

# Second Sunday in Lent

February 24 & 25, 2018

5:00 p.m. & 8:30 a.m.

## AS WE GATHER

When it comes to human love, it's fair to say that it comes in different degrees. For instance, even with just a little love for someone, you might be willing to help carry some groceries or get their mail while they're out of town. But if you have a greater love for someone, you might be open to caring for them when they're sick or helping them move into a new home. The greatest demonstration of love, however, is to lay down your life for someone else. There's no greater sacrifice one can make for another. And yet, that's exactly what Jesus did for us, even though so often we are unloving and unlovable people. "But God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (*Romans 5:8*).

## PRELUDE

5:00 "Lift High the Cross"

setting by William H. Bates

8:30 "O Dearest Jesus"

arr. for handbells by John A. Behnke

*The congregation turns and faces the cross as the procession approaches the altar reminding us that Christ leads us into the presence of God.*

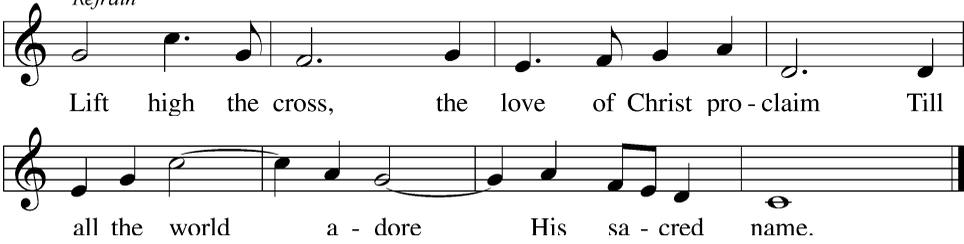
## ✘ PREPARATION ✘

*Please stand*

### ENTRANCE HYMN

#### 837 Lift High the Cross

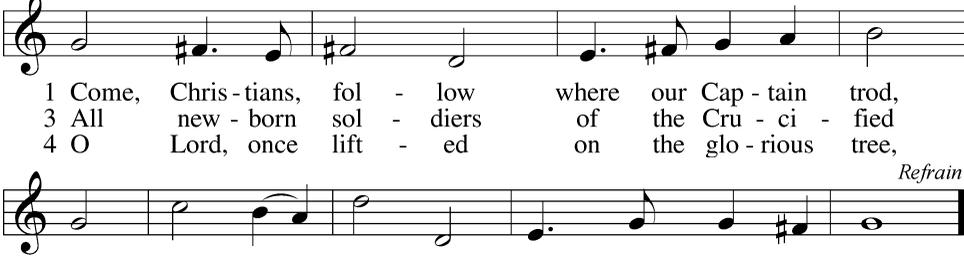
*Refrain*



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro-claim Till  
all the world a-dore His sa-cred name.

1 Come, Chris-tians, fol-low where our Cap-tain trod,  
3 All new-born sol-diers of the Cru-ci-fied  
4 O Lord, once lift-ed on the glo-rious tree,

*Refrain*



Our king vic-tor-ious, Christ, the Son of God.  
Bear on their brows the seal of Him who died.  
As Thou hast prom-ised, draw us all to Thee.

#### 6 So shall our song of triumph ever be: Praise to the Crucified for victory! Refrain

© 1997 Hope Publishing Co. Used by permission. © 1974 Hope Publishing Co. Used by permission.

### INVOCATION

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

**People:** Amen.

**Pastor:** I cry aloud to the Lord; I lift up my voice to the Lord for mercy.

**People:** I pour out my complaint before Him; before Him I tell my trouble.

Pastor: I cry to You, O Lord; I say, "You are my refuge, my portion in the land of the living."

People: **Listen to my cry, for I am in desperate need; rescue me from those who pursue me, for they are too strong for me.**

Pastor: Set me free from my prison, that I may praise Your name.

People: **Then the righteous will gather about me because of Your goodness to me.** (*Psalms 142:1-2, 5-7*)

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. (*Hebrews 12:2*)

People: **Return to the Lord Your God, for He is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love.** (*Joel 2:13b*)

Pastor: God calls us to confess our sins in His presence.

Heavenly Father,

People: **we confess before You that we are an ungodly people, sinners from birth, and that without Christ, we are enemies of God. Our thoughts, words, and actions have revealed our sinful nature. In Your holy presence, we stand in awe and are fearful, aware that we are powerless against sin. Forgive us for the sake of Jesus and grant us reconciliation and peace.**

Pastor: The Bible tells us: "God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since we have been justified by His blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through Him." As a called and ordained servant of the Word, I therefore announce the grace of God to all of you and forgive your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. You are reconciled to God.

People: **Amen. Thanks be to God!**

## KYRIE

Pastor: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**Kyrie:**



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

Pastor: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.  
**Kyrie**

Pastor: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord. **Kyrie**

Pastor: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord. **Kyrie**

Pastor: Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord. **Kyrie**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray,

**People: 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.**

## EXCHANGE OF PEACE

## WELCOME

✘ WORD ✘

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 17:1–7, 15–16

*(God renames Abram and Sarai.)*

<sup>1</sup> When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to him and said, "I am God Almighty; walk before me and be blameless. <sup>2</sup> I will confirm my covenant between me and you and will greatly increase your numbers."

<sup>3</sup> Abram fell facedown, and God said to him, <sup>4</sup> "As for me, this is my covenant with you: You will be the father of many nations. <sup>5</sup> No longer will you be called Abram; your name will be Abraham, for I have made you a father of many nations. <sup>6</sup> I will make you very fruitful; I will make nations of you, and kings will come from you. <sup>7</sup> I will establish my covenant as an everlasting covenant between me and you and your descendants after you for the generations to come, to be your God and the God of your descendants after you.

<sup>15</sup> God also said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you are no longer to call her Sarai; her name will be Sarah. <sup>16</sup> I will bless her and will surely give you a son by her. I will bless her so that she will be the mother of nations; kings of peoples will come from her."

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

8:30 "Steal Away"

setting by Lloyd Larson

*("We were reconciled to God.")*

<sup>1</sup> Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup> through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God. <sup>3</sup> Not only so, but we also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; <sup>4</sup> perseverance, character; and character, hope. <sup>5</sup> And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us.

<sup>6</sup> You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup> Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous man, though for a good man someone might possibly dare to die. <sup>8</sup> But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

<sup>9</sup> Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him! <sup>10</sup> For if, when we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life! <sup>11</sup> Not only is this so, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## HYMN

753 All for Christ I Have Forsaken

*Please stand*

**Pastor:** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the eighth chapter.

**People:** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

## **HOLY GOSPEL**

Mark 8:27–38

*(Take up your cross and follow Me.)*

<sup>27</sup> Jesus and his disciples went on to the villages around Caesarea Philippi. On the way he asked them, "Who do people say I am?"

<sup>28</sup> They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets."

<sup>29</sup> "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?"

Peter answered, "You are the Christ."

<sup>30</sup> Jesus warned them not to tell anyone about him.

<sup>31</sup> He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, chief priests and teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again. <sup>32</sup> He spoke plainly about this, and Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him.

<sup>33</sup> But when Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, he rebuked Peter. "Get behind me, Satan!" he said. "You do not have in mind the things of God, but the things of men."

<sup>34</sup> Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. <sup>35</sup> For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me and for the gospel will save it. <sup>36</sup> What good is it for a man to gain the whole world, yet forfeit his soul? <sup>37</sup> Or what can a man give in exchange for his soul? <sup>38</sup> If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of him when he comes in his Father's glory with the holy angels."

**Pastor:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People:** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## HYMN OF THE WORD

437 Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed

## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

*"Love Defined" Romans 5:1-8*

*Please stand*

### APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### OFFERING

*"Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed"*

arr. by Duane Funderburk

*Please stand*

### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

**+++ Special Intercessions +++**

**Each concluding:** Pastor: Lord, in Your mercy, **People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**People: Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

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.

## BENEDICTION

Pastor:           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.  
People:           **Amen.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please turn towards the cross as it is carried out of the church, and remain facing it until the hymn is completed. This symbolizes our following Christ into the world as we leave.*

## RECESSIONAL HYMN

**964**   Lift Every Voice and Sing

## POSTLUDE

"I Want to Be Ready"

setting by Charles Callahan

Prepare for next weekend's worship by reading:  
Exodus 20:1-17; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31; John 2:13-22

*Scriptures taken from the Holy Bible, New International Version®, NIV®. Copyright © 1973, 1978, 1984 by Biblica, Inc.™ Used by permission of Zondervan. All rights reserved worldwide. [www.zondervan.com](http://www.zondervan.com)  
Hymns used by permission. OneLicense.net #A-725523 LSB Hymn License.net, Lutheran Service Builder.*

*Creative Worship for the Lutheran Parish, Series B, Quarter 1. Copyright © 2017 Concordia Publishing House. All rights reserved. Used by permission.*

## Serving at Chapel

Preacher:	Rev. Dr. Joel Biermann Professor of Systematic Theology, Concordia Seminary
Liturgist:	Theodore Laesch
Lectors:	8:30 a.m. Harold Scott 11:00 a.m. Kristine Geisz
Acolytes:	5:00 p.m. Nate Laesch 8:30 a.m. Alex Moore 11:00 a.m. Cassie Dunn
Soloist:	8:30 a.m. Ellory Glenn
Choir:	8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Handbell Choir
Instrumentalist:	Jen Schmidt, flute
Director:	Jen Schmidt
Organist & Accompanist:	Ryan Meyer
Radio Announcer:	Steve Brutlag
Elder of the Week:	Richard Langefeld