

# Second Sunday in Lent

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## **WELCOME**

**TEMPLE TALK:** Austin Angerman – Board of Community Outreach

## **INVOCATION:**

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

**People: Amen.**

## **CALL TO WORSHIP:** *Hebrews 12:2*

*Pastor: [O come, let us fix our eyes on] Jesus, the Founder and Perfecter of our faith,*

**People: Who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising its shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.**

**OPENING HYMN:** “Sweet the Moments, Rich in Blessing” (The Lutheran Hymnal, #155, verses 1, 2, 3, and 5)

Sweet the moments, rich in blessing,  
Which before the cross we spend.  
Life and health and peace possessing  
From the sinner's dying Friend.

Here we rest in wonder, viewing  
All our sins on Jesus laid;  
Here we see redemption flowing  
From the sacrifice He made.

Here we find the dawn of heaven  
While upon the cross we gaze,  
See our trespasses forgiven,  
And our songs of triumph raise.

Lord, in loving contemplation  
Fix our hearts and eyes on Thee  
Till we taste Thy full salvation  
And Thine unveiled glory see.

*Walter Shirley (1770, ad. alt.) | RINGE RECHT  
Meter: 8.7.8.7.*

## **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION:** **LSB, page 167 (absolution, left column)**

*Pastor: Beloved, as we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.*

**People:** But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.*

**People:** Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

*Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

**People:** Amen.

### **KYRIE: LSB, pages 168-169**

*Pastor: In peace let us pray to the Lord.*

**People:** Lord, have mercy.

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

**People:** Lord, have mercy.

*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.*

**People:** Lord, have mercy.

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

**People:** Lord, have mercy.

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

**People:** Amen.

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY:**

*Pastor: The Lord be with you.*

**People:** And also with you.

*Pastor: Let us pray:*

**People:** Help us, almighty God, for You know that of ourselves we have no strength to overcome sin, resist Satan, or rise beyond the grave. Such power is Yours alone. Mercifully exert it in us by Your Spirit; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**YOUNG PEOPLES CHAMBER CHOIR:** Psalm 121

**THE OLD TESTAMENT READING:** *Genesis 12:1–9*

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. And 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 him who dishonors 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. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother’s son, and all their possessions that they had gathered, and the people that they had acquired in Haran, and they set out to go to the land of Canaan. When they came to the land of Canaan, Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. Then the Lord appeared to Abram and said, “To your offspring I will give this land.” So he built there an altar to the Lord, who had appeared to him. From there he moved to the hill country on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. And there he built an altar to the Lord and called upon the name of the Lord. And Abram journeyed on, still going toward the Negeb.

*Lector: This is the word of the Lord.*

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE READING:** *Romans 4:1–8, 13–17*

What then shall we say was gained by Abraham, our forefather 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 counted to him as righteousness.” Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due. And to the one who does not work but trusts Him Who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness, just as David also speaks of the blessing of the one to whom God counts righteousness apart from works:

“Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven,  
and whose sins are covered;  
blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin.” . . .

For the promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of the world did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith. For 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 there is no transgression.

That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring—not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all, 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.

*Lector: This is the word of the Lord.*

**People: Thanks be to God.**

*Lector: Please rise, as you are able.*

*Lector: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 3rd chapter:*

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

**GOSPEL READING:** *John 3:1–17*

Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. This man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, “Rabbi, we know that You are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him.” Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.” Nicodemus said to Him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born?” Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’ The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, 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 the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? Truly, truly, I say to you, We speak of what We know, and bear witness to what We have seen, but you do not receive Our testimony. If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how

can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except He Who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And 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, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through Him.”

*Lector: This is the Gospel of our Lord.*

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

*Lector: We confess together our Christian faith, using the Nicene Creed.*

### **CONFESSION OF FAITH:** The Nicene Creed

**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried.**

**And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen!**

### **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**HYMN:** “O God, Our Help in Ages Past” (LSB, #733)

O God, our help in ages past,  
Our hope for years to come,  
Our shelter from the stormy blast,  
And our eternal home:

Under the shadow of Thy throne  
Thy saints have dwelt secure;  
Sufficient is Thine arm alone,  
And our defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood  
Or earth received her frame,  
From everlasting Thou art God,  
To endless years the same.

A thousand ages in Thy sight  
Are like an evening gone,  
Short as the watch that ends the night  
Before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream,  
Soon bears us all away;  
We fly forgotten as a dream  
Dies at the opening day.

O God, our help in ages past,  
Our hope for years to come,  
Be Thou our guard while troubles last  
And our eternal home!

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**SERMON:** “My help...” (*Psalm 121:2*)

**PRESENTATION OF GIFTS AND OFFERINGS**

**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

**THE 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.**

**PREFACE**

*Pastor:* *The Lord be with you.*

**People:** **And also with you.**

*Pastor:* *Lift up your hearts.*

**People:** **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Pastor:* *Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

**People:** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

## PROPER PREFACE

*Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:*

## SANCTUS: LSB, page 178

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of  
pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your  
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is He who comes in the name  
of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION:

*Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night in which He was betrayed, took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it, and gave it to His disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."*

*In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sin. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."*

## PAX DOMINI ~ *The Peace of the Lord*

*Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.*

People: Amen.

**AGNUS DEI: LSB, page 180**



□ Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world;  
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the  
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of  
God, You take a - way the sin of the world;  
grant us peace, grant us peace.

**DISTRIBUTION**

**The Lord's Supper will be distributed at the altar rail. Please follow the ushers' directions.**

**DISTRIBUTION SONG: "Whom Shall I Fear"**

You hear me when I call,  
You are my morning song.  
Though darkness fills the night  
It cannot hide the light.  
Whom shall I fear?

You crush the enemy  
Underneath my feet.  
You are my sword and shield,  
Though troubles linger still.  
Whom shall I fear?

I know Who goes before me,  
I know Who stands behind.  
The God of angel armies is always by my side.



The One who reigns forever,  
He is a friend of mine.  
The God of angel armies is always by my side.

My strength is in Your name,  
For You alone can save.  
You will deliver me,  
Yours is the victory.  
Whom shall I fear? Whom shall I fear?

I know Who goes before me,  
I know Who stands behind.  
The God of angel armies is always by my side.  
The One who reigns forever,  
He is a friend of mine.  
The God of angel armies is always by my side.

And nothing formed against me shall stand,  
You hold the whole world in Your hands.  
I'm holding on to Your promises,  
You are faithful, You are faithful.

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I know Who goes before me,  
I know Who stands behind.  
The God of angel armies is always by my side.  
The One who reigns forever,  
He is a friend of mine.  
The God of angel armies is always by my side.

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**DISTRIBUTION SONG: “Christ Be Magnified”**

Were creation suddenly articulate  
With a thousand tongues to lift one cry  
Then from north to south and east to  
west

We'd hear Christ be magnified

Were the whole earth echoing His  
eminence

His name would burst from sea and sky  
From rivers to the mountain tops  
We'd hear Christ be magnified

O Christ be magnified  
Let His praise arise  
Christ be magnified in me  
O Christ be magnified  
From the altar of my life  
Christ be magnified in me

When ev'ry creature finds its inmost  
melody  
And ev'ry human heart its native cry  
O then in one enraptured hymn of praise  
We'll sing Christ be magnified

O Christ be magnified  
Let His praise arise  
Christ be magnified in me  
O Christ be magnified  
From the altar of my life  
Christ be magnified in me  
(repeat)

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**DISTRIBUTION HYMN: “Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread” (LSB, #625)**

Lord Jesus Christ, life-giving bread,  
May I in grace possess You.  
Let me with holy food be fed,  
In hunger I address You.  
Prepare me well for You, O Lord,  
And, humbly by my prayer implored,  
Give me Your grace and mercy.  
To pastures green, Lord, safely guide,  
To restful waters lead me;  
Your table well for me provide,  
Your wounded hand now feed me.

Though weary, sinful, sick, and weak,  
Refuge in You alone I seek,  
To share Your cup of healing.  
O bread of heav'n, my soul's delight,  
For full and free remission  
I come with prayer before Your sight  
In sorrow and contrition.  
Your righteousness, Lord, cover me  
That I receive You worthily,  
Assured of Your full pardon.

I do not merit favor, Lord,  
My weight of sin would break me;  
In all my guilty heart's discord,  
O Lord, do not forsake me.  
In my distress this comforts me

That You receive me graciously,  
O Christ, my Lord of mercy!

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**DISTRIBUTION HYMN:** "How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds" (LSB, #524)

How sweet the name of Jesus sounds  
In a believer's ear!  
It soothes our sorrows, heals our  
wounds,  
And drives away our fear.

It makes the wounded spirit whole  
And calms the heart's unrest;  
'Tis manna to the hungry soul  
And to the weary, rest.

Dear name! The rock on which I build,  
My shield and hiding place;  
My never-failing treasury filled  
With boundless stores of grace.

O Jesus, shepherd, guardian, friend,  
My Prophet, Priest, and King,  
My Lord, my life, my way, my end,  
Accept the praise I bring.

How weak the effort of my heart,  
How cold my warmest thought!  
But when I see Thee as Thou art,  
I'll praise Thee as I ought.

Till then I would Thy love proclaim  
With ev'ry fleeting breath;  
And may the music of Thy name  
Refresh my soul in death!

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**COMMON DISMISSAL:**

*Pastor: Now may this true body and blood our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in faith unto life everlasting.*

**People: Amen.**

**POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

*Pastor: Let us pray:*

**People: O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, Who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**BENEDICTION:** (*Numbers 6:24-26*)

*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.**

**CLOSING HYMN:** “Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer” (LSB, #918)

Guide me, O Thou great Redeemer,  
Pilgrim through this barren land.  
I am weak, but Thou art mighty;  
Hold me with Thy pow’rful hand.  
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,  
Feed me till I want no more;  
Feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain  
Whence the healing stream doth flow;  
Let the fiery, cloudy pillar  
Lead me all my journey through.

Strong deliv’rer, strong deliv’rer,  
Be Thou still my strength and shield;  
Be Thou still my strength and shield.  
When I tread the verge of Jordan,  
Bid my anxious fears subside;  
Death of death and hell’s destruction,  
Land me safe on Canaan’s side.  
Songs of praises, songs of praises  
I will ever give to Thee;  
I will ever give to Thee.

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**DISMISSAL:**

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Go in peace and serve the Lord!

**In Christian Service:**

All disciples of the Lord Jesus

*with*

Liturgist: Rev. Walt Pohland

Proclaimer: Rev. Dr. Jim Marriott

Musicians: Adam Perez, Gwen Bundy, Amanda Theilen, & Lauren Brezina

FLC Young Peoples Chamber Choir

Organist: Adam Perez

8:15 Lay Reader: Ron Jiede

11:00 Lay Reader: Sue Burton

Children’s Message: DCE Austin Angerman