

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

February 25, 2018 11:00



AS WE GATHER

“Don’t make promises you can’t keep.” This old proverbial saying is a good one. If a person heeds it, they can avoid a heap of trouble! In today’s Old Testament Reading, God Himself makes a promise that seems impossible to keep. The Lord appears to a ninety-nine-year-old man and promises him descendants, and not just a few descendants, but that he will be the father of a multitude of nations. Thankfully, God never makes promises He can’t keep. Through the fulfillment of His promise to Abraham, the Lord ultimately provides a descendant by whom all nations would be blessed—Jesus Christ, the Son of Abraham, the Son of God. Through Him, God promises you forgiveness, life, and salvation—a promise that the Lord will keep!

PRE-SERVICE “Were You There?” Instrumental

Worship Team



WELCOME

✘ PREPARATION ✘

OPENING SONG “I Walk By Faith”

Falson

**I walk by faith -- each step by faith. To live by faith I put my trust in You.
I walk by faith -- each step by faith. To live by faith I put my trust in You.**

**Every step I take is a step of faith. No weapon formed against me shall prosper.
And every prayer I make is a prayer of faith. If my God is for me, who can be against me? REPEAT
SONG**

**I walk (I walk) by faith (by faith) -- each step (each step) by faith (by faith).
To live (to live) by faith I put my trust in You. REPEAT VERSE**

**I put my trust in You. I put my trust in You.
I put my trust in You. I put my trust in You.**

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(Please Stand)

INVOCATION

Pastor: O Lord, throughout these forty days
People: You prayed and kept the fast.

Pastor: Inspire repentance for our sins.
People: And free us from our past!

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



CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

LSB 184

*(If you would like private confession and absolution,
please call the office (314) 832-5600 to make an appointment with Pastor Clark)*

Pastor: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: who made heaven and earth.

Pastor: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

People: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Pastor: O almighty God, merciful Father,

People: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserve Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter suffering and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

Pastor: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

[OR]

Seminary Student: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. *John 1:12, Philipians 1:6*

People: Amen.

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray, God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength.

People: By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul;

Pastor: through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

(Please Be Seated)

✠ WORD ✠



OLD TESTAMENT *Genesis 17:1–7, 15–16* (God renames Abram and Sarai.)

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,² that I may make my covenant between me and you, and may multiply you greatly.”³ Then Abram fell on his face. And God said to him,⁴ “Behold, my covenant is with you, and you shall be the father of a multitude of nations. ⁵No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham, for I have made you the father of a multitude of nations. ⁶I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make you into nations, and kings shall come from you. ⁷And I 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. . . . ¹⁵And God said to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name 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 become nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.”

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**



EPISTLE *Romans 5:1–11* (“We were reconciled to God.”)

⁵Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ²Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. ³Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die—⁸ but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.⁹ Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. ¹¹More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

(Please Stand)



HOLY GOSPEL *Mark 8:27–38* (Take up your cross and follow Me.)

The congregation is invited to speak the scripture in bold

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the eighth chapter.

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

²⁷And Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi. And on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” ²⁸And they told him, “**John the Baptist; and others say, Elijah; and others, one of the prophets.**” ²⁹And he asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “**You are the Christ.**” ³⁰And he strictly charged them to tell no one about him. ³¹And he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²And he said this plainly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.” ³⁴And calling the crowd to him with his

disciples, he said to them, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. ³⁵ For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. ³⁶ For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? ³⁷ For what can a man give in return for his soul? ³⁸ For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.



APOSTLES' CREED

LSB 159

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

And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence 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.

(Please Be Seated)



CHILDREN'S MESSAGE “Jesus Remember Me”

LSB 767

Jesus, remember me when You come into Your kingdom.

Jesus, remember me when You come into Your kingdom. REPEAT

SONG OF THE DAY “In Christ Alone” Getty/Townend

**In Christ alone my hope is found; He is my light, my strength, my song;
This cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My comforter, my all in all— Here in the love of Christ I stand.**

**In Christ alone, who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones He came to save.
Till on the cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied;
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid— Here in the death of Christ I live.**

**There in the ground His body lay, light of the world by darkness slain;
Then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
For I am His and He is mine— Bought with the precious blood of Christ.**

**No guilt in life, no fear in death— this is the pow'r of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till He returns or calls me home— Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.**

Here in the pow'r of Christ we stand.

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SERMON

(Please Stand)



PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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: For Pastor Matthew Harrison, our synodical president, Pastor Lee Hagen, our district president, Pastor Matthew Clark, our pastor, and for all pastors in Christ, for all servants of the Church, and for all the people, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For all public servants, for the government and those who protect us, that they may be upheld and strengthened in every good deed, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For those who are ailing (*names*) and those who grieve, that they may be strengthened in body and spirit, confident of the love of Christ, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For those who work to bring peace, justice, health, and protection in this and every place, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For those who bring offerings, those who do good works in this congregation, those who toil, those who sing, and all the people here present who await from the Lord great and abundant mercy, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For favorable weather, for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For our deliverance from all affliction, wrath, danger, and need, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For *(additional bids for prayer may be inserted here)*, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: We pray this through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

(Please Be Seated)



GATHERING OF OFFERINGS

(Please Stand)

OFFERTORY “All My Hope”

Ingram/Morgan (2011 Hillsongs)

**Light in my darkness, peace for my soul,
You are my rescue, you never let go.
Light in my darkness, peace for my soul,
You are my rescue, you never let go.**

**All my hope is in You. All my strength is in You.
With ev'ry breath my soul will rest in You.**

**Here in my weakness, always the same.
Your love is my shelter. Your life is my way.**

**All my hope is in You. All my strength is in You.
With ev'ry breath my soul will rest in You.
All my hope is in You. All my strength is in You.
With ev'ry breath my soul will rest in You.**

**Constant Savior, Friend forever, Lord, You have my heart.
Sure foundation, never failing, Lord, You have my heart.
Constant Savior, Friend forever, Lord, You have my heart.
Sure foundation, never failing, Lord, You have my heart.**

**All my hope is in You. All my strength is in You.
With ev'ry breath my soul will rest in You.
All the earth beneath You. All my life before You.
With ev'ry breath my soul will rest in You.
With ev'ry breath my soul will rest in You.**

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✠ SACRAMENT ✠

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at Ascension in the confession that, as He says, our Lord gives not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us. All those who are not yet instructed, in doubt or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor.

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you. [*2 Timothy 4:22*]

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts. [*Colossians 3:1*]

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

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. [*Psalms 136*]

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*Matthew 6:9–13*)

LSB 162

Pastor: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

WORDS OF OUR LORD

THE PEACE OF THE LORD

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

People: **Amen.**

(Please Be Seated)

DISTRIBUTION SONGS “Your Name”

Baloche/Packiam

**As morning dawns and evening fades You inspire songs of praise
That rise from earth to touch Your heart and glorify Your Name.**

CHORUS: **Your Name is a strong and mighty tower;
Your Name is a shelter like no other;
Your Name let the nations sing it louder
‘Cause nothing has the power to save but Your Name.**

**Jesus, in Your Name we pray, come and fill our hearts today.
Lord, give us strength to live for You and glorify Your Name. CHORUS**

[Interlude]

**Your Name is a strong and mighty tower;
Your Name is a shelter like no other;
Your Name let the nations sing it louder
'Cause nothing has the power to save but. . .**

**Your Name is a strong and mighty tower.
Your Name is a shelter like no other.
Your Name let the nations sing it louder,
'Cause nothing has the power to save
But Your Name.**

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“One Thing Remains (Your Love Never Fails)”

Johnson/Gifford/Riddle

*Solo: Higher than the mountains that I face, stronger than the power of the grave.
Constant in the trial and the change.
One thing remains. One thing remains.*

Interlude

**Higher than the mountains that I face, stronger than the power of the grave.
Constant in the trial and the change.
One thing remains. One thing remains.**

**Your love never fails, It never gives up — never runs out on me. SING 3X
Your love.**

**On and on and on and on it goes. It overwhelms and satisfies my soul.
And I never ever have to be afraid.
One thing remains. One thing remains.**

**Your love never fails, It never gives up — never runs out on me. SING 3X
Your love.**

**In death, in life, I'm confident and cover'd by the power of Your great love.
My debt is paid; There's nothing that can separate my heart from Your great love.
SING X2**

**Your love never fails, It never gives up — never runs out on me. SING 3X
Your love.**

*Solo: Higher than the mountains that I face, stronger than the power of the grave.
Constant in the trial and the change.*

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(Please Stand)



BENEDICTION

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. *Numbers 6:24–26*

People: Amen.

CLOSING SONG “I Will Follow”

Tomlin/Ingram/Morgan

**Where You go, I'll go; Where You stay, I'll stay;
 When You move, I'll move. I will follow. Oh, oh, oh.**

**All Your ways are good, all Your ways are sure;
 I will trust in You alone.
 Higher than my sight, high above my life;
 I will trust in You alone.**

**CHORUS: Where You go, I'll go; Where You stay, I'll stay;
 When You move, I'll move. I will follow You.
 Whom You love, I'll love; How You serve, I'll serve;
 If this life I lose, I will follow You, yeah.
 I will follow You, yeah.**

**Light into the world, Light into my life;
 I will live for You alone.
 You're the One I seek, knowing I will find;
 All I need in You alone. In You alone. CHORUS**

**In You, there's life everlasting.
 In You, there's freedom for my soul.
 In You, there's joy, unending joy;
 And I will follow.**

**Where You go, I'll go; Where You stay, I'll stay;
 When You move, I'll move. I will follow You.
 Whom You love, I'll love; How You serve, I'll serve;
 If this life I lose, I will follow.
 Where You go, I'll go; Where You stay, I'll stay;
 When You move, I'll move. I will follow You.
 Whom You love, I'll love; How You serve, I'll serve;
 If this life I lose, I will follow You, yeah.
 I will follow You, yeah. I will follow You, yeah.
 I will follow You, yeah.**

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POSTLUDE *Instrumental Music*

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