



SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

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WELCOME TO GOD'S HOUSE May we together glory in the cross of Christ.

Thank you for joining us for worship. If you have any questions about our service or practice, please feel free to ask one of the ushers or a pastor.

- Family restrooms are available in the multi-purpose room off the narthex or on the right side of the large hallway leading to the school wing.
- A parent's room with audio feed and a window into the sanctuary is available.
- Listening devices and six large print hymnals are available, please ask an usher.
- Tune into KFIZ AM 1450 each Sunday morning at 8:00 to hear the current weekend's sermon.

- Please silence your cell phone and all other electrical devices to help minimize distractions during Divine Worship. Thank you.
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- Visitors, we are pleased that you have joined us this morning. Please feel free to inquire about our congregation through the pastors, one of the ushers, or one of the members. If you are a visitor from out of town, please be sure to introduce yourself to one of the pastors after the service. We welcome all of you to come and worship with us again.

A PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP Jesus, may our hearts be burning with more fervent love for you! May our eyes be ever turning to behold your cross anew, till in glory, parted never from the blessed Savior's side, graven in our hearts forever, dwell the cross, the Crucified! Amen. (See prayers on pages 10-11 of *Christian Worship*.)

SERVICE THEME Salvation and suffering go hand in hand—for Jesus as well as for us.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Common Service on page 15 in the front of the hymnal

OPENING HYMN

“O Dearest Lord, Thy Sacred Head”
Hymn 118

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **♪Amen**

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: Beloved in the Lord; let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C: **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment**

both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

LORD, HAVE MERCY

♪ **Lord, have mercy on us. Christ, have mercy on us.
Lord, have mercy on us.**

M: God our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.

C: ♪ **Amen**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.

C: ♪ **And also with you.**

M: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you see that we have no power to defend ourselves. Guard and keep us both outwardly and inwardly from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: ♪ **Amen**

THE WORD OF GOD

LESSON

Romans 5:1-11

God uses Christ's sufferings and our sufferings to give us the sure and certain hope of glory.

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, 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.

Not only so, but we also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. 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. You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous man, though for a good man someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him! 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! Not only is this so, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

PSALM 73 IN THURSDAY SERVICE

page 94 in the front of the hymnal

COLOSSIANS 3:16 IN SUNDAY SERVICES

"Redeemed"

Seems like all I could see was the struggle
Haunted by sins that lived in my past
Bound up in shackles of all my failures
Wondering how long is this gonna last

Then You look at this prisoner and say to me
"son stop fighting a fight it's already been won"

I am redeemed, You set me free So shake off these heavy chains

Wipe away every stain, now I'm not who I used to be I am redeemed, I am redeemed

All my life I have been called unworthy
Named by the voice of my shame and regret

But when I hear You whisper, "Child lift up your head"

I remember, oh God, You're not done with me yet

I am redeemed, You set me free So shake off these heavy chains

Wipe away every stain, now I'm not who I used to be I am redeemed, I am redeemed

Because I don't have to be the old man inside of me
Because his day is long dead and gone
Because I've got a new name, a new life, I'm not the same

And a hope that will carry me home

I am redeemed, You set me free So shake off these heavy chains

Wipe away every stain, now I'm not who I used to be I am redeemed, I am redeemed

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M: The gospel according to St. Mark, chapter eight.

C: ♪Glory be to you, O Lord!

GOSPEL

Mark 8:31-38

First comes the cross, then comes the crown—for Jesus as well as for us.

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. He spoke plainly about this, and Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. 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.” 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. For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me and for the gospel will save it. What good is it for a man to gain the whole world, yet forfeit his soul? Or what can a man give in exchange for his soul? 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.”

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: ♪Praise be to you, O Christ!

APOSTLES’ CREED

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

I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there 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**

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken”

Hymn 465

SERMON

Genesis 28:10-17

As a result of his sinful deceit, Jacob suffered separation from his loved ones, but God comforted him with his presence and with his promises.

Jacob left Beersheba and set out for Haran. When he reached a certain place, he stopped for the night because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones there, he put it under his head and lay down to sleep. He had a dream in which he saw a stairway resting on the earth, with its top reaching to heaven, and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. There above it stood the LORD, and he said: “I am the LORD, the God of your father Abraham and the God of Isaac. I will give you and your descendants the land on which you are lying. Your descendants will be like the dust of the earth, and you will spread out to the west and to the east, to the north and to the south. All peoples on earth will be blessed through you and your offspring. I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go, and I will bring you back to this land. I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.” When Jacob awoke from his sleep, he thought, “Surely the LORD is in this place, and I was not aware of it.” He was afraid and said, “How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God; this is the gate of heaven.”

Look What’s Coming out of Heaven’s Gate!

Pastor Zuberbier

1. The promise of angelic protection.
2. The promise of divine Presence.
3. The promise of eternal blessings.

CREATE IN 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. Restore unto me the joy
of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit. Amen**

GATHERING OF OUR OFFERING

COL. 3:16 IN SUNDAY SERVICES

“Home In My Heart”

The Lord is in the earth, the Lord is in the sky;
He reigns from the valleys, he reigns from on high.
How wondrous is it then till Christ should come again,
The Lord makes his home in my heart.

How can it be that a sinner like me claims to be host to the Lord?
Solely by grace of our almighty God Jesus is brought home to me.
The Lord is in the sun, the Lord is in the rain and all creation show bow at his name.
How wondrous is it then till Christ should come again,
The Lord makes his home in my heart.

How can it be that a sinner like me comes to believe this is true?
God’s Holy Spirit has opened my heart; solely by faith do I see.
The Lord is in the wind, the Lord is in the waves’
His merciful power defeated the grave.
How wondrous it is then till Christ should come again,
The Lord makes his home in my my heart.

How can it be that a sinner like me knows how the Lord comes to call?
Solely by God’s Holy Word do I learn his plan of salvation for all.
I know that there will be, for all eternity, a mansion in heaven prepared just for me.
Till Christ should call me there, how wonderful to share
The Lord makes his home in my heart!

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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.

HYMN

“Lord, You I Love with All My Heart”

Hymn 434

M: Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, and take them to heart, that being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: ♪ **Amen**

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and ✕ give you peace.

C: ♪ **Amen. Amen. Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

“Glory Be to Jesus”

Hymn 103



ORGANIST

David Koepsell

GREETERS

7:45 ~ Lois Klobucher & William Brasch

10:30 ~ Allan & Sue Cederholm