



Second Sunday in Lent
March 11-12, 2017
St. John's Lutheran Church
Red Bud, Illinois



THE PRELUDE: "Prelude in D Minor"
THE RINGING OF THE BELL calls us to holy worship.

by J.S. Bach

OPENING HYMN – 435 "Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain"

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION (*Please stand if you are able.*)

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 Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C Amen.**

We share God's peace with and greet one another.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT: Psalm 105



He remembers His covenant for- | ever,

the word that He commanded, for a thousand gener- | ations.

Seek the LORD | and His strength;

seek His presence con- | tinually!

Remember the wondrous works | 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 be- | ginning, is now, and will be forever. | Amen.
 He remembers His covenant for- | ever,
 the word that He commanded, for a thousand gener- | ations.

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C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also 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. Amen. (please be seated)

(Sunday) **ANTHEM:** “God So Loved the World”

Choir

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING: Genesis 12:1-9

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. 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. 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.”

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. 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, Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh.

At that time the Canaanites were in the land. 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. 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. And Abram journeyed on, still going toward the Negeb.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

THE GRADUAL

A: O come, let us fix our eyes on Jesus,

C: the founder and perfecter of our faith,

A: who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame,

C: and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

THE EPISTLE READING: Romans 4:1-8, 13-17

What then shall we say was gained by Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the Scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness.” Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due. And to the one who does not work but trusts Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness, just as David also speaks of the blessing of the one to whom God counts righteousness apart from works: “Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven, and whose sins are covered; blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin.”

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

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, 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.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN OF THE DAY – 571 “God Loved the World So That He Gave”

(please stand for the last stanza)

THE HOLY GOSPEL: John 3:1-17

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

C **Glorify to You, O Lord.**

Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. 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.”

Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.” 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?”

Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’ 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.”

Nicodemus said to Him, “How can these things be?” Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? 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. If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things?”

No one has ascended into heaven except He who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in Him may have eternal life.

For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. 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.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

CREED – “We All Believe in One True God”

LSB 953

(please be seated)

(5 p.m. and 8 a.m.) **CHILDREN’S MESSAGE SONG**

**Let me learn of Jesus; He is kind to me; Once He died to save me, Nailed upon the tree.
Let me think of Jesus; He is full of love, Looking down upon me From His throne above.
Oh, how good is Jesus! May He hold my hand And at last receive me To a better land.**

SERMON: “A Sign, a Serpent, the Son of Man and Sinners Spared from Snake Bites” John 3:13-17

(please stand if you are able) **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

(Each petition ends, “let us pray to the Lord” and we respond, “**Lord have mercy.**”)

HEALING AND COMFORT: Dorothy Heinemeyer, Nina Guebert, Twila Guebert, Donald Winkelmann, C. John Prigge, Fred Buch, Omar Koester, Cindy Nebel, Susan Luttmann, Peggy Sitzes; *Family and Friends of St. John’s Members:* Brenda Manning, Stephanie Jones, Debbie Kezely, Bob Stirnaman, Debra Weimer, Terry Heller, Steve Herriman, Bobby Wood, Lori Voges, John Traube, Michael Yarbrough, Elaine Goetting, Randy Klausung, Harlan Burmester, Brian Ulione, Larry Berg, Ruth Sutley, Joyce Wirth, Marianne Hunt, Jamie Brandt, Jennifer Dominique, Corey Koester, tom

Blevins. *Help us keep this list current!*

MILITARY: (Please call with the names to include in prayer.) Army- Nathan Koen, Jonathan Koen, Tim Healy, Christopher Dupertius, Thomas Goetting, Jacob Adams, Donald Roberts, Casey Vallet, Matthew Kraus, Paul Craft, Jr., Dustin Krack, Andy Pfeiffer, Austin Scheibe; Navy- Brad Koester, Carl Muehler; Air Force- Brian Hubbard, Jason Nehrt, Curt Hatten, Terry Koester, David Livingston, Matt Sabo, Ryan Kozarich, Christina Cavan, Tanner Hackstadt, Ched Wagner; Marines- Alex Renner, Cody Koch, Josh Butterworth, Courtney Kueker, Garrett Carnahan, Brent Knop

(please be seated)

OFFERING: “God Loved the World So That He Gave”

arranged by Paul Boumann

(The 5 p.m. & 8 a.m. services end with the Lord’s Prayer, Closing Prayer, Benediction & Hymn 918)

(10:30 a.m.) SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT (please stand if you are able)

PREFACE

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 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, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. Grant us Your Spirit, gracious Father, that we may give heed to the testament of Your Son in true faith and, above all, firmly take to heart the words with which Christ gives to us His body and blood for our forgiveness. By Your grace, lead us to remember and give thanks for the boundless love which He manifested to us when, by pouring out His precious blood, He saved us from Your righteous wrath and from sin, death, and hell. Grant that we may receive the bread and wine, that is, His body and blood, as a gift, guarantee, and pledge of His salvation. 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.**

SANCTUS – “Isaiah, Mighty Seer in Days of Old” - LSB 960



I - sa-iah, might-y seer in days of old, The Lord of all in spir-it



did be-hold High on a loft-y throne, in splen-dor bright, With robes that


filled the tem-ple courts with light. A-bove the throne were flam-ing ser-a-phem;


Six wings had they, these mes-sen-gers of Him. With two they veiled their


fac-es as was right, With two they hum-bly hid their feet from sight,


And with the oth-er two a-loft they soared; One to the oth-er


called and praised the Lord: "Ho-ly is God, the Lord of Sab-a-oth!


Ho-ly is God, the Lord of Sab-a-oth! Ho-ly is God, the Lord of


Sab-a-oth! His glo-ry fills the heav-ens and the earth!" The beams and lin-tels


trem-bled at the cry, And clouds of smoke en-wrapped the throne on high.

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THE 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.

P In the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, at His command, and with His own words, we receive His testament:

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 body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

P 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 blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PAX DOMINI

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

AGNUS DEI – *"Lamb of God, Pure and Holy"* -LSB 434

1 Lamb of God, pure and holy, Who on the cross didst suffer,
Ever patient and lowly, Thyself to scorn didst offer.
All sins Thou borest for us, Else had despair reigned o'er us:
Have mercy on us, O Jesus! O Jesus!

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(please be seated)

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS –

732 "All Depends on Our Possessing"

798 "The God of Abraham Praise" *(please stand for the last stanza)*

(please stand if you are able)

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE – “O Lord, We Praise Thee” (LSB 617) stanza 2

Thy holy body into death was given, Life to win for us in heaven.

No greater love than this to Thee could bind us; May this feast thereof remind us!

O Lord, have mercy!

Lord, Thy kindness did so constrain Thee That Thy blood should bless and sustain me.

All our debt Thou hast paid; Peace with God once more is made: O Lord, have mercy!

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

A Let us pray.

A 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 Amen**

(8 a.m.) ANTHEM: “Father of Heaven, Whose Love Profound” Choir

BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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 Amen.

CLOSING HYMN – 918 “Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer”

THE POSTLUDE: “Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer” *arranged by Benjamin M. Culli*

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