

# Second Sunday in Lent

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The Mission of Christ Lutheran Church is to help all people know Jesus as their Savior and grow in relationship with Him.

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**HYMN** "Sing Praise to the God of Israel" ..... LSB 936

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## **INTROIT**

*Ps. 105:4–7; antiphon: Ps. 105:8*

*P: He remembers His covenant forever, the word that He commanded, for a thousand generations.*

**C: Seek the Lord and His strength; seek His presence continually!**

*P: Remember the wondrous works that He has done, His miracles, and the judgments He uttered,*

**C: O offspring of Abraham, His servant, children of Jacob, His chosen ones!**

*P: He is the Lord our God; His judgments are in all the earth.*

**C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

*P: He remembers His covenant forever, the word that He commanded, for a thousand generations.*

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*(The Hymn of Praise is omitted during Lent)*

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## **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

*Genesis 12:1-9*

<sup>1</sup> 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. <sup>2</sup> 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. <sup>3</sup> 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." <sup>4</sup> 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. <sup>5</sup> 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, <sup>6</sup> Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. <sup>7</sup> 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. <sup>8</sup> 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. <sup>9</sup> And Abram journeyed on, still going toward the Negeb.

*P: This is the Word of the Lord.*

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### **EPISTLE READING**

*Romans 4:1-8, 13-17*

<sup>1</sup> What then shall we say was gained by Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh? <sup>2</sup> For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. <sup>3</sup> For what does the Scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness.” <sup>4</sup> Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due. <sup>5</sup> And to the one who does not work but trusts Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness, <sup>6</sup> just as David also speaks of the blessing of the one to whom God counts righteousness apart from works: <sup>7</sup> “Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven, and whose sins are covered; <sup>8</sup> blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin.” <sup>13</sup> 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. <sup>14</sup> For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. <sup>15</sup> For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression. <sup>16</sup> 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, <sup>17</sup> 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.

*P: This is the Word of the Lord.*

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**VERSE FOR LENT**

Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for He is gra-cious and  
 mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a-bound-ing in  
 stead-fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

*P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 3<sup>rd</sup> chapter.*

Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

**THE HOLY GOSPEL**

*John 3:1-17*

<sup>1</sup> Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. <sup>2</sup> 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." <sup>3</sup> Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." <sup>4</sup> 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?" <sup>5</sup> Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. <sup>6</sup> That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup> Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' <sup>8</sup> 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." <sup>9</sup> Nicodemus said to Him, "How can these things be?" <sup>10</sup> Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? <sup>11</sup> 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. <sup>12</sup> If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? <sup>13</sup> No one has ascended into heaven except He who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup> And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup> that whoever believes in Him may have eternal life. <sup>16</sup> For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. <sup>17</sup> 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.”

*P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.*



**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

**HYMN** “God Loved the World So That He Gave” ..... *LSB 571 vs. 1-4*

**SERMON**

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**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**WE WORSHIP THE LORD WITH OUR OFFERINGS**

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If you are a confirmed member of a Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod congregation, we invite you to commune with us. If you are not a confirmed member of an LCMS congregation and would like to come forward with your family and friends during the distribution, please place your hands over your heart and you will receive a blessing.

**DISTRIBUTION HYMN** “All Christians Who Have Been Baptized” ..... *LSB 596*

*(The Post-Communion Canticle is omitted during Lent)*

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**HYMN** “God, Who Made the Earth and Heaven” ..... LSB 877 Δ

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**THIS WEEK— (March 12<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017)**

**Sunday:** Worship/HC, 9:00am; Christian Ed, 10:30am; Men’s Choir, following Bible class

**Monday:** Church Council 6:30pm

**Wednesday:** Confirmation Class (2<sup>nd</sup> year), 5:00pm; Confirmation Class (1<sup>st</sup> year), 6:00pm; Youth Group, 6:00-8:00pm

**Thursday:** Lenten Worship/HC, 6:30pm

**Sunday:** Worship/HC, 9:00am; Christian Ed, 10:30am

**OUR RESPONSE TO GOD’S LOVE (Week ending 3/5/17)**

General & Building Funds: \$5400.00; Blessings: \$47.58; Lent:

\$753.00; Memorial: \$125.00

Attendance: Ash Wednesday: 83; Sunday: 125

**CLC ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**GUESTS AND VISITORS:** We are glad you are here! We invite you to join us for fellowship and Bible class following the service.

Bathrooms are located upstairs on each end of the fellowship/Bible study area.

Join us next Thursday at 6:30pm for the **LENTEN MIDWEEK SERVICE.** We will be examining the Day of Atonement.

**CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING** tomorrow (Monday). Verbal reports.

Sign up for “**CHRIST IN THE PASSOVER**” The presentation is set for Tuesday, April 4th at 6:30 PM. SEATING IS LIMITED. RESERVE YOUR SPOT TODAY! A signup sheet is located on the table by the mailboxes. A lighter meal will be served.

**TEXAS ROADHOUSE Dine to Donate Sundays** – Planning on going to Texas Roadhouse this Sunday or on some Sunday in the future? Take your church bulletin with you. Texas Roadhouse will donate 10% of the total amount of your food order back to Christ Lutheran. Simply present the bulletin to your server. (Alcohol, tax, tips, and coupon amounts are excluded.)

**NO WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY** on March 15 or 22.

**COMMUNITY MEAL:** Christ Lutheran Church will be hosting a supper for those in need on Tuesday, March 21<sup>st</sup> at St. Paul's United Church of Christ. A volunteer sign-up sheet for assisting at the meal and providing food is on the fellowship hall podium. Monetary donations may be placed in Sandi Michaelis's mailbox. Thank you for sharing your time, finances, food and hearts with those less fortunate!

**SAVE THE DATE** – The Hope Life Center banquet will be held on Monday, April 24. If you have plans to attend please speak with Sandi Michaelis so that the proper number of tables can be reserved.

**LWML HUMAN CARE INGATHERING** for March is for Hope Life Center. Items needed are: deodorant, toothbrushes/toothpaste, Chapstick/lip gloss, slipper socks

**COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS** may be found on the bulletin boards in the Fellowship Hall.

### **“LIFE QUOTES” from Lutherans For Life**

“We are carved in the palm of His Hand, and the unborn child has been carved in the Hand of God from conception.” *Mother Teresa* ([www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org))