

2nd Sunday of Lent

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16 ESV

17 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.”

Romans 5:1-11 ESV

5 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 into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice 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.

Mark 8:27-38 ESV

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^a 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.”



February 25, 2024
Second Sunday in Lent
Zion Lutheran Church
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✝ In the Name of Jesus ✝

As We Gather ~ By the Cross of Our Lord Jesus, We Inherit Life Everlasting with God. In His covenant with Abraham, the Lord promised to be with him, to bless him and to make him “the father of a multitude of nations.” It is “an everlasting covenant” in Christ Jesus, the seed of Abraham who is blameless before God Almighty. All who believe in this Lord Jesus are the offspring of Abraham and are blessed “throughout their generations” (Gen. 17:1–7), because the Christ has suffered many things. He was rejected and killed, and after three days He rose again (Mark 8:31). To comprehend this theology of the cross, we must set our minds “on the things of God,” and not “on the things of man” (Mark 8:33). “God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us” (Rom. 5:8). Therefore, having been “reconciled to God by the death of his Son,” much more “shall we be saved by his life” (Rom. 5:10). Baptized into His cross and resurrection, “we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,” and by faith we rejoice in the hope of His glory (Rom. 5:1–2).

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Pastor	Larry Warsinski
Organist	Tami Mosher
A/V	Sierra Yell
Elder/Reader	Dale Rohde
Ushers	Paul Bohn and Roger Kade
Altar Guild	Suzanne Schultz and Diane Schultz

Our Measure of Love and Gifts

Attendance last week –62 Midweek Lenten 25~ *Needed for The Lord’s Work at Zion* \$3,934 ~ *Received for the Lord’s Work* \$2,642; Capital Improvements - \$20; \$20 in memory of Jeanne Kade.

Please pray for your fellow Christians on their birthday: February 28- Chase Worley; March 1 - Troy Beyersdorf; March 2 - Bruce Pretzer (his 80th).

Today’s Memory Verse ~ “The Lord is my Light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?” Psalm 27:1

Fish Fry ~ Hemlock Merrill Auxiliary VFW Post 7302 Fish Frys have begun and continue every Friday through Lent. 4-7 PM. Perch \$18, Shrimp \$17; Frog Legs \$16, Chicken Strips \$15.

Peace Lutheran Church will host the Lutheran South Wind Symphony and Jazz Band from St. Louis, Missouri, at 6:30pm Friday, March 1, in the church sanctuary, 3427 Adams Ave. in Saginaw. Under the direction of Matthew Janssen, and assisted by Evan Sanft and Aaron Reynolds, the bands will perform a wide variety of music as part of their 2024 Band Tour. The program will include sacred and traditional music for the wind band, including “Overture in B-flat” by Ceasar Giovaninni, “Suite Provençal” by Jan Van der Roost, and “Crown of Thorns” by Julie Giroux. The Jazz Band will share charts by John Coltrane and Sammy Nestico, among others. All are invited to attend. Bring a friend!

Fish Fry ~ The Men’s Club of St. Peter Lutheran Church, 2461 North Rauchholz Road, Hemlock, is sponsoring their Annual Fish Fry on Friday, March 8, from 3:30 – 7:00 pm. The dinner will be held in the school gymnasium. Take-outs will be available from 3:30 – 6:00 pm. Tickets are \$17.00 for adults; \$8.00 for children 6-12; Kids 5 and under Free.

“Faith is a living, daring confidence in God's grace, so sure and certain that a man could stake his life on it a thousand times. I know not the way God leads me, but well do I know my Guide.” – Martin Luther