



February 25, 2024 - Second Sunday in Lent

As We Gather:

We are met today with a profound reality: that Christ died for the ungodly, and that we were once rightly called the ungodly. It is hard to even fathom the depth of our sinfulness. Yet for all the depth of sin present in us and in the world, Christ's love for us and His forgiveness of us runs deeper still. And now, we have reconciliation and peace with God that passes all understanding.

Welcome

Opening Hymn: LSB 611 "Chief of Sinners Though I Be"

Invocation

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

People: **Amen.**

Confession of Sins

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.**

Pastor: Let us confess our sins to our gracious and merciful God.

(Moment of silence for personal confession and reflection.)

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, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this Lord unto us all.

People: **Amen.**

Introit

Pastor: Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven.

People: **Whose sin is covered.**

Pastor: Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity.

People: And in whose spirit there is no iniquity and in whose spirit there is no deceit.
Pastor: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises!
People: **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.**

Hymn of Praise

"Glory to God in the Highest" (*Words and music in the hymnal - LSB page 204*)

1. **To God on high be glory And peace to all the earth; Good-will from God in heaven Proclaimed at Jesus birth! We praise and bless You, Father; Your holy name we sing. Our thanks for Your great glory. Lord God our heavenly King.**
2. **To You, O sole-begotten, The Father's Son we pray. O Lamb of God, our Savior, You take our sins away. Have mercy on us, Jesus; Receive our heartfelt cry, Where You in pow'r are seated At God's right hand on high.**
3. **You alone are holy; You only are the Lord. Forever and forever, Be worshipped and adored; You with the Holy Spirit Alone are Lord Most High, In God the Father's glory. "Amen!" our glad reply.**

Prayer of the Day

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: 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.

People: **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading – Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

When 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, ² that I may make my covenant between me and you, and may multiply you greatly." ³ Then 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. ⁵ No 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. ⁶ I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make you into nations, and kings shall come from you. ⁷ And 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.

¹⁵ And God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. ¹⁶ I 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."

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle Reading – Romans 5:1-11

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we^[a] have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ² Through him we have also obtained access by faith^[b] into this grace in which we stand, and we^[c] rejoice^[d] in hope of the glory of God. ³ Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴ and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵ and 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. ⁶ For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷ For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— ⁸ but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹ Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰ For 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. ¹¹ More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual

Pastor: If anyone comes after Me,
People: **let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me.**

Gospel Reading – Mark 8:27-38

²⁷ And 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?” ²⁸ And they told him, “John the Baptist; and others say, Elijah; and others, one of the prophets.” ²⁹ And he asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Christ.” ³⁰ And he strictly charged them to tell no one about him. ³¹ And 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. ³² And he said this plainly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³ But 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.” ³⁴ And calling the crowd to him with his disciples, he said to them, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. ³⁵ For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. ³⁶ For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? ³⁷ For what can a man give in return for his soul? ³⁸ For 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: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Hymn of the Day: LSB 708 “Lord, Thee I Love With All My Heart”

Sermon

Confession of Faith: The Nicene Creed

All: 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 of the world to come.

Offering

Offeratory - Prayer of Thanks

All: Thank you Lord for blessing us so we may be a blessing to others. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

Lord's Prayer

All: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed by 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.

Benediction

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

People: Amen.

Closing Hymn: LSB 433 "Glory Be To Jesus"



ANNOUNCEMENTS for Week of February 25, 2024

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Family for the Week: Rick & Bernie Thomas & Homebound Families
Christ, Eldorado Springs - Rev. Johannes Brann

Prayers of Peace and Comfort:

Family of Barbara Clements – (Mother of Sharon Schellman)

Family of Mike Wilson – (friend of Jodi Wright)

Prayers of Thanks:

Prayers for Health and Healing:

Complete Prayer List:

Harvey Gilbert – (Pastor Ken’s brother-in-law – health and healing)
Steve Hilton – (friend of Harold & Gwen Lampe – health and healing from cancer)
Ron Hicks – (friend of Glenda Enlow - health and healing)
June Winger – (Sharon Barlow’s mother – health and healing)
Marty Jones – (Bobby Jones’ mother - health and healing)
Debbie Porter – (friend of Harold & Gwen Lampe – recovery from frostbite)
Jim Troyke – (health and healing from surgery)
Ernest Ramm – (Cheryl Lile’s uncle – health and healing from storke)
Janet Fisher – (daughter of Bill & Joanne Michel – health and healing from surgery)
Norma Kaiser – (friend of Gwen & Harold Lampe – health and healing from a stroke)
Jill Bode – (niece of Rachel Sanford – health and healing from cancer)
Alice Troyke – (health and healing from a fall)
Rick Bauer – (Gladys Bauer’s son – health and healing)
Jackie Clark – (Micki Gettman’s friend – healing from a broken hip)
Betty Gordon – (health and healing)
Linda Kennell – (Pastor Kennell’s mother – health and healing)
Bob & Bev Hess – (health and healing from a fall)
Kathy Brown – (friend of Kathy Holle - health and healing)
Larry Moennig – (friend of Harold Lampe – health and healing)
Pat Michel – (Bill Michel’s Sister-In-Law – health and healing)
Gary Gardner – (health and healing)
Pastor Gary Griffin – (health and healing from cancer)
Thomas Williams – (Ruth Stoddard’s friend – health and healing)
Larry Swart – (friend of Bill Munden – health and healing)
Dean Hadley – (health and healing)
Kooper Tutten – (Jeeper Meyer’s Great-grandson - health and healing)
Sheryl Holle – (Kathy Holle’s cousin – health and healing from cancer)
Jeff Flatten – (great nephew of Kathy Holle – health and healing)
Steve Doss – (friend of Harold Lampe – health and healing)
Dorothea Dennis – (health and healing & peace and comfort)
Danata Hopkins – (continued health and healing)
Pete Doss – (friend of Harold Lampe – health and healing)
Ellie Armstrong – (friend of David Lampe – health and healing)
Margaret Seburn - (cousin of Joanne Michel - health and healing)
Randy Wallace – (brother-in-law of Micki Gettman – health and healing)
Diana Bauer – (daughter-in-law of Gladys Bauer - health and healing)
Jami Bauer – (relative of Gladys Bauer - peace and comfort)
Vicki Heppard – (relative of Gladys Bauer - health and healing from cancer)
Bob & Barbara Steinberg - (health and healing)
Ruth Stoddard – (health and healing)

THIS WEEK

Sunday

February 25th

9:00 am - Happy Half Hour

9:30 am - Fellowship

10:00 am - Service - Bruce Sletten

Monday	February 26 th	Braille in Freistatt - 9:00 am Braille in Freistatt - 1:00 pm
Wednesday	February 28 th	Pastor in Office Pizza – 6:00 pm Service – 7:00 pm
Thursday	February 29 th	Pastor in Office
Sunday	March 3 rd	9:00 am - Happy Half Hour 9:30 am - Fellowship 10:00 am – Service with communion

Birthdays: Katelyn Foley - 3/02: Stan Crandall - 3/02

Anniversaries: NONE

LWML will meet on March 4, 2024, at 1:30 pm in the chapel. Our speaker will be Pastor Ken Lampe. In his role as leader of our Braille workshop, Pastor Lampe will talk about the importance of volunteers and their role in printing books of the Bible in Braille. A business meeting will follow the program. All are welcome to attend.



Grace will be doing a Shine project as last year in helping out at Camp Barnabas. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex. The event date and details will be set shortly. Please consider signing up to help out.

BABY SHOWER - The Dorcas Ladies Aid/LWML will have an ingathering of baby items for the Springfield Lutheran Family and Children Services on Sunday, March 3rd, and Sunday, March 10th. Items needed by LCFS Hope Chest to serve their clients include:

1. Diapers, any size - They are receiving diapers through a diaper bank but it is not enough to meet the need.
2. New or gently used clothing, size 0 to 3 toddler
3. Onesies, especially long sleeve, **always needed**
4. Pacifiers, **always needed**
5. Baby wash/shampoo, **always needed**
6. Baby wipes, **always needed**
7. Diaper rash ointment, **always needed**
8. Baby lotion
9. Fingernail clippers
10. Teethers
11. Flannel receiving blankets
12. Baby quilts

Baby wipes are the biggest need at the present time. Monetary donations are also welcome.

New Church Directory: Grace will be doing a new Church Directory. We would like to have pictures of new members and any current members wishing a new picture. Contact Charlie Chambers to get new photos.

Throughout this holy time, we are drawn to Calvary to live in hope, peace, trust and perseverance. The services in this series reveal how Christ and his cross serve as examples for us of how to live out our lives for and through our crucified Lord and Savior.

Feb. 25	Bruce Sletten	
Mar. 3	Colossians 1:19-20	"Guided to Peace"
Mar. 10	1 Timothy 1:15	"Guided to Trust"
Mar. 17	Ephesians 6:18	"Guided to Perseverance"
Mar. 24	Duncan Cox	
Mar. 31	John 2:1-18	"Guided to New Life"

"Words That Last Forever" is the theme for our Midweek Lenten Services. We will listen to Jesus as He speaks from the cross 2000 years ago. And we will ponder the meaning of His words for our own lives in the 21st century.

Feb. 28	Matthew 27:46	"Forsaken"	Ken Lampe
Mar. 6	John 19:25-27	"Behold"	Jake Sletten
Mar. 13	John 19:30	"Finished"	Ken Lampe
Mar. 20	John 19:28	"Thirst"	Jake Sletten
Mar. 28	Luke 22:19	"For You"	Ken Lampe (Maundy Thursday)
Mar. 29	Luke 23:46	"Hands"	Ken Lampe (Good Friday)

Lenten Devotion booklets are available under the mailboxes.

MISSION WORKDAY - The Ladies Aid/LWML will have a mission workday to tack quilts on Monday, February 26, beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Lunch of soup and pie will be available for workers. Everyone is invited.



February

GREETERS:

02/25: Charlie & Edee Chambers

USHERS:

02/25: David Lampe

March

GREETERS:

03/03: Emily Ernest & Darlene Lampe
 03/10: Bill & Joanne Michel
 03/17: Bill & Diane Thompson
 03/24: Stan & Sharon Crandall
 03/31: Charlie & Edee Chambers

USHERS:

03/03: Rob Springer
 03/10: David Lampe
 03/17: Harold Lampe
 03/24: Charlie Chambers
 03/31: Bill Michel