



# ST. MARK'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH



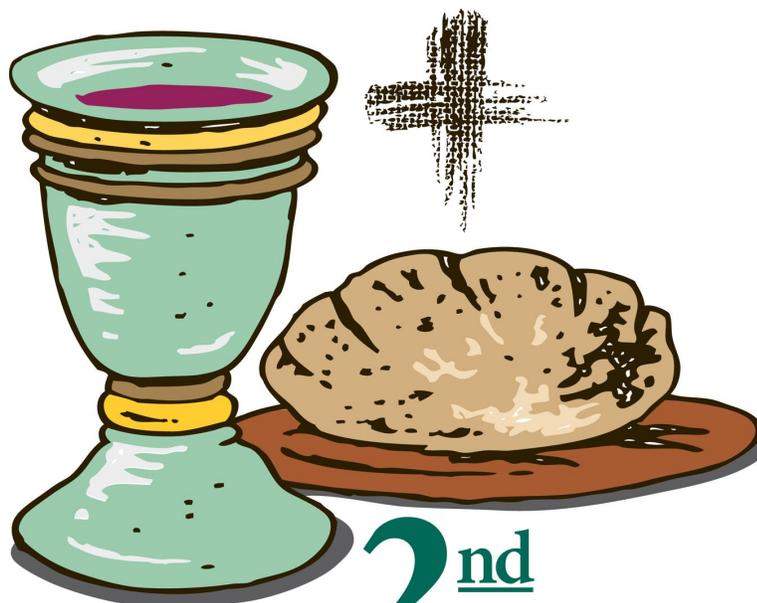
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America  
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## INTRODUCTION

*The second covenant in this year's Lenten readings is the one made with Abraham and Sarah: God's promise to make them the ancestors of many, with whom God will remain in everlasting covenant. Paul says this promise comes to all who share Abraham's faith in the God who brings life into being where there was no life. We receive this baptismal promise of resurrection life in faith. Sarah and Abraham receive new names as a sign of the covenant, and we too get new identities in baptism, as we put on Christ.*

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

FEBRUARY 25, 2018 AT 8:15 A.M.



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Sunday  
*in*  
Lent

CONTEMPORARY SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

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*\*Please stand if able*

*P: Pastor; A: Assisting Minister; C: Congregation*

GATHERING

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

"Here I Am to Worship"

Insert

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Gary Haddock

\*GATHERING SONG

"In Christ Alone"

Insert

\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

P: During the season of Lent, we are called to return to the Lord with all our heart. Let us confess our sin.

C: **Wash me through and through from my wickedness. Cleanse me from our sin. My sin is ever before me. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Give me the joy of your saving help again. Sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.**

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

P: Jesus came into the world to overcome sin, to justify sinners, and to send the blessing of the Spirit. Hear these words now as if they are from Christ himself: Your sins are + forgiven, you are made clean, your spirit is renewed.

C: **Amen.**

\*THE PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you. C: **And also with you.**

\*APOSTOLIC GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: O God, by the passion of your blessed Son you made an instrument of shameful death to be for us the means of life. Grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ that we may gladly suffer shame and loss for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

WORD

CHILDREN'S SERMON

\*THE GOSPEL READING

P: The Holy Gospel, according to St. Mark. C: **Glory to you, O Lord**

Mark 8:31-38

P: The Gospel of the Lord. C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

THE SERMON

Rev. Gary Haddock

\*SONG OF THE DAY

"At the Cross"

Insert

\*APOSTLES' CREED

C: **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

\*INTERCESSORY PRAYER

A: Lord in your mercy. C: **Hear our prayer.**

Linda Hewitt

## MEAL

**THE OFFERING / OFFERTORY MUSIC** "Softly and Tenderly" **Insert**

**\*PRESENTATION OF GIFTS AND OFFERTORY** "Communion"

**This is the body. This is the blood. Broken and poured out. For all of us.  
And in this communion we share in His love. This is the body. This is the blood.**

**\*OFFERTORY PRAYER** Linda Hewitt

A: Merciful God, receive the sacrifice of our praise and thanksgiving and the offering of our lives, that following in the way of the cross, we may know the joy of the resurrection; through Christ our Lord. **C: Amen.**

**\*THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER V**

**\*THE LORD'S PRAYER** P: Lord, teach us to pray . . .

**C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

*The congregation sits. The following is sung: "Worthy Is the Lamb"*

**Worthy is the Lamb seated on the throne. Crown You now with many crowns. You reign victorious.**

**High and lifted up. Jesus Son of God. The darling of heaven crucified. Worthy is the Lamb. (Repeat 3X)**

## **DISTRIBUTION**

*Holy Communion Invitation: We welcome all who are baptized to the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Communion is served by Intinction. You will be given a wafer, which you then dip into the chalice of wine. If unable to come forward, stand where you are, and you will be served there. Children who are baptized are welcome to commune.*

**COMMUNION SONG** "Lord, I Need You" **Insert**

**\*POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

*After all have returned to their places, the congregation stands and the presiding minister says these words:*

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace. **C: Amen.**

**\*POST COMMUNION PRAYER** Linda Hewitt

A: Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice, our alms, a making of peace, and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts; through Christ our Lord. **C: Amen.**

## SENDING

**\*BLESSING** P: Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **C: Amen.**

**\*SENDING SONG** "Cornerstone" **Insert**

**\*DISMISSAL** P: Go in peace. Sound the good news. **C: Thanks be to God.**

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**FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR** are given to the glory of God and in honor of and thanksgiving for your stewardship of time, talent, and treasure in support of the mission of this church.

## LITURGY -THE WORK OF THE PEOPLE

**Presiding Pastor:** Rev. Gary Haddock

**Assisting Minister:** Linda Hewitt

**Acolyte:** Joseph Carpenter

**Communion Assistants:** Camille Patrick, Rebecca Haddock

**Praise Team Leader & Keyboard:** Myra Long

**Deacons:** Carol Schaefer, Edie Connor

**Altar Guild:** Rebecca Haddock, Jackie Devlin, David & Lisa Tucker

**Tabulators:** Hilka Cox, Sue Karen Falls, Celia Hollar, Nick Setzer

**Vocalists:** Tim Carpenter, Tamarah Hefner, Allyson Sestric, Carol Schaefer

**Instrumentalists:** Allyson Sestric: Violin & Guitar; Mark Mashburn, Guitar; Aaron Carpenter: Drums

**Tech:** Carol Schaefer, Camille Patrick, Tamarah Hefner, Randy Sherrill, Terry Hefner, Tim Sigmon, Barry Bumgarner

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### **GENESIS 17:1-7, 15-16**

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. And I will make my covenant between me and you and will make you exceedingly numerous." Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, "As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. 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." God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

### **PSALM 22:23-31**

You who fear the Lord, give praise! All you of Jacob's line, give glory. Stand in awe of the Lord, all you offspring of Israel. For the Lord does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither is the Lord's face hidden from them; but when they cry out, the Lord hears them. From you comes my praise in the great assembly; I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the Lord. The poor shall eat and be satisfied. Let those who seek the Lord give praise! May your hearts live forever! All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord; all the families of nations shall bow before God. For dominion belongs to the Lord, who rules over the nations. Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow down in worship; all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel before the Lord. Their descendants shall serve the Lord, whom they shall proclaim to generations to come. They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying to them, "The Lord has acted!"

### **ROMANS 4:13-25**

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. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be."

He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore, his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

### **MARK 8:31-38**

[Jesus] began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."