
 3 What fad - ing flow'rs His road a - dorn;  
 4 Now He who bore for mor - tals' sake



With ban - ners and with drums, No sound of mu - sic's  
 With palms His path is strown. With ev - 'ry step the  
 The palms, how soon laid down! No bloom or leaf but  
 The cross and all its pains And chose a ser - vant's



mar - tial beat: "The King of glo - ry comes!"  
 cross draws near: The King of glo - ry's throne.  
 on - ly thorn The King of glo - ry's crown.  
 form to take, The King of glo - ry reigns.



To greet what pomp of king - ly pride  
 A - stride a colt He pass - es by  
 The sol - diers mock, the rab - ble cries,  
 Ho - san - na to the Sav - ior's name



No bells in tri-umph ring, No cit - y gates swing  
 As loud ho - san - nas ring, Or else the ver - y  
 The streets with tu - mult ring, As Pi - late to the  
 Till heav - en's raf - ters ring, And all the ran - somed



o - pen wide: "Be - hold, be - hold your King!"  
 stones would cry "Be - hold, be - hold your King!"  
 mob re - plies, "Be - hold, be - hold your King!"  
 host pro - claim "Be - hold, be - hold your King!"



**Sermon:**

**“Salvation, Not Condemnation”**

**John 3:1–17**

*Stand*

**Nicene Creed**

**C** I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life  $\dagger$  of the world to come. Amen.

**Prayer of the Church**

*Sit*

**Gathering of Our Tithes and Offerings (*Sunday Only*)**

**Registry of Worship Cards (*Sunday Only*)** – *Please pass your completed cards to the center aisle.*

**Offertory: (*Sunday Only*)**

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***Service of the Sacrament***

**Preface**

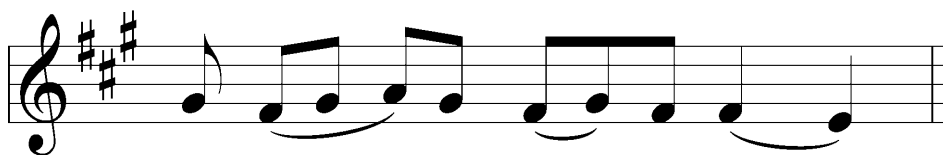
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**P** The Lord be with you.



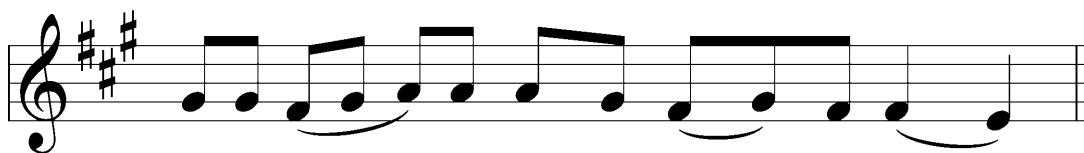
**C** And al-so with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts.



**C** We lift them to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

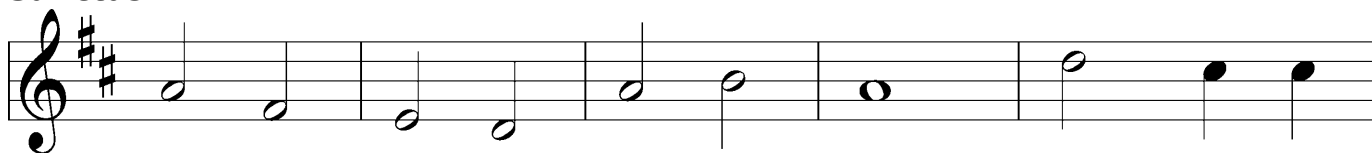


**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

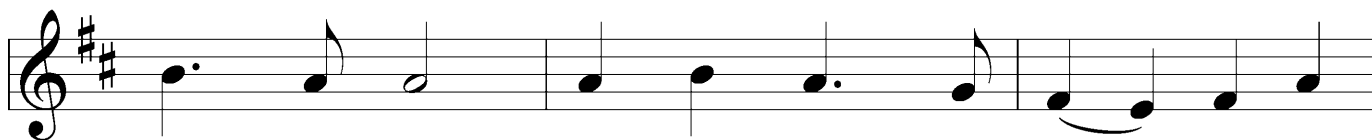
**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be 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 singing:

### Sanctus

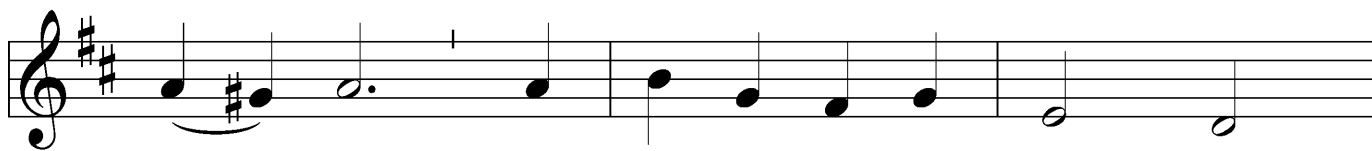
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**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of



pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your



glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is He who comes in the name  
of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

### Prayer of Thanksgiving

LSB 178

**P** 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.

### 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  $\text{✝}$  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  $\text{✝}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

### Proclamation of Christ

**P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

**C** Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

**P** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

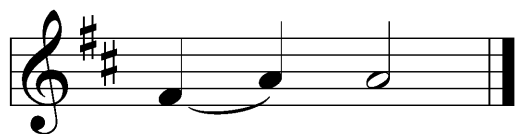
### Lord's Prayer

**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.

### Pax Domini

LSB 180

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.



**C** A - men.

### Agnus Dei

LSB 180



**C** Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world;



have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the



sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of

God, You take a - way the sin of the world;  
grant us peace, grant us peace.

Sit

**Distribution:**

***Distribution Hymns***

LSB 702 **My Faith Looks Up to Thee**  
 LSB 571 **God Loved the World So That He Gave** sts. 1-5  
 LSB 423 **Jesus, Refuge of the Weary**

Stand

**Nunc Dimittis Hymn**

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1 Lord, bid Your ser - vant go in peace,  
 2 This is the Sav - ior of the world,  
 Δ 3 With saints of old, with saints to come,  
 Your word is now ful - filled. These eyes have seen sal -  
 The Gen - tiles' prom - ised light, God's glo - ry dwell - ing  
 To You we lift our voice; To Fa - ther, Son, and  
 va - tion's dawn, This child so long fore - told.  
 in our midst, The joy of Is - ra - el.  
 Spir - it blest Be hon - or, love, and praise.

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## Post-Communion Collect

*(Saturday)*

**P** Let us pray together.

**C** I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

*(Sunday)*

**P** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

## Benediction

*LSB 183*

**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.



**C** A - men.

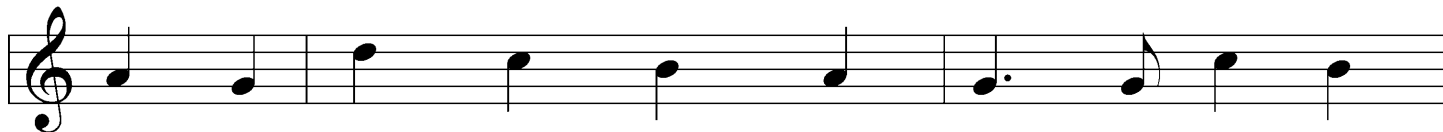
**Closing Hymn:**

**My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less**

LSB 575



1 My hope is built on nothing less Than Je - sus'  
 2 When dark - ness veils His love - ly face, I rest on  
 3 His oath, His cov - e - nant and blood Sup - port me  
 4 When He shall come with trum - pet sound, Oh, may I



blood and righ - teous - ness; No mer - it of my  
 His un - chang - ing grace; In ev - 'ry high and  
 in the rag - ing flood; When ev - 'ry earth - ly  
 then in Him be found, Clothed in His righ - teous -



own I claim But whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.  
 storm - y gale My an - chor holds with - in the veil.  
 prop gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.  
 ness a - lone, Re - deemed to stand be - fore His throne!

*Refrain*



On Christ, the sol-id rock, I stand; All oth-er ground is sink-ing sand.

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**Postlude:**

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**LEADING AND ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY**

**Pastor**..... Pastor Christopher Hazzard

**Organist**..... Marvin Dalton

**Saturday**

**Elder** ..... Lee Crapo  
**Lector** ..... Geri Slaten/Rick Smith  
**Audio** ..... Lee Crapo/Robin Fox

**Sunday**

**Elder** ..... Fred Sterns  
**Lector** ..... George Czanko  
**Greeter** ..... Joann Shepker  
**Audio** ..... Kyle Welch  
**Video** ..... Video TD: Kris Welch  
GFX/ Stream: Robin Fox  
**Altar Guild** ..... Rita and George Czanko

**LEADING AND ASSISTING IN WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY**

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**Lector** .....  
**Greeter** ..... Dan and Violet Zabel  
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**ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS FROM LAST WEEK**

Ash Wednesday ..... 73  
Saturday Worship Attendance ..... 31  
Sunday Worship Attendance ..... 118  
Envelope and Loose Plate Offerings .....  
Simply Giving/Vanco .....  
Paypal Offerings .....  
Website (ShareFaith) .....  
**Total of Offerings Received** .....  
Misc. Income, Memorials and Special Gifts.....



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**LIFE THOUGHTS IN THE CHURCH - Lent II** – Father Abraham was justified (Romans 4:2-3); that is, he had a reason for coming into being and continuing to live. Abraham was not justified by works, that is; this reason arose from elsewhere than his own origin, appearance, or ability. Abraham was justified by grace; that is, God’s creating, redeeming, and calling defined his identity. The Gospel proclaims the sanctity of life to all Abraham’s offspring (Romans 4:16)!

**FLOWER SPONSOR**– Lee and Audrey Crapo, in celebration of thier Wedding Anniversary.

**BULLETIN SPONSOR** – No Bulletin Sponsor this week.

**FELLOWSHIP HOUR (SUNDAY)** – Team 3 is serving today; team 4 will serve next week. Everyone is invited. There is no charge and a freewill offering is voluntary.

**PASTOR OUT THIS WEEK** – Pastor will be out of the office this week attending the Exponential Outreach Conference in Orlando.

**WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY CANCELLED**- Wednesday Bible Study is cancelled this week, March 8<sup>th</sup>. It will also be cancelled on March 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**PRIVATE COMMUNION CANCELLED** - Private Communion this week, March 8<sup>th</sup> is cancelled.

**NO TRUSTEE VOLUNTEER DAY** – The Trustee Workday is cancelled for the next two weeks, March 7<sup>th</sup> and March 14<sup>th</sup>, due to Baseball Parking.

**MOVIE NIGHT TONIGHT (SATURDAY)** - Movie Night tonight at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. The movie is **Part 2- Unbroken – Path to Redemption**. There will be popcorn and other snacks. No charge for the movie or snacks.

**ELDERS MEETING (SUNDAY)**-There will be an Elders Meeting today, Sunday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, after service.

**OUTREACH MEETING** – The Outreach committee will meet this Tuesday, March 7 at 5:30pm.

**LENT SERVICES** – Lent Services will be at 6:30 pm each Wednesday during the month of March. The worship series is “By My Hand for My Sake”.

**MARY MARTHA SPRING LUNCHEON THIS WEEK**– Sign-up sheet is on the Bulletin Board, please indicate your menu choice or text Belinda at 863-602-5159 by Monday, March 6<sup>th</sup>. Mary Martha will be hosting their Spring Luncheon on Wednesday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, at Huntington Hills Country Club at 2626 Duff Road, Lakeland. Mary Martha will hold our regular monthly meeting at 10 am, then depart to Huntington Hills for an arrival time of 11:30 am. All ladies of the congregation are invited to attend our luncheon, and if

interested in our guild, a great day to check us out! Our entree selection is as follows: Club Wrap, Tuscan Chicken Salad, Haddock sandwich, or a Hamburger. All of these choices are \$15.95 each and include a side and a drink. This does not include tax and tip! They will accept cash or cards; sign-up sheet is in the narthex for your selection of meal. Payment is made at the restaurant the day of the luncheon.

**SPAGHETTI DINNER** - Mary Martha will be holding a Spaghetti Dinner this Saturday, March 11 from 4-7 pm. We will have both sit down, take out and drive up options available! The cost is \$10 per person /\$5 for children 12 and under. The meal includes spaghetti with meat sauce, salad, roll, dessert and a drink. Due to request for dietary restrictions, we will have gluten free and/or Zoodles available for advance tickets only. You must call or text Belinda at 863-602-5159 or Charlotte at 863-409-6270 no later than Tuesday evening, March 7<sup>th</sup>. We will be selling tickets after Sunday worship service! Our mission for this event is Trinity Church Orlando Comfort Dogs ministry.

**COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS OPPORUNITY** - The Mary Martha guild would love to have some help with the spaghetti dinner on Saturday, March 11 from 3:30 - to approximately 8 pm. We will be serving spaghetti with inside seating and also, drive thru pick up. We need some "runners" who can run the food outside, get anything for those guests, collect payment if they don't have tickets, etc. Also, if we can have some clean up help afterward, taking out garbage, etc! If you aren't comfortable in customer service, we have other jobs available. Please call the Church office 682-7802 during business hours or call or text Belinda Freer at 863-602-5159 to sign up!

**YARN DONATIONS** – Mary Martha is in need of yarn. If you have any yarn you would like to donate, please leave it outside the Quilters Room or contact Belinda Freer at 863-602-5159.

**DREAM CENTER VOLUNTEERS** – Volunteers are needed to help check- in and sort items here at Christ Lutheran for the Dream Center. Please see or contact Robin Fox at 863-513-4774 to schedule a day and time to volunteer.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED-** Volunteers are needed for the Hot Dog Stand on Baseball Parking Days for about four hours. This is a wonderful way to get outdoors, interact with others, and raise funds for the missions we support. For more information contact Charlene Rosane at 863-660-1689 or email her at [rosanecharl@gmail.com](mailto:rosanecharl@gmail.com)

**RUMMAGE SALE** - The Outreach committee and Mary Martha will be holding a rummage sale in the Fellowship Hall on Saturday, March 25. Please start gathering the treasures you would like to donate! Collections will start Wednesday, March 15<sup>th</sup>. Times for drop off will be 9am–Noon on Wednesday and Thursday, on Friday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, from 1pm–7 pm, on Saturday, 9 am–2pm, on Sunday from 11:30 am–1 pm, on Monday, March

20<sup>th</sup> , 1pm–7pm, and our FINAL day on Tuesday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, 9am–7pm. NO appliances or furniture.

**RECIPES WANTED** - Mary Martha is collecting favorite recipes for the Church Cookbook. If you have a favorite recipe and would be willing to share it, please write it legibly, sign your name on it and put it in the box located in the Narthex. There is no limit to number of recipes you can submit.

**ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP** – If you are a seasonal visitor and would be interested in an Associate Membership with Christ Lutheran, please see an Elder.

**CHURCH DIRECTORY** – For those that are not aware, our church member directory is now available online. Please see the flyer sheets in the narthex for more information or email Kim Kaniecki at [stewardship@clclakeland.org](mailto:stewardship@clclakeland.org).

**GREETERS NEEDED** – Volunteers are needed to be Greeters in the Narthex to welcome guest and members as they enter for service. If you are interested, please sign up on the sign-up sheet on the Bulletin Board.

**TRUSTEE VOLUNTEER DAY** – If you are interested in volunteering to help with maintenance around the church, please contact Sandy Spanier at 863-665-5572.

**NAMETAGS** – We would like to encourage all our members to please wear their nametags to church. If you can't find your nametag or don't have one, please sign-up for one on the bulletin board in the Narthex of the church.

**STEWARDSHIP CORNER- Matthew 4:7 – “Jesus said to him, ‘Again it is written..’”**  
Jesus defeats Satan in our place, not by using His power as God, but by His perfect obedience in His perfect humanity. Jesus defeats Satan not by miracles, but by quoting the Scriptures and living according to them. This should cause us great joy for two reasons. First, we see Jesus win the victory for us. Second, here Jesus shows us how to stand in that victory: on the Word of God alone.

**THANK YOU** – Dear members and friends of Christ Lutheran Church, on Sunday, January 15, you surprised me with a celebration honoring my 50 years in the Ministry. I was ordained on June 11, 1972, in my home congregation, Bethany Lutheran Church, Wichita, Kansas. Fifty years ago. Thank you for the fantastic surprise, for the luncheon, the decorated cake, and the cash gift. I have not decided what to do with that. Thank you for remembering. Peace of the Lord be with you always. Pastor Jerry Munz

P.S. - In January, I had surgery to implant a spinal cord stimulator (SCS) to help relieve back pain. In February, both Joyce and I came down with Covid. Then my brother passed away. 2023 is starting to be a rough year!

## THIS WEEK AT CHRIST LUTHERAN

Tuesday ..... Baseball Parking  
**NO** Trustee Work Day  
Quilters @ 10 am

Wednesday ..... Dream Center @ Christ Lutheran  
Baseball Parking  
**NO** Bible Study  
**NO** Private Communion  
Lent Service @ 6:30 pm  
Choir @ 7:30 pm

Friday ..... Baseball Parking  
Church Office Closed, Pastor's Day Off

Saturday ..... Mary Martha Spaghetti Dinner 4 – 7 pm  
Worship @ 5:30 pm

Sunday ..... Bible Study @ 8:30 am  
Worship Service @ 10 am  
Bible Study @ 11:15 am  
Baseball Parking