

LENT 2

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WELCOME!

If you are a friend who's been here before, welcome back. If you are a first-time visitor, welcome! We'd appreciate it if you would leave your name and address in one of our guest books located in either entry way. Children's bulletins and crayons are available on the counter beneath the mailboxes in the fellowship hall. If we can serve you in any way, please let us know God bless your worship!

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

AS MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN OF PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH, OUR MISSION IS TO PROCLAIM GOD'S GOSPEL OF SALVATION THROUGH JESUS CHRIST TO WIN SOULS FOR CHRIST, NURTURE BELIEVERS, AND EQUIP THEM FOR LIVES OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE, ALL TO THE GLORY OF GOD.

The time before worship begins is a sacred time for meditation, prayer, and worship preparation. As we gather in the sanctuary, let's quietly reflect on God's blessings and direction in the Scripture readings included in the worship folder.

ORDER OF WORSHIP: Service of the Word – page 38 in the front of the hymnal

HYMNS: 224, 355, 347, 379

ORGANIST: Sandi Lietzau

CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMN 224: God Himself Is Present

**1 God himself is present—Let us now adore him
And with awe appear before him.
God is in his temple—All within keep silence,
Humbly kneel in deepest reverence.
He alone On his throne Is our God and Savior**

Praise his name forever!

**2 God himself is present—Hear the harps resounding;
See the hosts the throne surrounding.
“Holy, holy, holy”—Hear the hymn ascending,
Songs of saints and angels blending.
Bow your ear To us here;
Hear, O Christ, the praises That your Church now raises.**

**3 Fount of ev’ry blessing, Purify my spirit,
Trusting only in your merit.
Like the holy angels, Worshiping before you,
May I ceaselessly adore you.
Let your will Ever still
Rule your church terrestrial As the hosts celestial**

Pastor: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

CONFESSIO

Pastor: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

Congregation: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

Pastor: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. Bu the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

Congregation: Amen

Pastor: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

Congregation: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.

**Blessed are they who take refuge in him.
Your Word, O Lord, is eternal; it stands firm in the heavens.
Your faithfulness continues forever.
Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.
Blessed are they who take refuge in him.**

PRAYER

Pastor: : Almighty God, guard and keep us both outwardly and inwardly so that adversity and evil do not separate us from your love; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Congregation: Amen

THE FIRST LESSON: Genesis 28:10-21

10 Jacob left Beersheba and set out for Haran. 11 When he reached a certain place, he stopped for the night because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones there, he put it under his head and lay down to sleep. 12 He had a dream in which he saw a stairway resting on the earth, with its top reaching to heaven, and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. 13 There above it stood the LORD, and he said: "I am the LORD, the God of your father Abraham and the God of Isaac. I will give you and your descendants the land on which you are lying. 14 Your descendants will be like the dust of the earth, and you will spread out to the west and to the east, to the north and to the south. All peoples on earth will be blessed through you and your offspring. 15 I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go, and I will bring you back to this land. I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." 16 When Jacob awoke from his sleep, he thought, "Surely the LORD is in this place, and I was not aware of it." 17 He was afraid and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God; this is the gate of heaven." 18 Early the next morning Jacob took the stone he had placed under his head and set it up as a pillar and poured oil on top of it. 19 He called that place Bethel, though the city used to be called Luz. 20 Then Jacob made a vow, saying, "If God will be with me and will watch over me on this journey I am taking and will give me food to eat and clothes to wear 21 so that I return safely to my father's house, then the Lord will be my God and this stone that I have set up as a pillar will be God's house, and of all that you give me I will give you a tenth."

THE PSALM: Psalm 73

There are times when the faith of believers may falter as they experience trouble while unbelievers seem to prosper. When that happens, we need to look at this life

from the standpoint of eternity.

Pastor: I am always with you, O Lord

Congregation: You hold me by my right hand.

Pastor: You guide me with your counsel.

Congregation: And afterward you will take me into glory.

Pastor: Whom have I in heaven but you?

Congregation: And earth has nothing I desire besides you.

Pastor: My flesh and my heart may fail,

Congregation: But God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.

THE SECOND LESSON: Romans 5:1-11

1 Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, 2 through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God. 3 Not only so, but we also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; 4 perseverance, character; and character, hope. 5 And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us. 6 You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. 7 Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous man, though for a good man someone might possibly dare to die. 8 But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. 9 Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him! 10 For if, when we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life! 11 Not only is this so, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

THE VERSE

Pastor: Jesus humbled himself and became obedient to death, even death on a cross. Alleluia!

Congregation: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**These words are written that we may believe
that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

THE THIRD LESSON: Mark 8:31-38

31 He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, chief priests and teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again. 32 He spoke plainly about this, and Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. 33 But when Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, he rebuked Peter. “Get behind me, Satan!” he said. “You do not have in mind the things of God, but the things of men.” 34 Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: “If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. 35 For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me and for the gospel will save it. 36 What good is it for a man to gain the whole world, yet forfeit his soul? 37 Or what can a man give in exchange for his soul? 38 If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of him when he comes in his Father’s glory with the holy angels.”

Congregation: Praise be to you, O Christ!

HYMN 355: Take the World, but Give Me Jesus

**1 Take the world, but give me Jesus! All its joys are but a name.
But his love abides forever, Through eternal years the same.
Oh, the height and depth of mercy; Oh, the length and breadth of love!
Oh, the fullness of redemption, Pledge of endless life above!**

**2 Take the world, but give me Jesus, Sweetest comfort of my soul.
With the Savior watching o’er me, I can sing, though thunders roll.
Oh, the height and depth of mercy; Oh, the length and breadth of love!
Oh, the fullness of redemption, Pledge of endless life above!**

**3 Take the world, but give me Jesus! In his cross my trust shall be
Till with clearer, brighter vision Face to face my Lord I see.**

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Follow Me!

1 Why would I want to do that?

Paul provides the answers in today’s epistle lesson.

Justified through faith and by his blood
Peace with God
Access to grace
Joy in the hope of the glory of God
God’s love
Saved from God’s wrath
Reconciled to God
Joy in our sufferings

2 How is Jesus able to provide all this?

3 Why does Jesus want me to deny myself and take up my cross?

CONFESSION OF FAITH: The Apostles Creed, page 41 in the front of the hymnal

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there 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.

OFFERING

The offering will be received as you are ushered out after the service in the fellowship hall so that offering plates are not passed.

PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

HYMN 347: Jesus, And Shall It Ever be

1 Jesus! And shall it ever be A mortal man ashamed of thee?

**Ashamed of thee, whom angels praise,
Whose glories shine through endless days?**

2 Ashamed of Jesus? Just as soon Let midnight be ashamed of noon.

'Tis midnight with my soul till he, Bright Morning Star, bids darkness flee.

3 Ashamed of Jesus, that dear friend On whom my hopes of heav'n depend?

No: when I blush, be this my shame, That I no more revere his name.

4 Ashamed of Jesus? Yes, I may When I've no guilt to wash away,

No tear to wipe, no good to crave, No fear to quell, no soul to save.

**5 Till then—nor is my boasting vain—Till then I boast a Savior slain;
And oh, may this my glory be: That Christ is not ashamed of me.**

PRAYER

BLESSING

Pastor: 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 upon you with favor and give you peace.

Congregation: Amen. Amen. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN 379: Amazing Grace—How Sweet the Sound

**1 Amazing grace—how sweet the sound—That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now am found, Was blind but now I see.**

**2 The Lord has promised good to me; His Word my hope secures,
He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.**

**3 Through many dangers, toils, and snares I have already come,
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, And grace will lead me home.**

**4 When we've been there ten thousand years, Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise Than when we'd first begun.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Bible Hour follows our worship this morning.

In adult Bible hour we continue our study of Proverbs. Join us!

2. Confirmation meets on Monday, March 1st, 3:30-5:00 pm.

3. Midweek Lent services continue on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm.

4. Online Bible Class Continues.

The Format:

I send out weekly study guides in a congregational email on Mondays. You have an opportunity to work through the study guides at home.

I post an online video in which I work through the weekly study guide on Wednesdays. This video is sent out as a congregational email, just like our weekly worship services.

This week, we begin our study of 2 Peter.

5. Thursday morning Bible class meets at 10:00 am. We are continuing our study of Deuteronomy. Join us!