

The Second Sunday in Lent
Divine Service 1 ♦ **February 25, 2024**
8:30 a.m. Worship
(Following the Readings for Lent 2, Series B)

WELCOME

HYMN “The God of Abram Praise”

LSB #798, vv. 2-4 & 9



2 The God of A - br'ham praise, At whose su - preme com - mand
3 The God of A - br'ham praise, Whose all - suf - fi - cient grace
4 He by Him - self has sworn; I on His oath de - pend.



From earth I rise and seek the joys At His right hand.
Shall guide me all my pil - grim days In all my ways.
I shall, on ea - gle wings up - borne, To heav'n as - cend.



I all on earth for - sake, Its wis - dom, fame, and pow'r,
He deigns to call me friend; He calls Him - self my God.
I shall be - hold His face; I shall His pow'r a - dore



And Him my on - ly por - tion make, My shield and tow'r.
And He shall save me to the end Through Je - sus' blood.
And sing the won - ders of His grace For - ev - er - more.

- 9. The whole triumphant host Give thanks to God on high.
“Hail, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!” They ever cry.
Hail, Abr'ham's God and mine! I join the heav'nly lays:
All might and majesty are Thine And endless praise!**

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CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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

People: **Amen**

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

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

1 John 1:8-9

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

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

People: **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.**

Pastor: 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. *John 20:19*

People: Amen

FIRST 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.”

SECOND READING 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.

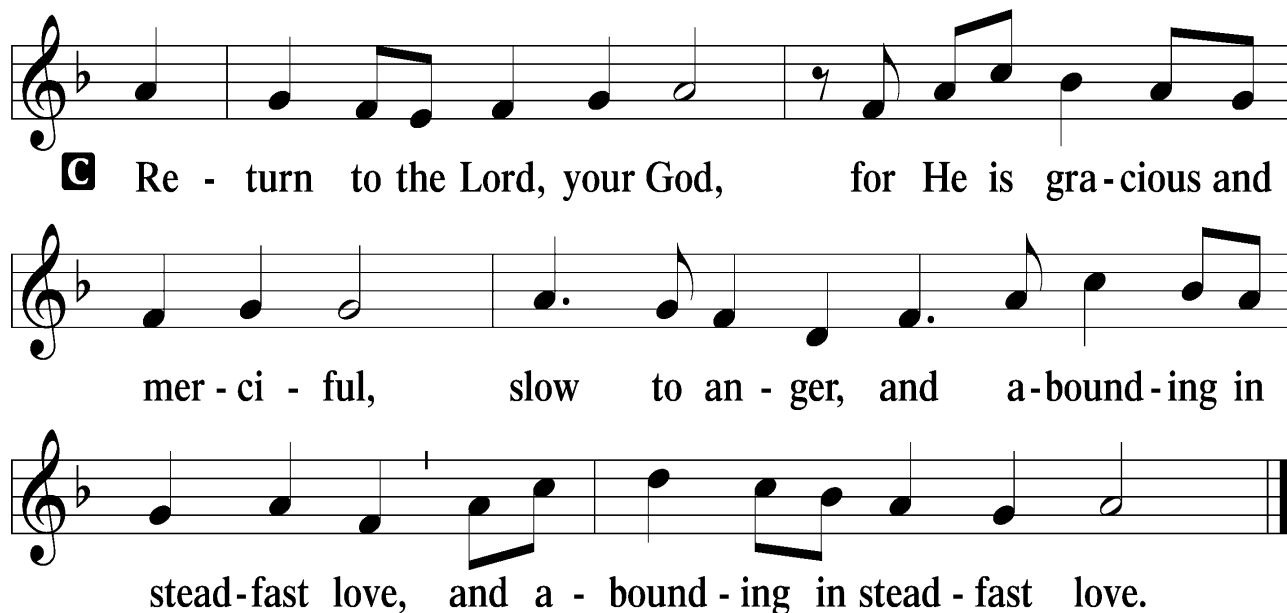
⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would

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.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

LENT VERSE



C Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for He is gra - cious and
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in
stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

HOLY GOSPEL Mark 8:27-38

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 8th chapter.

People:



C Glo - ry 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."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People:



C Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY "Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus"

LSB #685



1 Let us ev - er walk with Je - sus, Fol - low His ex -
 2 Let us suf - fer here with Je - sus And with pa - tience
 3 Let us glad - ly die with Je - sus. Since by death He
 4 Let us al - so live with Je - sus. He has ris - en



am - ple pure, Through a world that would de - ceive us And to
 bear our cross. Joy will fol - low all our sad - ness; Where He
 con - quered death, He will free us from de - struc - tion, Give to
 from the dead That to life we may a - wak - en. Je - sus,



sin our spir - its lure. On - ward in His foot - steps tread - ing,
 is, there is no loss. Though to - day we sow no laugh - ter,
 us im - mor - tal breath. Let us mor - ti - fy all pas - sion
 You are now our head. We are Your own liv - ing mem - bers;



Pil - grims here, our home a - bove, Full of faith and
 We shall reap ce - les - tial joy; All dis - com - forts
 That would lead us in - to sin; And the grave that
 Where You live, there we shall be In Your pres - ence



hope and love, Let us do the Fa - ther's bid - ding. Faith - ful
 that an - noy Shall give way to mirth here - af - ter. Je - sus,
 shuts us in Shall but prove the gate to heav - en. Je - sus,
 con - stant - ly, Liv - ing there with You for - ev - er. Je - sus,



Lord, with me a - bide; I shall fol - low where You guide.
 here I share Your woe; Help me there Your joy to know.
 here with You I die, There to live with You on high.
 let me faith - ful be, Life e - ter - nal grant to me.

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SERMON: "Producing Hope"

Text: Romans 5:1-5

OFFERING

APOSTLES' CREED

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

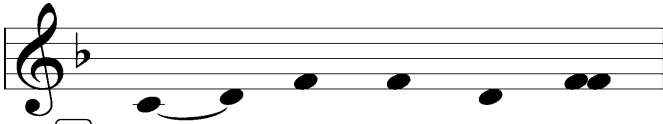
**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
 born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell.
 The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven
 and sits at the right hand of 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.**

PRAYERS

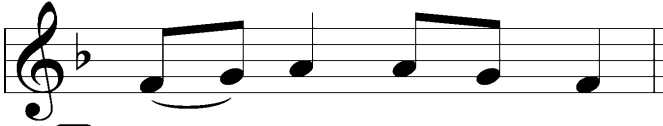
✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE



P The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22



C And al - so with you.

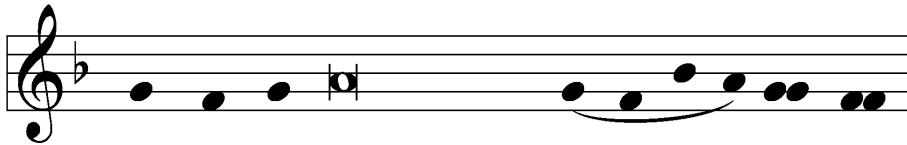


P Lift up your hearts.

Colossians 3:1



C We lift them to the Lord.



P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Psalms 136



C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Pastor: 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. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS ~ *Holy, Holy, Holy*

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -
san-na. 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.

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

Pastor: O Lord Jesus Christ, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
All: **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.**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Matthew 26:26-28, Mark 14:22-24
Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-2

PAX DOMINI ~ *The Peace of the Lord*

John 20:19

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
People: **Amen.**

AGNUS DEI ~ Lamb of God

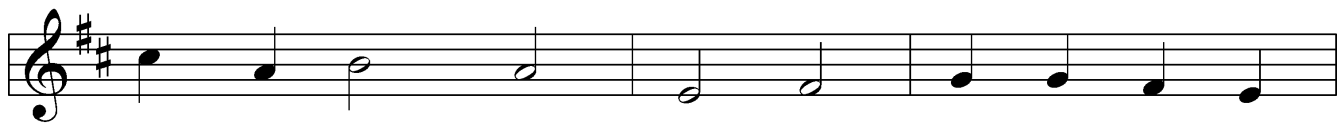
☐ Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have
 mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the
 world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the
 sin of the world; grant us peace.

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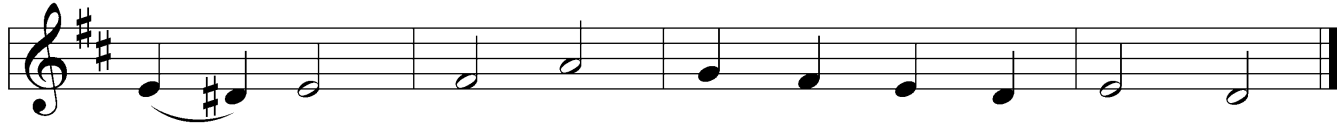
“Soul, Adorn Yourself With Gladness”

LSB #636, vv. 1,3,7, & 8

1 Soul, a - dorn your - self with glad - ness, Leave the
 3 He who craves a pre - cious trea - sure Nei - ther
 gloom-y haunts of sad - ness, Come in - to the day-light's
 cost nor pain will mea - sure; But the price-less gifts of
 splen - dor, There with joy your prais - es ren - der.
 heav - en God to us has free - ly giv - en.
 Bless the One whose grace un-bound - ed This a - maz - ing
 Though the wealth of earth were prof - fered, None could buy the



ban - quet found - ed; He, though heav'n - ly, high, and
 gifts here of - fered: Christ's true bod - y, for you



ho - ly, Deigns to dwell with you most low - ly.
 riv - en, And His blood, for you once giv - en.

**7. Lord, by love and mercy driven, You once left Your throne in heaven
 On the cross for me to languish And to die in bitter anguish,
 To forego all joy and gladness And to shed Your blood in sadness.
 By this blood redeemed and living, Lord, I praise You with thanksgiving.**

**8. Jesus, bread of life, I pray You, Let me gladly here obey You.
 By Your love I am invited, Be Your love with love requited;
 By this Supper let me measure, Lord, how vast and deep love's treasure.
 Through the gift of grace You give me As Your guest in heav'n receive me.**

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"When Peace, Like A River"

LSB #763



1 When peace, like a riv - er, at - tend - eth my way; When
 2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, Let
 3 He lives— oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; My
 4 And, Lord, haste the day when our faith shall be sight, The



sor - rows, like sea bil - lows, roll; What - ev - er my lot, Thou hast
 this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, That Christ hath re - gard - ed my
 sin, not in part, but the whole, Is nailed to His cross, and I
 clouds be rolled back as a scroll, The trum - pet shall sound and the



taught me to say, It is well, it is well with my soul.
 help - less es - tate And hath shed His own blood for my soul.
 bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
 Lord shall de - scend; E - ven so it is well with my soul.

Refrain



It is well with my soul, It is well, it is well with my soul.

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BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord lift up His countenance on you and \dagger give you peace.

People: Amen.

Numbers 6:24-26

SENDING HYMN "Lift High the Cross"

LSB #837 vv. 4,5, & 6

Refrain

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro-claim Till
all the world a-dore His sa-cred name.
4 O Lord, once lift-ed on the glo-rious tree,
As Thou hast prom-ised, draw us all to Thee. *Refrain*

The image shows four staves of musical notation in treble clef. The first staff is labeled 'Refrain' and contains the lyrics 'Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro-claim Till'. The second staff continues with 'all the world a-dore His sa-cred name.'. The third staff begins with a '4' and contains the lyrics 'O Lord, once lift-ed on the glo-rious tree,'. The fourth staff continues with 'As Thou hast prom-ised, draw us all to Thee.' and is also labeled 'Refrain'.

5. Let ev'ry race and ev'ry language tell
Of Him who saves our lives from death and hell. Refrain
6. So shall our song of triumph ever be:
Praise to the Crucified for victory! Refrain

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