HOLY COMMUNION Second Sunday in Lent

February 25, 2024

8:00 am and 10:30 am

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

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.

SILENT PRAYER

PRELUDE: If You But Trust in God to Guide You Vetter

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING (ENTRANCE RITE)

Stand

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If You But Trust in God to Guide You



CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (ABSOLUTION)

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism.

- **P** In the name of the Father, and of the **→** Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- P Almighty God,
 to whom all hearts are open,
 all desires known,
 and from whom no secrets are hid:
 cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
 by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
 that we may perfectly love you
 and worthily magnify your holy name,
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- **G** Amen.
- **P** Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Kneel/Stand

- P Most merciful God,
- we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.
 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.
 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.

- P In the mercy of almighty God,
 Jesus Christ was given to die for us,
 and for his sake God forgives us all our sins.
 As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ,
 and by his authority,
 I therefore declare to you
 the entire forgiveness of all your sins,
 in the name of the Father,
 and of the ♣ Son,
 and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Stand

GREETING

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

KYRIE

Your Heart, O God, Is Grieved

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Eternal God, it is your glory always to have mercy. Bring back all who have erred and strayed from your ways; lead them again to embrace in faith the truth of your Word and to hold it fast; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

Later service only:

CHILDREN'S SERMON

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Genesis 17:15-16

As with Noah, God makes an everlasting covenant with Abraham and Sarah. God promises this old couple that they will be the ancestors of nations, though they have no child together. God will miraculously bring forth new life from Sarah's womb. The name changes emphasize the firmness of God's promise.

A reading from Genesis.

¹When 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. ²And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous." ³Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, ⁴"As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ⁵No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ⁶I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. ⁷I 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."

¹⁵God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. ¹⁶I 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."

A The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Later service only:

PSALM 22:23-31 (*The congregation's verses are in bold face type.*)

²²Praise the LORD, ¹ you that fear him; stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel; all you of Jacob's ¹ line, give glory.

²³For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither does he hide his | face from them;

but when they cry to | him he hears them.

²⁴My praise is of him in the | great assembly; I will perform my vows in the presence of those who | worship him.

²⁵The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the | LORD shall praise him:

"May your heart | live forever!"

²⁶All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn | to the LORD, and all the families of the nations shall | bow before him.

²⁷For kingship belongs to the LORD;

he rules o- ver the nations.

²⁸To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow | down in worship; all who go down to the dust | fall before him.

²⁹My soul shall live for him; my descend- | ants shall serve him; they shall be known as the | LORD's forever.

³⁰They shall come and make known to a people | yet unborn the saving deeds that | he has done.

SECOND READING

Romans 4:13-25

Paul presents Abraham as the example for how a person comes into a right relationship with God not through works of the law but through faith. Though Abraham and Sarah were far too old for bearing children, Abraham trusted that God would accomplish what God had promised to accomplish.

A reading from Romans.

¹³The 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. ¹⁴If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

¹⁶For 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, ¹⁷as it

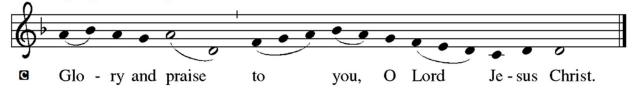
is written, "I have made you the father of many nations")—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. ¹⁸Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." ¹⁹He 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. ²⁰No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, ²¹being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. ²²Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." ²³Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, ²⁴but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, ²⁵who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

- **A** The word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

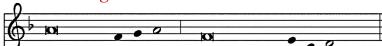
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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The congregation sings the Acclamation.



The choir sings the Verse.



May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord | Jesus Christ, by which the world is crucified to me, and I | to the world.

The congregation repeats the Acclamation.



GOSPEL Mark 8:31-28

After Peter confesses his belief that Jesus is the Messiah, Jesus tells his disciples for the first time what is to come. Peter's response indicates that he does not yet understand the way of the cross that Jesus will travel.

- P The holy gospel according to Mark.
- **G** Glory to you, O Lord.

³¹[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. ³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But 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."

³⁴He 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. ³⁵For 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. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸Those 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."

- **P** The gospel of the Lord.
- **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sit

SERMON Pastor Weleck

Stand

Later service only:

HYMN OF THE DAY: O Sacred Head Now Wounded Printed on the next page.

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded



Stand

The Nicene Creed is appropriate during Advent, Christmas, Easter, and on festival days; the Apostles' Creed during Lent and at other times.

APOSTLES CREED

- **P** With the whole church, let us confess our faith.
- 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 into hell.
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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

- With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.
- We pray for the church, for its pastors and other ministers, for the newly baptized, for all the faithful, for this congregation here gathered, and for our growth in grace.

 Lord, in your mercy,
- **e** hear our prayer.
- We pray for all nations, for all rulers, legislators, and judges, for an increase of justice in our lands, and for all who work for peace among nations and among peoples.

 Lord, in your mercy,
- **©** hear our prayer.
- We pray for all in any need, for the hungry and the homeless, for victims of war and injustice, for prisoners, for all who suffer in mind, body, or spirit, for the sick and infirm, for all with incurable illness, and for all who this day will die. We pray especially for those we name in the silence of our hearts... Lord, in your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- We pray for the members of our armed forces wherever they serve, and especially when they serve in harm's way, that they might speedily complete their mission and be safely reunited with their loved ones.

 Lord, in your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
- C Amen.

PEACE

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

Worshippers do not greet one another. The service continues with the Offertory.

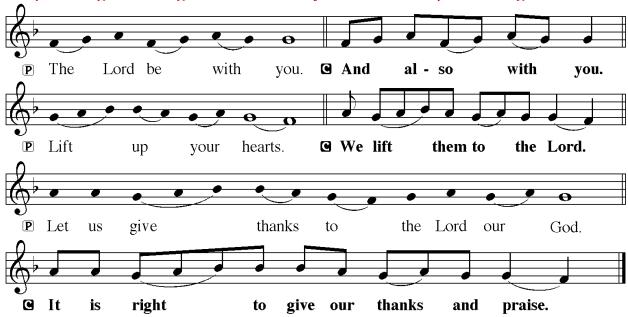
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GREAT THANKSGIVING

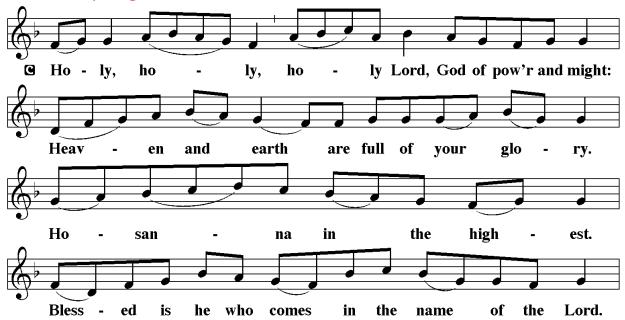
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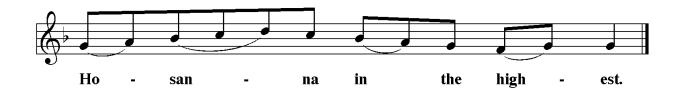


The minister continues with the PROPER PREFACE:

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... Here the minister continues with the preface for the day, concluding: ...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

The assembly sings the SANCTUS:





The WORDS OF INSTITUTION are sung to the music Blessed Martin Luther himself composed specifically for this purpose.

IN THE NIGHT IN WHICH HE WAS BETRAYED,

OUR LORD JESUS TOOK BREAD, AND GAVE THANKS;

BROKE IT, AND GAVE IT TO HIS DISCIPLES, SAYING:

TAKE AND EAT; THIS IS MY → BODY, GIVEN FOR YOU.

DO THIS FOR THE REMEMBRANCE OF ME.

AGAIN, AFTER SUPPER, HE TOOK THE CUP, GAVE THANKS,

AND GAVE IT FOR ALL TO DRINK, SAYING:

THIS CUP IS THE NEW COVENANT IN MY + BLOOD,

SHED FOR YOU AND FOR ALL PEOPLE FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SIN.

DO THIS FOR THE REMEMBRANCE OF ME.





INVITATION TO COMMUNION

- Behold the Lamb of God,behold him who takes away the sins of the world.Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.
- Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

Sit

COMMUNION

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say
The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.

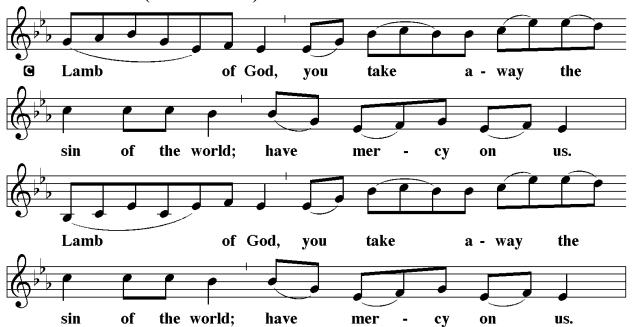
and each person may respond

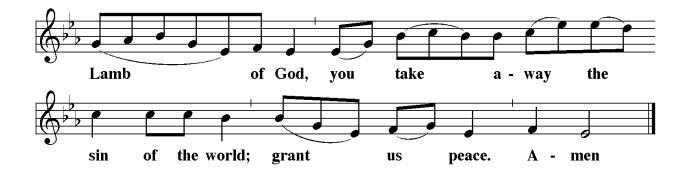
Amen.

We Lutherans believe that the Body and Blood of Christ are "truly and substantially" present "in, with, and under" the forms of bread and wine. We invite to the communion all who are baptized and communing in this or another Christian denomination. We welcome children and others who are not communing to come forward for a blessing.

Music during Communion:

LAMB OF GOD (AGNUS DEI)





ANTHEM: *I Want Jesus to Walk with Me*Jesse Shutt, soloist

I want Jesus to walk with me. All along my pilgrim journey, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

In my trials, Lord, walk with me, when my heart is almost breaking, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me. When my head is bowed in sorrow, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

I want Jesus to walk with me. All along my pilgrim journey, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

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Stand

BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

- P The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
- C Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

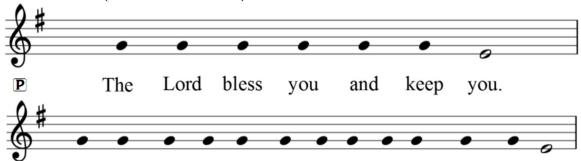
A Let us pray.

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING (BENEDICTION)



The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.



The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.



DISMISSAL

- **A** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

HYMN: O God, My Faithful God

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O God, My Faithful God



OFFERING

The offering will be collected as you leave the Church.

POSTLUDE: Chaconne Couperin



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The Easter Cycle celebrates the events surrounding our Lord's passion, death, and resurrection. Beginning with Ash Wednesday, the Easter Cycle includes the Lenten season, Holy Week, and the Easter Season. This cycle concludes with the Day of Pentecost, as the culmination of the resurrection through the coming of the Holy Spirit to Christ's followers.

During Lent, a Hymn of Praise is not appropriate because of the preparatory and penitential nature of this time.

The liturgical color purple, symbolic of our penitence and Jesus' royalty, is used in Lent.

On Wednesday, March 20th at 7:30 pm, the 35-voice Collegeville Trappe Ministerium Choir directed by Laurie Mueller will sing a collection of anthems and readings titled, "Come to Me, A Lenten Invitation" here at Augustus. The themes are: An Invitation to Come, Come and See the Triumph (Palm Sunday), Come and Serve (Jesus washes the disciples' feet), Come and Remember (the Last Supper), Come to the Way of Grief and Pain (Jesus' journey to the cross), Come and be Forgiven (Jesus dies on the cross), Come to Jesus (an invitation). Lauren Exley (from St. James Episcopal) will accompany us on the piano, and flute, oboe, and cello are also featured. To enhance our experience, Sherry Jessee has created a beautiful slideshow which will be shown during the singing of the anthems. It will be a very special service, reminding us that Jesus always invites us to come to him, just as we are. Please tell your friends, and come!

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Acolyte: Katie Kerr Crucifer: Wes Long

Altar Guild: Linda Romano and Carol Gerhart

Offering Tabulation: Jennifer Wentworth, Brian O'Hara, and Chilly Lyaro

<u>The Flowers that Adorn the Altar</u> are given to the glory of God by Phyllis Oehlert in loving memory of husband Paul Oehlert.

<u>The Sanctuary Candle</u> is given to the glory of God by John and Charlotte Wentworth in memory of loved ones.

<u>The Worship Bulletins</u> are given to the glory of God by Mr. Robert Hallman in loving memory of wife, Wendy Yohn Hallman.



2023 Easter Flowers

Flowers can now be ordered for Easter!

Please include payment with your order.

Make checks payable to: Augustus Flower Fund
Orders can be left in the church office or mailed to:

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ORDER DEADLINE: March 17, 2024

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2024 Mid-Week Lenten Services 7:30 p.m.

2/28/2024 at Evansburg United Methodist Church

Theme: "Come and Serve"
The readings will be around the Foot Washing (John's Gospel)

3/6/2024 at Trinity UCC

Theme: "Come and Remember"
The readings will be around the Last Supper (Do this in remembrance of me.)

3/13/2024 at Thomas Paine UU Fellowship

Theme: "Come to the Way of Grief and Pain" The readings are Jesus' journey to the crucifixion.

3/20/2024 at Augustus Lutheran Church

Theme: Combined CTM Choir Cantata "An Invitation to Come"



2024 Historic Trappe Free Lecture Series

St. Luke's Church, 200 W. Main Street, Trappe, PA 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Refreshments Following Lecture

For more information, please visit the Historic Trappe Facebook Page

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February 13	Jeff Finegan, "Colonel Washington and Me: The Lives of George Washington and William Lee," plus book signing
March 12	Lisa Minardi, "A Labor of Love: Restoring the Daniel Hiester House"
April 23	Don Fennimore, lecture on Rittenhouse clocks + book signing + a special pop-up display of several Rittenhouse clock movements and surveying instruments
May 21	Lisa Minardi, "Native Son: The Life and Art of David Ellinger" + book signing + pop up display of additional Ellinger artworks and drawings
September 17	Emily Sneff on Declaration of Independence and its translation into German + preview of our 2026-27 special exhibition plans for the America 250
October 22	Trevor Brandt on fraktur + Americana Insights book signing
November 19	Chris Malone on paintings by Charles Hofmann + Americana Insights book signing



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Augustus Lutheran Senior Youth Group Easter Fundraiser

Homemade Peanut Butter Eggs, Coconut Crème Eggs and Thin Mints Orders due by Wednesday, March 20th Order Pick up on Sunday, March 24th

Thin Mints	Peanut Butter	Coconut		
\$5.00/dozen	Faas	Crème Faas		

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☐ I will pick up after the 8:00 service	☐ I will pick up after the 10:30 service
Thank you for supporting	g the Senior Youth Group!