

Second Sunday in Lent

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Welcome

THANKS FOR JOINING US TODAY

Welcome to worship at **tierrasantalutheranchurch**

We're excited that you have chosen to worship with us. We encourage you to fill out the green visitor sheet located in the pew pocket and place it in the offering basket.

Children's bulletins are available from an usher. A Nursery for children 3 and under is at the west end of the hallway.

During Lent we journey with all those around the world who will be baptized at the Easter Vigil. In today's gospel Jesus tells Nicodemus that he must be born of water and Spirit. At the font we are given a new birth as children of God. As God made a covenant with Abraham, in baptism God promises to raise us up with Christ to new life. From worship we are sent forth to proclaim God's love for all the world.

WELCOME TO WORSHIP BY PASTOR GARY MCCARY

GATHERING SONG "Way Maker"

Verse 1

You are here moving in our midst
I worship You I worship You
You are here working in this place
I worship You I worship You

Chorus

(You are) Way Maker Miracle Worker Promise Keeper
Light in the darkness my God that is who You are

Verse 2

You are here touching ev'ry heart
I worship You I worship You
You are here healing ev'ry heart
I worship You I worship You

Verse 3

You are here turning lives around
I worship You I worship You
You are here mending ev'ry heart
I worship You yeah I worship You Lord

Chorus 2x

Tag

That is who You are
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GATHERING PRAYER

SONG “All My Hope”

Verse 1

I've been held by the Savior
I've felt fire from above
I've been down to the river
I ain't the same a prodigal returned

Chorus

All my hope is in Jesus
Thank God that yesterday's gone
All my sins are forgiven
I've been washed by the blood

Verse 2

I'm no stranger to prison
I've worn shackles and chains
But I've been freed and forgiven
And I'm not going back I'll never be the same
That's why I sing

Chorus

Tag

I've been washed by the blood

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SONG “10,000 Reasons” (Bless the Lord)

Chorus

Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before O my soul

I'll worship Your holy name

Verse 1

The sun comes up it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes

Chorus

Verse 2

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger
Your name is great and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

Chorus

Verse 3

And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore

Chorus

Ending

Sing like never before O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name

Jonas Myrin | Matt Redman

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KIDS CHOIR

“I Just Want To Be a Sheep”

“I’ve Got a River of Life”

CHILDREN’S OFFERING - God’s Global Barnyard *We can donate money through the ELCA to purchase farm animals and related resources (like tools, seeds, training) to help hungry families globally achieve long-term food security and self-sufficiency, turning gifts into food, income, and fertilizer.*

CHILDREN'S TIME

CHILDREN DISMISSED TO GODLY PLAY

SONG "You Are My All In All"

Verse 1

You are my strength
When I am weak
You are the treasure
That I seek
You are my all in all
Seeking You as a precious jewel
Lord to give up I'd be a fool
You are my all in all

Chorus

Jesus Lamb of God
Worthy is Your name
Jesus Lamb of God
Worthy is Your name

Verse 2

Taking my sin
My cross my shame
Rising again I bless Your name
You are my all in all
When I fall down You pick me up
When I am dry You fill my cup
You are my all in all

Chorus

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Worthy is Your name
Jesus Lamb of God
Worthy is Your name

FIRST READING *God's call of Abram and Sarai has a clear purpose — that through them all the families of the earth would gain a blessing. As they set out on their journey they are accompanied by promises of land, nation, and a great reputation.*

Genesis 12:1-4a

Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. 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. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him.

SECOND READING *In the person and example of Abraham we discover that a right relationship with God does not involve earning a reward from God but entails trusting God's promises. Abraham is the forebear and model of both Jews and Gentiles, because we too trust that ours is a God who gives life to the dead.*

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness... For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as 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.

GOSPEL *A curious Pharisee visits Jesus by night to learn from the teacher his friends reject. Jesus speaks to him about life in the Spirit and the kingdom of God.*

John 3:1-17

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has

come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

MESSAGE BY PASTOR GARY MCCARY

SONG "Grace Upon Grace"

Verse 1

What reason do I have to wake up
With the rising sun
And not be held down by the weight
Of all the things I've done
What reason do I have to feel
This hope instead of hurt
How can it be I don't receive
The judgement I deserve

Chorus

Wave upon wave of grace upon grace
Endlessly washing my sins away
I know the only reason I can stand here

Free of all my shame
Is wave upon wave of grace upon grace (upon grace)

Verse 2

How can you see me at my worst
And still say I am loved
What promise can I stand on
When I don't feel good enough
When the enemy's reminding me
Of all that I've done wrong
What freedom do I have to sing
This new creation song

Chorus

Bridge

What can wash away my sin
And make me new again
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
What can make me white as snow
No other fount I know
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

Chorus

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COMMUNITY PRAYERS

This week, please keep in your prayers: *Reid Bixler, Barbara Berg, James Vadis, Marianne d'Arnaud, Ellen Mize, Frank Fogg, Mike George, Barbara Vann, Anastasia Balmaceda, Armando Caragan, Mary Peters and the Caragan family at the death of Alexander Caragan.* Lord, please guide and protect our military personnel serving in harm's way.

MISSION MOMENT ON STEWARDSHIP - *Doren Reese*

MISSION MOMENT ON LWR - *Ginny Pence*

COLLECTION OF THE OFFERING

SONG "There Is None Like You"

There is none like You

No one else can touch my heart like You do
I could search for all eternity long
and find there is none like You

Verse

Your mercy flows like a river wide
and healing comes from Your hands
Suffieng children are safe in your arms
There is none like You.

Chorus

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OFFERING PRAYER

P: O God, maker of heaven and earth, your steadfast love embraces all creation. You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth and bring forth its bounty. Through these gifts of bread and wine, draw us into the death and life of your Son, who calls us to bear witness to his saving work. We ask this in Jesus' name.

C: Amen.

THE BENEDICTION

P: Receive the blessing of the holy Trinity: God, who calls all things into existence, Jesus Christ, who redeems us, and the Holy Spirit, whose breath sustains creation,† bless you now and always.

C: Amen.

SONG “Because He Lives”

Verse 1

God sent His Son they called Him Jesus
He came to love heal and forgive
He bled and died to buy my pardon
An empty grave is there to prove My Savior lives

Chorus

Because He lives I can face tomorrow
Because He lives all fear is gone
Because I know He holds the future
And life is worth the living Just because He lives

Verse 2

How sweet to hold our newborn baby

And feel the pride and joy he gives
But greater still the calm assurance
This child can face uncertain days Because Christ lives

Chorus

Because He lives I can face tomorrow
Because He lives all fear is gone
Because I know He holds the future
And life is worth the living Just because He lives

Verse 3

And then one day I'll cross that river
I'll fight life's final war with pain
And then as death gives way to vict'ry
I'll see the lights of glory
And I'll know He reigns

Chorus

Because He lives I can face tomorrow
Because He lives all fear is gone
Because I know He holds the future
And life is worth the living Just because He lives

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THE DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Believe the good news.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

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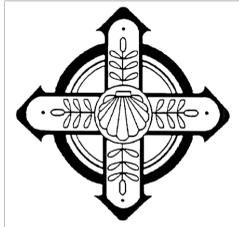
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