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*THAT ALL MAY KNOW THE LOVE OF GOD IN JESUS CHRIST*

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**2nd Sunday of Lent**

**March 13th, 2022
9:00 am**

**Pastor Becky Sogge**

**Organist/Pianist:** Leila Gangstad

**Acolyte:**

**Lay Reader:** Ron Christianson

**Special Music:** Laure Buehrer, Megan Ott, and Leila Gangstad

**Sound/Video:** Hayden Moore, Mark Willand

**Counters:** Lee & Becky Okerlund, Steph Perkins

**Altar Guild:** LEAH Circle

### Prelude - Leila Gangstad

### Welcome – Announcements

**Confession and Forgiveness**

In the name of God, who makes a way in the wilderness, walks with us, and guides us in our pilgrimage. **Amen.**

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Holy One, **we confess that we have wandered far from you:** **we have not trusted your promises,** **we have ignored your prophets in our own day,** **we have squandered our inheritance of grace,** **we have failed to recognize you in our midst.** **Have mercy on us!** **Forgive us and turn us again to you.** **Teach us to follow in your ways,** **assure us again of your love,** **and help us to love our neighbor.** **Amen.**

Beloved in Christ, the Word draws near to you, and all who call out to God shall be saved. In Jesus, God comes to you again and again and gathers you under wings of love. In Jesus’ name, your sins are forgiven. God journeys with you and teaches you how to live in love. **Amen.**

**Opening Hymn** *Lord Christ, When First You Came to Earth* ELW 319

**Greeting p. 138**

### Prayer of the Day

**God of the covenant, in the mystery of the cross you promise everlasting life to the world. Gather all peoples into your arms, and shelter us with your mercy, that we may rejoice in the life we share in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.** **Amen.**

**Special Music**… *The Love of God -*Laure Buehrer, Megan Ott and

 Leila Gangstad

### First Reading: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

1After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, “Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.” 2But Abram said, “O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” 3And Abram said, “You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.” 4But the word of the Lord came to him, “This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.” 5He brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your descendants be.” 6And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.
  7Then he said to him, “I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess.” 8But he said, “O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?” 9He said to him, “Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon.” 10He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. 11And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.
  12As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.
  17When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. 18On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, “To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates.” Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 27

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

**When evildoers close in against me to destroy my flesh,** **they, my foes and my enemies, will stumble and fall.**

Though an army encamp against me, my heart will not fear. Though war rise up against me, my trust will not be shaken.

**One thing I ask of the Lord; one thing I seek;** **that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life; to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to seek God in the temple.**

For in the day of trouble God will give me shelter, hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary, and raise me high upon a rock.

**Even now my head is lifted up above my enemies who surround me.** **Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary, sacrifices of rejoicing; I will sing and make music to the Lord.**

Hear my voice, O Lord, when I call; have mercy on me and answer me.

**My heart speaks your message “Seek my face.”** **Your face, O Lord, I will seek.**

Hide not your face from me, turn not away from your servant in anger. Cast me not away, you have been my helper; forsake me not, O God of my salvation.

**Though my father and my mother forsake me,** **the Lord will take me in.**

Teach me your way, O Lord; lead me on a level path, because of my oppressors.

**Subject me not to the will of my foes,** **for they rise up against me, false witnesses breathing violence.**

This I believe, that I will see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living!

**Wait for the Lordand be strong.** **Take heart and wait for the Lord!**

### Second Reading: Philippians 3:17--4:1

17Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. 18For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. 19Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. 20But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. 21He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. 4:1Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

**Lenten Response…**Return to the Lord **p. 142**

The holy gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

### Gospel: Luke 13:31-35

31At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to [Jesus,] “Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.” 32He said to them, “Go and tell that fox for me, ‘Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. 33Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.’ 34Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! 35See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, ‘Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.’ ”

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Children’s Sermon**

### Sermon *Pastor Becky Sogge*

### Hymn of the Day *Thy Holy Wings* ELW 613

### Apostles’ Creed p. 105

### Prayers of Intercession

### Merciful God, receive our prayers.

### Offering

### *You are invited to place your offering in the plates or electronically through Vanco*

### Lord’s Prayer p. 145

### Benediction/Blessing

You are children of God, anointed with the oil of gladness and strengthened for the journey. Almighty God, motherly, majestic, and mighty, bless you this day and always. **Amen.**

**Closing Hymn** *In the Cross of Christ I Glory*ELW 324

**Dismissal**

Go in peace. Jesus meets you on the way.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Postlude - Leila Gangstad

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Announcements

**Congratulations** to Amanda Elliott on the baptism of her daughter, Suzanne Beata Elliott. Suzanne was baptized in private this morning.

**There are Easter donation forms and Easter lily forms** on the table in the Narthex. Please read the suggested funds on the back of the Easter donation form to see where your money could best be designated.

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| **Weekly Calendar** |
| Sunday, March 13 |  9:00 am | Worship Service with N.O. |
|  |  6:30 pm | J.H. Youth |
| Tuesday, March 15 | 11:00 am | Staff Meeting |
|  |  7:00 pm | AA-Al-Anon |
| Wednesday, March 16 | Noon | Holden Service- Chapel |
|  |  2:00 pm | Sr. Communion  |
|  |  6:00 pm | Holden Service- Sanctuary |
|  |  7:00 pm  | SH. Youth |
| Thursday, March 17 |  8:30 am | Quilting |
|  |  9:00 am | Prayer Group |
|  |  6:30 pm | Taekwondo |
| Sunday, March 20 |  9:00 am | Worship Service with H.C. |
|  | 10:10 am | Sunday School |
|  |  6:30 pm | J.H. Youth |

**Quilt Auction!** There is a lovely and colorful quilt for auction outside the sanctuary. All proceeds will go to the Property Fund.

**The Property Fund** is looking for donations to replace the garage door at the parsonage as it needs an upgrade.

**There will be NO Sunday School** on March 13th and 20th.

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| **Sunday Attendance and Giving** |
| **Date** | **Attendance** | **Giving** |
| March 6 | 123 |  |
| February 27 | 136 | $1,744.05 |
| February 20 | 112 | $1,066.00 |
| February 13 | 94 | $600.00 |

**Mission Project for March**

**Lutheran Services of Iowa**

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| **INSPIRE Attendance**  |
| **Date** | **Attendance** |
| March 9 |  73 |
| February 23 |  85 |
| February 9 |  109 |
| January 26 |  91 |