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Second Sunday in Lent



A Lutheran Mass - Setting by Thomas Mosbo
Please leave your offering in the plate at the door
You may stand at times marked with an asterisk (*)

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Prelude and Contemplation

Karen Niemeier

Welcome and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

P: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

C: Amen.

* Hymn *O God of Mercy, God of Light* **ELW # 714, verses 1-4**

* Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

* Kyrie *Lord, Have Mercy*

P: Kyrie eleison. **C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: Christe eleison. **C: Christ, have mercy.**

P: Kyrie eleison. **C: Lord, have mercy.**

* Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

O God, our leader and guide, in the waters of baptism you bring us to new birth to live as your children. Strengthen our faith in your promises, that by your Spirit we may lift up your life to all the world through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

First Reading: *Genesis 12:1-4a*

L: A reading from Genesis.

12 Now 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. [2] 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. [3] 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.”

[4] So Abram went, as the LORD had told him. *[ESV]*

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm: *121*

L: Let us read responsively Psalm 121.

[1] I lift up my eyes to the hills.
From where does my help come?

[2] **My help comes from the LORD,**
who made heaven and earth.

[3] He will not let your foot be moved;
he who keeps you will not slumber.

[4] **Behold, he who keeps Israel**
will neither slumber nor sleep.

[5] The LORD is your keeper;
the LORD is your shade on your right hand.

[6] **The sun shall not strike you by day,**
nor the moon by night.

[7] The LORD will keep you from all evil;
he will keep your life.

[8] **The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in**
from this time forth and forevermore. *[ESV]*

Second Reading: *Romans 4:1-5, 13-17*

L: A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans.

4 What then shall we say was gained by Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh? [2] For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. [3] For what does the Scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness." [4] Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due. [5] And to the one who does not work but trusts him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness.

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

[16] 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, [17] 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. *[ESV]*

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

* Gospel Acclamation

C: Return to the Lord, your God,
for he is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.

* Gospel: *John 3:1-17*

P: The Holy Gospel according to John.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[1] Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of
the Judeans. [2] 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.” [3] Jesus answered
him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born from above he cannot
see the kingdom of God.” [4] 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?” [5] Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless
one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of
God. [6] That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of
the Spirit is spirit. [7] Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must all be
born from above.’ [8] 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.”

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

[16] "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. [17] 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. *[ESV]*

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Rev. Thomas Mosbo

* Hymn *God Loved the World* ELW # 323

* Nicene Creed

P: With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father,
through whom all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

We lift our prayers for

Lynn Lyvers, Jerry, Denny Bergmann, Rene', Paul Fahr, Marilyn Fulfs, Gary Hudik, Virgil Martin, Caroline Jam, Darlene Aurand, Cyndy Schumacher, Virgil Gordon, Jerry Martin, Donna Christen, Richard Frietag, Waylon Andrews, Connor Stadermann, Ryse Stone, Nicole, John, Chuck, Joyce, Terri, Tina, Julie, Jamie, Crystal, Katie, Christian, Anna, Abby, Karla, Jacob and his family, Richard Gordon, Kathy, Charlie, Brad, Sue, Emma, Cindy, Lamar Hail, Connie, Rachel Collins, Pam, Caroline, Tina D., Jim DeMontigny Jr., Linda Kruger-Kleckler, Norman, Vivian, Tina Cheeney, Brenda, Kara Allen, Christine Beyer, Bob Schulz, Kenny Frie, Steve Rothschadl, Gary L. Hartwig, Josh, Hannah, Ray Phillips, Susan, Allison Biddick, Brad Rackow, Kim Choin, Jeannie, Dianne, Nancy, Pat McCluskey, Jim Briggs, Sandi, Tina, Jim, Ronald Schrader, Christine S. and Deanna Jordan.

Prayers of Intercession

L: Reconciled by God's mercy and sustained by God's presence, let us pray for the world and its needs:

Please respond to each petition with the following:

L: … Hear us, O God.
C: Your mercy is great.

P: Receive our prayers, O God, through Jesus Christ, our strength and salvation.
C: Amen.

LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you all.
C: And also with you.

Please greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.

Setting the Table

Responses

P: The Lord be with you.
C: And also 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 our thanks and praise.

Preface

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy…
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy

C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Eucharistic Prayer

P: We give you thanks, Father, …
with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, both now and forever.

C: Amen.

Lord's Prayer

P: Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

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.

Canticle *Lamb of God*

C: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
grant us peace.

Distribution

All are welcome to come to receive Christ's body and blood
or you may come to receive a blessing.

Once all have received:

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

Canticle *Now, Lord*

C: Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace;
your word has been fulfilled.
My own eyes have seen the salvation
which you have prepared in the sight of every people:
a light to reveal you to the nations
and the glory of your people Israel.

Blessing

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,
In the name of the Father, ☩ and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit..

C: Amen.

* Hymn *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* **ELW # 803**

* Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude Karen Niemeier

Holy Week and Easter Schedule 2026

- 29 March, 9:30 am - *Palm Sunday / Sunday of the Passion* - Sunday worship with procession of palms and a reading of the Passion according to Matthew
- 2 April, 7:00 pm - *Maundy Thursday* - Communion service
- 3 April, 7:00 pm - *Good Friday* - Tenebrae service
- 5 April, 7:00 am - *Easter Morning* - Sunrise service
- 5 April, 9:30 am - *Easter Day* - Festive celebration with Holy Communion

Attendance February 15th
In-person 26, Online - 50