

**2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN LENT**  
**DIVINE SERVICE I | FEBRUARY 28, 2021 | SERVICE TIME 9:00 A.M.**

PRELUDE & WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PRAYER ON ENTERING CHURCH:** *“LORD, I love the habitation of Your House and the place where Your Glory Dwells. In the multitude of Your Tender Mercies prepare my heart that I may enter Your House to worship and confess Your Holy Name; through Jesus Christ, my God and LORD.”* (145)

**BEFORE WORSHIP:** **“O LORD, our Creator, Redeemer, and Comforter, as we come together to worship You in Spirit and in Truth, we humbly pray that You would open our hearts to the preaching of Your Word so that we may repent of our sins, believe in Jesus Christ as our only Savior, and grow in Grace and Holiness. Hear us for His sake, Amen.”** (146)

**✠ SERVICE OF PREPARATION ✠**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *(Please stand)* ..... (Page 151)

**P** In the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the Truth is not in us.  
**C** **But if we confess our sins, God, Who is Faithful and Just, will Forgive our sins and Cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.  
**C** **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.**

**P** 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 ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

**✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠**

KYRIE ~ LORD, Have Mercy ~ ..... (Page 152)

**P** In Peace let us pray to the LORD.  
**C** LORD, have Mercy.

**P** For the Peace from above and for our Salvation let us pray to the LORD.  
**C** LORD, have Mercy.

**P** 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.  
**C** LORD, have Mercy.

**P** For this Holy House and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the LORD.  
**C** LORD, have Mercy.

**P** Help, Save, Comfort, and Defend us, Gracious LORD.  
**C** Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE: *(Due to the focus and nature on Repentance during Lent, the Hymn of Praise is not sung)*

SALUTATION & COLLECT OF THE DAY ..... (Page 156)

**P** The LORD be with you.  
**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray . . . O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. 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; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our LORD, ✠ Who Lives and Reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,

**C** one God, now and forever.  
**Amen.** (Please be seated)

OLD TESTAMENT READING: *Genesis 17:1–7, 15–16*

“When 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,<sup>2</sup> that I may make my Covenant between Me and you, and may Multiply you Greatly.’<sup>3</sup> Then Abram fell on his face. And God said to him,<sup>4</sup> ‘Behold, My Covenant is with you, and you shall be the father of a multitude of nations.’<sup>5</sup> No 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.<sup>6</sup> I will make you exceedingly

fruitful, and I will make you into nations, and kings shall come from you.<sup>7</sup> And 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. . . .<sup>15</sup> And God said to Abraham, ‘As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name.<sup>16</sup> I 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.’”

**A** This is the Word of the LORD.

**C** Thanks be to God.

SCRIPTURAL RESPONSE: “Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus” . . . . . [LSB: 685]

**1.**  
Let us ever walk with Jesus,  
Follow His Example Pure,  
Through a world that would deceive us  
And to sin our spirits lure.  
Onward in His footsteps treading,  
Pilgrims here, our Home above,  
Full of Faith and Hope and Love,  
Let us do the Father’s bidding.  
Faithful LORD, with me abide;  
I shall follow where You Guide.

**2.**  
Let us suffer here with Jesus  
And with patience bear our cross.  
Joy will follow all our sadness;  
Where He is, there is no loss.  
Though today we sow no laughter,  
We shall reap Celestial Joy;  
All discomfords that annoy  
Shall give way to Mirth hereafter.  
Jesus, here I share Your woe;  
Help me there Your Joy to know.

**3.**  
Let us gladly die with Jesus.  
Since by death He Conquered death,  
He will Free us from destruction,  
Give to us Immortal Breath.  
Let us mortify all passion  
That would lead us into sin;  
And the grave that shuts us in  
Shall but prove the Gate to Heaven.  
Jesus, here with You I die,  
There to Live with You on High.

**4.**  
Let us also Live with Jesus.  
He has Risen from the dead  
That to Life we may awaken.  
Jesus, You are now our Head.  
We are Your Own Living Members;  
Where You live, there we shall be  
In Your Presence Constantly,  
Living there with You Forever.  
Jesus, let me Faithful be,  
Life Eternal Grant to me.

NEW TESTAMENT READING: *Romans 5:1-11*

“Therefore, since we have been Justified by Faith, we have Peace with God through our LORD Jesus Christ.<sup>2</sup> Through 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.<sup>3</sup> More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance,<sup>4</sup> and endurance produces character, and character produces hope,<sup>5</sup> and 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.<sup>6</sup> For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ Died for the ungodly.<sup>7</sup> For one

will scarcely die for a Righteous person — though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die —<sup>8</sup> but God shows His Love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ Died for us.<sup>9</sup> Since, therefore, we have now been Justified by His Blood, much more shall we be Saved by Him from the wrath of God.<sup>10</sup> For 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.<sup>11</sup> More than that, we also rejoice in God through our LORD Jesus Christ, through Whom we have now Received Reconciliation.”

**A** This is the Word of the LORD.

**C** Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA VERSE: *is not sung during the Lenten Season.*

GOSPEL: *Mark 8:27–38*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the eighth chapter.  
**C** Glory to You, O LORD.

“And 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?’<sup>28</sup> And they told Him, ‘John the Baptist; and others say, Elijah; and others, one of the prophets.’<sup>29</sup> And He asked them, ‘But who do you say that I Am?’ Peter answered Him, ‘You are the Christ.’<sup>30</sup> And He strictly charged them to tell no one about Him.<sup>31</sup> And 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.<sup>32</sup> And He said this plainly. And Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him.<sup>33</sup> But 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.’<sup>34</sup> And He called to Him the crowd with His disciples and said to them, ‘If anyone would come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me.’<sup>35</sup> For whoever loses his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the Gospel’s will save it.<sup>36</sup> For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? <sup>37</sup> For what can a man give in return for his life? <sup>38</sup> 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.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the LORD.

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

HYMN OF THE DAY: “LORD, Thee I Love with All My Heart” ..... [LSB: 708]

**1.**  
**LORD, Thee I love with all my heart; I pray  
 Thee, ne’er from me depart, With Tender  
 Mercy cheer me. Earth has no pleasure I would  
 share. Yea, Heav’n itself were void and bare If  
 Thou, LORD, wert not near me. And should my  
 heart for sorrow break, My trust in Thee can  
 nothing shake. Thou art the Portion I have  
 sought; Thy Precious Blood my soul has  
 bought. LORD Jesus Christ, my God and LORD,  
 my God and LORD, Forsake me not! I Trust  
 Thy Word.**

**2.**  
**Yea, LORD, ’twas Thy Rich Bounty Gave My  
 body, soul, and all I have In this poor life of  
 labor. LORD, Grant that I in ev’ry place May  
 Glorify Thy Lavish Grace And help and serve  
 my neighbor. Let no false doctrine me beguile;  
 Let satan not my soul defile. Give Strength and  
 Patience unto me To bear my Cross and follow  
 Thee. LORD Jesus Christ, my God and LORD,  
 my God and LORD, In death Thy Comfort still  
 afford.**

**3.**  
**LORD, let at last Thine angels come, To Abr’ham’s bosom bear me Home,  
 That I may die unfearing; And in its narrow chamber keep  
 My body safe in peaceful sleep Until Thy Reappearing.  
 And then from death awaken me, That these mine eyes with Joy may see,  
 O Son of God, Thy Glorious Face, My Savior and my Fount of Grace.  
 LORD Jesus Christ, my prayer attend, my prayer attend,  
 And I will praise Thee without end. (Please be seated)**

SERMON: “Return to the LORD”

APOSTLES’ CREED (Please stand as we confess our faith) ..... (Page 159)

**L** We confess our Christian Faith in the words of the Apostles’ Creed.  
**C** 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 remain  
 standing)**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

**P** O Blessed and Holy Trinity, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, ...  
**C** Amen. (Please be seated)

IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO,

PLEASE DROP YOUR OFFERINGS IN THE OFFERING PLATES  
LOCATED IN THE NARTHEX AFTER WORSHIP !!!

✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE (*Sung*) ..... [LSB: pg. 160]

**P** The LORD be with you. *2 Timothy 4:22*  
**C** And also with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts. *Colossians 3:1*  
**C** We lift them to the LORD.

**P** Let us give thanks unto the LORD our God. *Psalm 136*  
**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE ..... [LSB: pg. 160]

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places ... To You alone, O Father,  
**C** be all Glory, Honor, and Worship, with the Son ✠ and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and Forever.  
**C** Amen.

SANCTUS ≈ *Holy, Holy, Holy* ..... [LSB: pg. 161]

**C** Holy, Holy, Holy LORD God of Power and Might, Heaven and earth are full of Your Glory.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the Highest. Blessed is He Who comes in the Name of the LORD.  
Hosanna in the highest. *Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*

LORD'S PRAYER ..... [LSB: pg. 162]  
*Matthew 6:9-13*

**P** LORD, remember us in Your Kingdom and Teach us to pray:  
**C** 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.

THE WORD'S OF OUR LORD ..... [LSB: pg. 162]  
*Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25*

**P** 'Our LORD Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed ... This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.

PAX DOMINI ≈ *The Peace of the LORD* ..... [LSB: pg. 163]  
*John 20:19*

**P** The Peace of the LORD be with you always.  
**C** (*Sung*) Amen.

AGNUS DEI ≈ *Lamb of God* ..... [LSB: pg. 163]  
*John 1:29*

**C** (*Sung*) Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, have Mercy on us. Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, have Mercy upon us. Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, grant us Peace.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN: "*Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness*" ..... [LSB: 563]

1.  
Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness  
My beauty are, my Glorious Dress;  
Midst flaming worlds, in these arrayed,  
With Joy shall I lift up my head.

2.  
Bold shall I stand in that Great Day,  
Cleansed and Redeemed, no debt to pay; Fully  
Absolved through these I am  
From sin and fear, from guilt and shame.

3.  
LORD, I Believe Thy Precious Blood,  
Which at the Mercy Seat of God  
Pleads for the captives' Liberty,  
Was also Shed in Love for me.

4.  
LORD, I believe, were sinners more  
Than sands upon the ocean shore,  
Thou hast for all a Ransom Paid,  
For all a Full Atonement made.

5.  
**When from the dust of death I Rise  
 To claim my Mansion in the skies,  
 This then shall be my only plea:  
 Jesus hath Lived and Died for me.**

6.  
**Jesus, be endless praise to Thee,  
 Whose Boundless Mercy hath for me,  
 For me, and all Thy hands have made,  
 An Everlasting Ransom Paid.**

DISTRIBUTION HYMN: “*My Song Is Love Unknown*” ..... [LSB: 430]

1.  
**My song is Love unknown,  
 My Savior’s Love to me,  
 Love to the loveless Shown  
 That they might Lovely be.  
 Oh, who’am I That for my sake  
 My LORD should take Frail flesh and Die?**

2.  
**He came from His Blest Throne  
 Salvation to Bestow;  
 But men made strange, and none  
 The longed-for Christ would know.  
 But, oh, my Friend, My Friend indeed,  
 Who at my need His Life did Spend!**

3.  
**Sometimes they strew His Way  
 And His Sweet Praises sing;  
 Resounding all the day  
 Hosannas to their King.  
 Then “Crucify!” Is all their breath,  
 And for His Death They thirst and cry.**

4.  
**Why, what hath my LORD done?  
 What makes this rage and spite?  
 He made the lame to run,  
 He gave the blind their sight. Sweet injuries!  
 Yet they at these Themselves displease And  
 ’gainst Him rise.**

5.  
**They rise and needs will have  
 My dear LORD made away;  
 A murderer they save,  
 The Prince of Life they Slay.  
 Yet cheerful He To Suff’ring goes  
 That He His foes From thence might Free.**

6.  
**In life no house, no home  
 My LORD on earth might have;  
 In death no friendly tomb  
 But what a stranger gave.  
 What may I say? Heav’n was His Home  
 But mine the Tomb Wherein He lay.**

7.  
**Here might I stay and sing, No story so Divine!  
 Never was Grief like Thine. This is my Friend,  
 In whose sweet praise  
 I all my days could gladly spend!**

THE DISMISSAL ..... [LSB: pg. 164]

**P** The Body and Blood of our LORD Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to Life  
 Everlasting. Depart ☩ in Peace.  
**C** Amen.

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE ..... [LSB: pg. 165]  
 Luke 2:29-32

**C** (Sung) LORD, NOW You let Your servant go in peace; Your Word has been Fulfilled. My own  
 eyes have seen the Salvation which You have Prepared in the sight of every people: A Light to  
 Reveal You to the nations and the Glory of Your People, Israel. 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.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT ..... [LSB: pg. 166]

**P** 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.  
**C** (Sung) Amen.

BENEDICTION ..... (Page 166)

**P** 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.  
**C** Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: “*O Lord, We Praise Thee*” ..... [LSB: 617]

**1.**  
O LORD, we praise Thee, bless Thee, and adore  
Thee, In thanksgiving bow before Thee. Thou  
with Thy Body and Thy Blood didst Nourish  
Our weak souls that they may flourish: O  
LORD, have Mercy! May Thy Body, LORD, born  
of Mary, That our sins and sorrows did carry,  
And Thy Blood for us plead In all trial, fear,  
and need: O LORD, have Mercy!

**2.**  
Thy Holy Body into Death was given, Life to  
Win for us in Heaven. No Greater Love than  
this to Thee could bind us; May this Feast  
thereof remind us! O LORD, have Mercy! LORD,  
Thy Kindness did so Constrain Thee That Thy  
Blood should Bless and Sustain me. All our debt  
Thou hast Paid; Peace with God once more is  
made: O LORD, have Mercy!

**3.**  
May God Bestow on us His Grace and Favor That we follow Christ our Savior  
And live together here in love and union Nor despise this Blest Communion!  
O LORD, have Mercy! Let not Thy Good Spirit forsake us;  
Grant that Heav'nly-Minded He make us; Give Thy Church, LORD,  
to see Days of Peace and Unity: O LORD, have Mercy!

## POSTLUDE

**THANKSGIVING AFTER RECEIVING THE SACRAMENT:** Almighty and Everlasting God, we thank and praise  
You for Feeding us the Life-Giving Body and Blood of Your Beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send us Your  
Holy Spirit that, having with our mouths received the Holy Sacrament, we may by Faith obtain and  
Eternally enjoy Your Divine Grace, the Forgiveness of sins, Unity with Christ, and Life Eternal, through  
Jesus Christ, our LORD. (158)

**FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD:** LORD God, bless Your Word wherever it is proclaimed. Make it a Word of  
Power and Peace to Convert those not yet Your Own and to Confirm those who have come to Saving  
Faith. May Your Word pass from the ear to the heart, from the heart to the lip, and from the lip to the life  
that, as You have Promised, Your Word may achieve the Purpose for which You Send it; through Jesus  
Christ, our LORD. (150)