



Sunday, February 28, 2021
8:45 A.M.

Second Sunday in Lent – Promise of Identity

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus arr. Paul Manz

*Let us ever walk with Jesus follow his example pure,
Flee the world which would deceive us, and to sin our souls allure.
Ever in his footsteps treading, body here, yet soul above,
Full of faith and hope and love; let us do the Father's bidding,
Faithful Lord, abide with me; Savior lead, I follow thee.*

WELCOME

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
the keeper of the covenant, the source of steadfast love, our rock and our redeemer.
Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In this season of Lent, we hear the stories of how God has formed us
out of dust and ash and promises into God's own people.
But time and again our commitment crumbles, and we are scattered by sin.

Beloved, let us return to God, confessing what tears us apart
so that God can put us back together.

A brief silence.

God, we confess: we have sinned.

**We have turned away from you, away from one another, into ourselves.
We have allowed our love of you to be supplanted by the fear of other things:
death, suffering, weakness, want.**

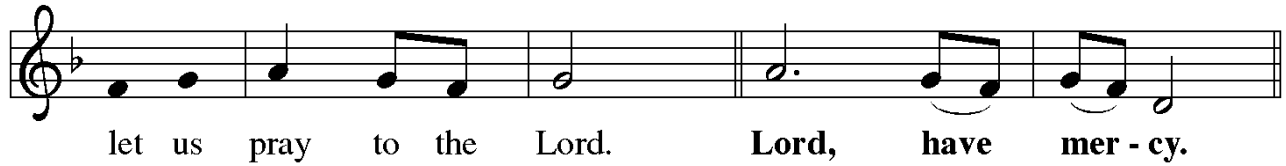
Rebuild what we have ruined and mend what we have torn.

Help us. Promise us that even this brokenness can be made well.

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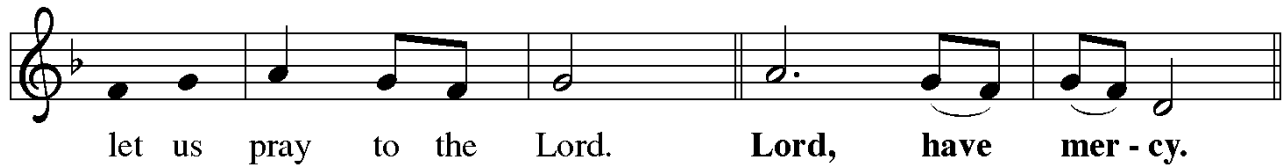
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In peace,



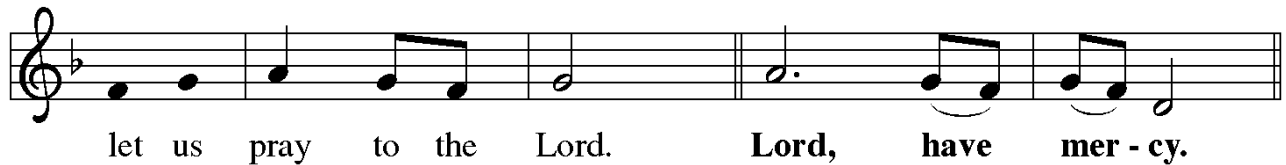
let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation,



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For the peace of the whole world, for the well being of the church of God, and for the unity of all,

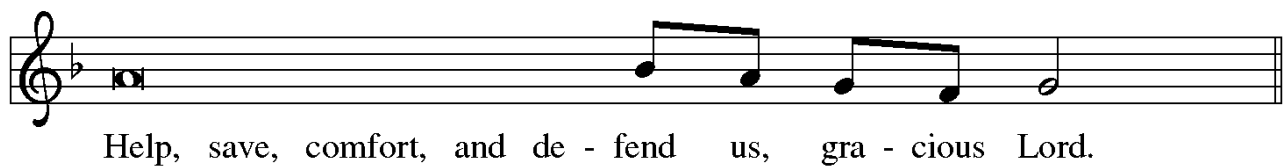


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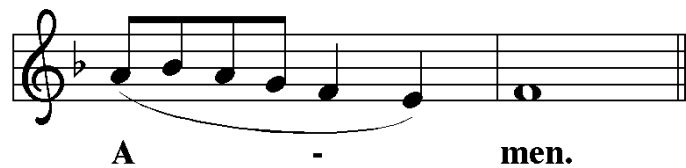
For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men.

Siblings in Christ, listen to this good news:
 God knew of our brokenness even before we knew it ourselves.
 In accordance with the ancient promise, God became dust:
 Jesus Christ came among us, to live and die and rise again.
 For his sake, + God forgives us all our sins.
 For his sake, God renews all God's promises.
 For his sake, God remakes us as the body of Christ for the sake of the world.
Thanks be to God! Amen.

GATHERING HYMN *Blessed Be the God of Israel* *ELW 552*



1 Blessed be the God of Is - rael, who comes to set us free,
 2 Now from the house of Da - vid a child of grace has come,
 3 On all by death im - pris - oned the sun be - gins to rise,



who vis - its and re - deems us, and grants us lib - er - ty.
 a Sav - ior who will lead us to our e - ter - nal home.
 the dawn - ing of for - give - ness up - on the sin - ner's eyes,



The proph - ets spoke of mer - cy, of free - dom and re - lease;
 Be - fore him goes the her - ald, fore - run - ner in the way,
 to guide the feet of pil - grims a - long the paths of peace;



God shall ful - fill the prom - ise to bring our peo - ple peace.
 the proph - et of sal - va - tion, the har - bin - ger of day.
 oh, bless our God and Sav - ior with songs that nev - er cease!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The love of God poured into our hearts, the saving grace of Jesus Christ, and the abundant life of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Let us pray...

O Faithful God, give us the faith of Abram and Sarai, who trusted in the promise you made but had not yet fulfilled. We too hold a promise, and wait for you to come again, to make all things well, to wipe away every tear from our eyes. Come, our Way, our Truth, our Life, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

WORD

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING – Genesis 17:1-7, 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.

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."

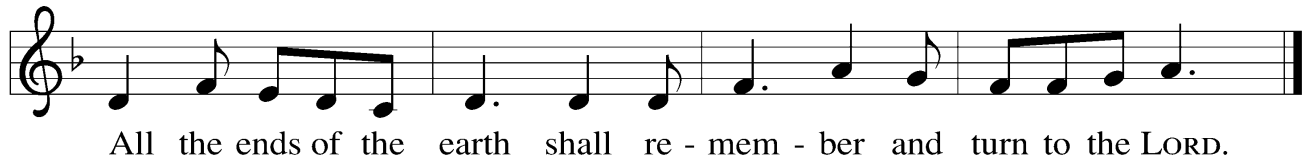
¹⁵God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. ¹⁶I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 22:23-31 *The refrain is sung by the cantor, then by ALL;
The verses are sung responsively using the psalm tone.*

Refrain



Psalm 22:27

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Psalm Tone



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²³You who fear the LORD, give praise! All you of Jacob's | line, give glory.
Stand in awe of the LORD, all you off- | spring of Israel.

²⁴**For the LORD does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;
neither is the LORD's face hid- | den from them;
but when they cry out, | the LORD hears them.**

²⁵From you comes my praise in the | great assembly;
I will perform my vows in the sight of those who | fear the LORD.

²⁶**The poor shall eat | and be satisfied,
Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts | live forever!**

Refrain

²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn | to the LORD;
all the families of nations shall bow | before God.

²⁸**For dominion belongs | to the LORD,
who rules o- | ver the nations.**

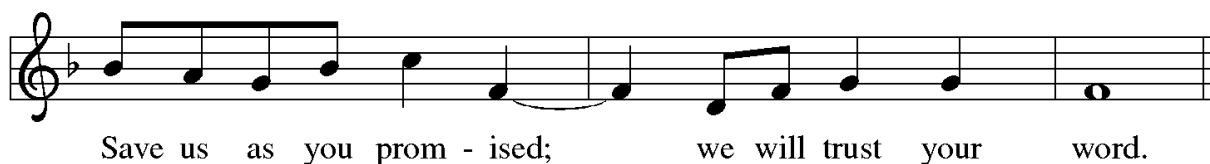
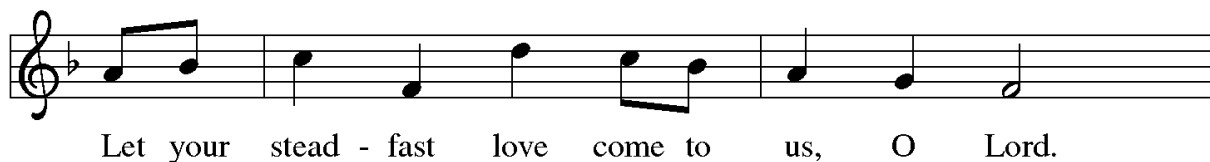
²⁹Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow | down in worship;
all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel be- | fore
the LORD.

³⁰**Their descendants shall | serve the LORD,
whom they shall proclaim to genera- | tions to come.**

³¹They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people | yet unborn,
saying to them, "The | LORD has acted!" *Refrain*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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GOSPEL – Mark 8:31-38

The gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

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.

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.”

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

SERMON

Rev. Christina Garrett Klein

HYMN OF THE DAY *Come, Follow Me, the Savior Spake*

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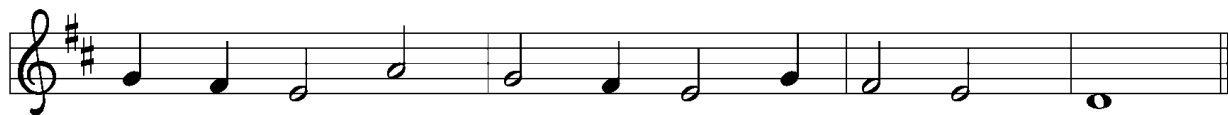
1 “Come, fol - low me,” the Sav - ior spake, “all in my way a -
 2 “I am the light; I light the way, a god - ly life dis -
 3 “I teach you how to shun and flee what harms your soul’s sal -
 4 Then let us fol - low Christ, our Lord, and take the cross ap -



bid - ing; de - ny your - selves, the world for - sake, o -
 play - ing; I bid you walk as in the day; I
 va - tion; from ev - ’ry guile your heart I free, from
 point - ed, and, firm - ly cling - ing to his word, in



bey my call and guid - ing. Oh, bear the cross, what -
 keep your feet from stray - ing. I am the way, and
 sin and its temp - ta - tion. I am the ref - uge
 suf - f’ring be un - daunt - ed. For those who bear the



e’er be - tide; take my ex - am - ple for your guide.”
 well I show how you should so - journ here be - low.”
 of the soul and lead you to your heav’n - ly goal.”
 bat - tle’s strain the crown of heav’n - ly life ob - tain.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Relying on the promises of God, we pray boldly for the church, the world, and all in need, responding to each prayer with the words, "**Your mercy is great.**"

A brief silence.

We entrust ourselves and all our prayers to you, O faithful God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

MEAL

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.**

+ + + *Receive the Meal* + + +

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.

We pause for prayer and reflection, and to give time to commune those gathered with others in the household.

SENDING

OFFERING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

You are what God made you to be: created in Christ Jesus for good works, chosen as holy and beloved, freed to serve your neighbor.

God bless you ✠ that you may be a blessing,
in the name of the holy and life-giving Trinity. **Amen.**

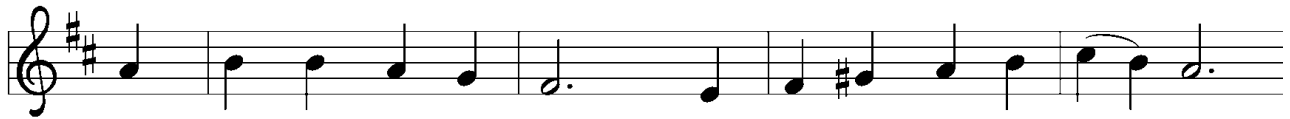
SENDING HYMN

O God, My Faithful God

ELW 806



1 O God, my faith - ful God, true foun-tain ev - er flow - ing,
 2 Give me the strength to do with read - y heart and will - ing
 3 Keep me from say - ing words that lat - er need re - call - ing;
 4 When dan-gers gath - er round, oh, keep me calm and fear - less;



with - out whom noth - ing is, all per - fect gifts be - stow - ing:
 what - ev - er you com - mand, my call - ing here ful - fill - ing—
 guard me, lest i - dle speech may from my lips be fall - ing;
 help me to bear the cross when life seems dark and cheer - less;



give me a health - y frame, and may I have with - in
 to do it when I ought, with all my might—and bless
 but when, with - in my place, I must and ought to speak,
 help me, as you have taught, to love both great and small,



a con - science free from blame, a soul un - stained by sin.
 what - ev - er I have wrought, for you must give suc - cess.
 then to my words give grace, lest I of - fend the weak.
 and, by your Spir - it's might, to live at peace with all.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Dwell in God's promise.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

O God, My Faithful God

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and livestream at 8:45am & 10:45am on Sunday!
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