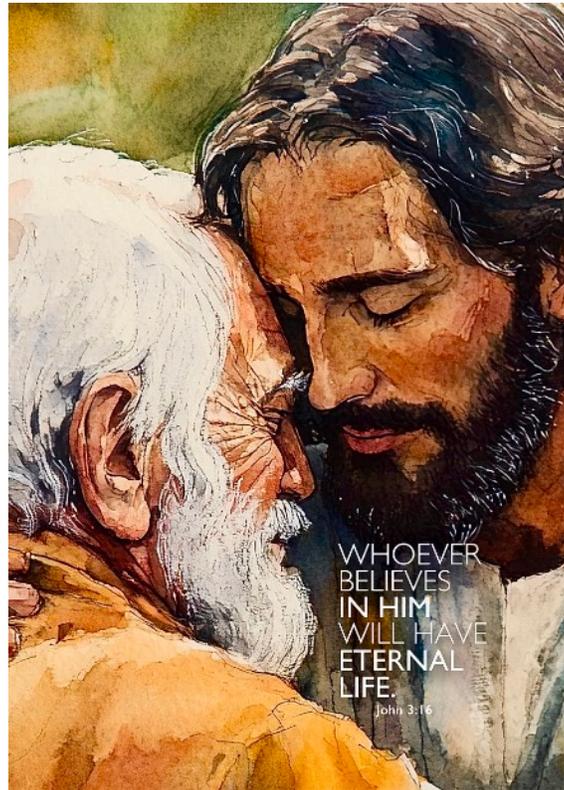


Second Sunday in Lent



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About This Service: The heart of Christianity is not what we do for God but what God has done for us in Christ Jesus. We call our service the "Divine Service" because the Divine One, our Lord Jesus, promises to be present to serve us by His Word and with His body and blood.

Are My Children Welcome? Our Lord says, "Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God" (Mark 10:14). Yes, your little ones are more than welcome! We are delighted to have them with us in the service!

Visitors: Welcome to St. John's! If you have not already done so, please fill out the visitor's book outside of the sanctuary. If you don't yet have a church home, or have any questions about what we believe, teach, and confess, feel free to speak with Pastor; he would be happy to talk with you!

Communion: We ask that all visitors speak with Pastor before the service and prior to coming up for communion. We invite those who are communicant members of the LC-MS to commune with us. If you are not a communicant member of the LC-MS, please cross your arms when you come up to the communion rail to receive a blessing.

Ring of the Bell - Prelude - Welcome

Opening Hymn TLH 377 "Salvation Unto Us Has Come" (stz. 1-5)

Salvation unto us has come By God's free grace and favor;
Good works cannot avert our doom, They help and save us never.
Faith looks to Jesus Christ alone, Who did for all the world atone;
He is our one Redeemer.

What God did in His Law demand And none to Him could render
Caused wrath and woe on ev'ry hand For man, the vile offender.
Our flesh has not those pure desires The spirit of the Law requires,
And lost is our condition.

It was a false, misleading dream That God His Law hath given
That sinners could themselves redeem And by their works gain heaven.
The Law is but a mirror bright To bring the inbred sin to light
That lurks within our nature.

From sin our flesh could not abstain, Sin held its sway unceasing;
The task was useless and in vain, Our guilt was e'er increasing.
None can remove sin's poisoned dart Or purify our guileful heart –
So deep is our corruption.

Yet as the law must be fulfilled Or we must die despairing,
Christ came and hath God's anger stilled, Our human nature sharing.
He hath for us the law obeyed And thus the Father's vengeance stayed
Which over us impended.

The Order of Worship, Page 15 TLH

Invocation: *TLH Page 15 [Responses Sung]*

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.

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.

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 Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.**

Confession of Sins *TLH Page 16*

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

Absolution *TLH Page 16*

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 Ghost.

C: *[Sung]* **Amen.**

Introit (P: Pastor C: **Congregation**) *Psalm 105:4–7; antiphon: v. 8*

P: He remembers his covenant forever,
the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations.

**C: Seek the Lord and his strength;
seek his presence continually!**

P: Remember the wondrous works that he has done,
his miracles, and the judgments he uttered,

**C: O offspring of Abraham, his servant,
children of Jacob, his chosen ones!**

P: He is the Lord our God;
his judgments are in all the earth.

Gloria Patri: *TLH Page 16 [Sung]*

**C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

The Kyrie: *TLH Page 17 [Sung]*

C: Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

During Lent, the Gloria in Excelsis is omitted

Salutation and Collect

TLH Page 19

P: The Lord be with you!

C: And with thy spirit!

(prayed together) – **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.**

Response: *[Sung]* **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading – Genesis 12:1-9

¹The Lord said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. ²And 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. ³I 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.”

⁴So Abram went, as the Lord had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. ⁵And 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, ⁶Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. ⁷Then 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. ⁸From 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. ⁹And Abram journeyed on, still going toward the Negeb.

Epistle Reading – Romans 5:12-19

¹What then shall we say was gained by Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh? ²For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. ³For what does the Scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness.” ⁴Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due. ⁵And to the one who does not work but trusts him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness, ⁶just as David also speaks of the blessing of the one to whom God counts righteousness apart from works:

⁷“Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven,
and whose sins are covered;

⁸blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin.” . . .

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

¹⁶That 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, ¹⁷as 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.

Gradual

During Lent, the Hallelujah is omitted

P: [O come, let us fix our eyes on] Jesus,
the founder and perfecter of our faith,
who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame,
and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

As the Gospel reading is announced, the congregation sings...

C: GLORY BE TO THEE, O LORD!

Gospel Reading – John 3:1-17

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

⁹Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” ¹⁰Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? ¹¹Truly, 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. ¹²If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that 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. ¹⁷For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

The Gospel ended, the congregation sings...

C: PRAISE BE TO THEE, O CHRIST!

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 Ghost 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 sitteth on the right hand of the Father; And He shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord and Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spake by the Prophets. And I believe 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. Amen.

Sermon Hymn TLH 300 "Dearest Jesus, We Are Here"

Dearest Jesus, we are here, Gladly Thy command obeying;
With this child we now draw near In accord with Thine own saying
That of Thee it shall be given As a child and heir of heaven.

Yea, Thy word is clear and plain, And we would obey it duly:
"He who is not born again, Heart and life renewing truly,
Born of water and the Spirit, Can My kingdom not inherit."

Therefore hasten we to Thee, In our arms this infant bearing;
Let us here Thy glory see, Let this child, Thy mercy sharing,
In Thine arms be shielded ever, Thine on earth and Thine forever.

Gracious Head, Thy member own; Shepherd, take Thy lamb and feed it;
Prince of Peace, make here Thy throne; Way of Life, to heaven lead it.
Precious Vine, let nothing sever From Thy side this branch forever.

Now into Thy heart we pour Prayers that from our hearts proceeded.
Our petitions heavenward soar; May our warm desires be heeded!
Write the name we now have given, Write it in the book of heaven. Amen.

The Sermon

Offertory

TLH Pages 22-23 [Sung]

C: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation; And uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

Prayers

TLH Pages 23-24

ORDER OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Preface: TLH Page 24 [Responses Sung]

P: The Lord be with you. C: And with thy spirit.
P: Lift up your hearts. C: We lift them up unto the Lord.
P: Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God. C: It is meet and right so to do.

P: It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to Thee, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God ... therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Thy glorious name, evermore praising Thee and saying:

The Sanctus: *TLH Page 26 [Sung]*

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth; Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory;
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He, Blessed is He,
Blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord. Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.**

The Lord's Prayer: *TLH Page 27*

**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;**

[Sung] **For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

The Words of Institution: *TLH Page 27*

Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread; and when He had given thanks, He brake it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of me."

After the same manner also He took the cup when He had supped, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of it; this cup is the New Testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the remission of sins. This do, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of Me."

The Pax Domini: *TLH Page 27*

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: *[Sung]* **A - - - - men.**

The Agnus Dei: *TLH Page 28 [Sung]*

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, Grant us Thy peace. A - - - - men.**

The Distribution *(We invite those who are communicant members of the LC-MS to commune with us.)*

Distribution Hymns TLH 425 "All Depends on Our Possessing"

**All depends on our possessing God's abundant grace and blessing,
Tho' all earthly wealth depart. He who trusts with faith unshaken
In his God is not forsaken And e'er keeps a dauntless heart.**

**He who hitherto hath fed me And to many joys hath led me,
Is and ever shall be mine. He who did so gently school me,
He who still doth guide and rule me, Will remain my Help divine.**

**Many spend their lives in fretting Over trifles and in getting
Things that have no solid ground. I shall strive to win a treasure
That will bring me lasting pleasure And that now is seldom found.**

When with sorrow I am stricken, Hope my heart anew will quicken,
All my longing shall be stilled. To His loving-kindness tender
Soul and body I surrender; For in Him alone I build.

Well He knows what best to grant me; All the longing hopes that haunt me,
Joy and sorrow, have their day. I shall doubt His wisdom never--
As God wills, so be it ever--I to Him commit my way.

If on earth my days He lengthen, He my weary soul will strengthen;
All my trust in Him I place. Earthly wealth is not abiding,
Like a stream away is gliding; Safe I anchor in His grace. Amen.

TLH 429 "Lord, Thee I Love With All My Heart"

Lord, Thee I love with all my heart; I pray Thee, ne'er from me depart,
With tender mercy cheer me. Earth has no pleasure I would share,
Yea, heav'n itself were void and bare If Thou, Lord, wert not near me.
And should my heart for sorrow break, My trust in Thee no one could shake.
Thou art the Portion I have sought; Thy precious blood my soul has bought.
Lord Jesus Christ, My God and Lord, my God and Lord,
Forsake me not! I trust Thy Word.

Yea, Lord, 'twas Thy rich bounty gave My body, soul, and all I have
In this poor life of labor. Lord, grant that I in ev'ry place
May glorify Thy lavish grace And serve and help my neighbor.
Let no false doctrine me beguile, And Satan not my soul defile.
Give strength and patience unto me To bear my cross and follow Thee.
Lord Jesus Christ, My God and Lord, my God and Lord,
In death Thy comfort still afford.

Lord, let at last Thine angels come, To Abram's bosom bear me home,
That I may die unfearing; And in its narrow chamber keep
My body safe in peaceful sleep Until Thy reappearing.
And then from death awaken me That these mine eyes with joy may see,
O Son of God, Thy glorious face, My Savior and my Fount of grace.
Lord Jesus Christ, My prayer attend, my prayer attend,
And I will praise Thee without end. Amen.

Nunc Dimittis

TLH Pages 29-30 [Sung]

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy Word,
For mine eyes have seen Thy Salvation: which Thou hast prepared before the Face of all people,
a Light to lighten the Gentiles and the Glory of Thy people Israel.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

The Thanksgiving: *TLH Page 30*

P: Oh, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.

C: *[Sung]* **And His mercy endureth forever.**

The Thanksgiving Prayer: TLH Pages 30-31

P: ...through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end.

C: *[Sung]* **A- - - - men.**

The Benedicamus: TLH Page 31

P: The Lord be with you.

C: *[Sung]* **And with thy spirit.**

P: Bless we the Lord.

C: *[Sung]* **Thanks be to God.**

The Benediction: TLH Page 31

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

C: *[Sung]* **Amen, Amen, Amen!**

Closing Hymn TLH 377 "Salvation Unto Us Has Come" (stz. 6-10)

**Since Christ hath full atonement made And brought to us salvation,
Each Christian therefore may be glad And build on this foundation.
Thy grace alone, dear Lord, I plead Thy death is now my life indeed,
For Thou hast paid my ransom.**

**Let me not doubt, but trust in Thee Thy Word cannot be broken;
Thy call rings out, "Come unto me!" No falsehood have you spoken.
Baptized into Thy precious name, My faith cannot be put to shame,
And I shall never perish.**

**The law reveals the guilt of sin And makes us conscience-stricken;
The gospel then dost enter in The sinful soul to quicken.
Come to the cross, trust Christ, and live; The law no peace can ever give,
No comfort and no blessing.**

**Faith clings to Jesus' cross alone And rests in Him unceasing;
And by its fruits true faith is known, With love and hope increasing.
Yet faith alone doth justify, Works serve the neighbor and supply
The proof that faith is living.**

△ **All blessing, honor, thanks, and praise To Father, Son, and Spirit,
The God that saved us by his grace – All glory to His merit!
O Triune God in heav'n above, Who hast revealed Thy saving love,
Thy blessed name be hallowed. Amen.**

Silent Prayer

Announcements

Have A Blessed Week!

LENT MIDWEEK SERVICES

Wednesday, March 4th @ 7:00pm

Join us as we meditate on Psalm 32!

*“For when I kept silent,
my bones wasted away . . .”*

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Hymn #377: Scripture: Romans 3-5; Es is das Heil uns Kommen her; Salvation Unto Us Has Come; Author: Paul Speratus (1523, cento); Translation: Composite; Tune: Es ist das Heil; German Melody (c. 1400).

Hymn #300: Scripture: Mark 10:13-16; German: Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier; Dearest Jesus We Are Here; Autor: Benjamin Schmolck (1704, cento); Translator Catherine Winkworth (1863, alt.); Tune: Liebster Jesu; Composer: Johann R. Ahle (1664).

Hymn #425: Scripture: Proverbs 10:22; Alles ist an Gottes Segen; All Depends On Our Possessing; Author Unknown (c. 1673); Translator: Catherine Winkworth (1858, alt); Tune: Alles is an Gottes Segen; Composer: Johann B. Konig (1738).

Hymn #429: Scripture: Psalm 18; Herzlich lieb hab' ich dich, O Herr; Lord, Thee I Love With All My Heart; Author: Martin Schalling, (c. 1567); Translator: Catherine Winkworth, (1863, alt.); Tune: Herzlich lieb hab' ich dic, O Herr; Composer: Bernhard Schmid's "Orgelbuch" Strassburg, 1577.

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Daily Bible Reading:

- **Monday, Mar. 2nd:** Romans 11
- **Tuesday, Mar. 3rd:** Romans 12
- **Wednesday, Mar. 4th:** Romans 13
- **Thursday, Mar. 5th:** Romans 14
- **Friday, Mar. 6th:** Romans 15
- **Saturday, Mar. 7th:** Romans 16
- **Sunday, Mar. 8th:** Hebrews 1

Catechism Recitation for the Week:

Lord's Prayer: Seventh Petition

But deliver us from evil.

What does this mean?

We pray in this petition, in summary, that our Father in heaven would rescue us from every evil of body and soul, possessions and reputation, and finally, when our last hour comes, give us a blessed end, and graciously take us from this valley of sorrow to Himself in heaven.