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Second Sunday in Lent

March 5, 2023

Welcome: We are glad that you are here or are watching our worship service online. May you be blessed through this time of worship. We pray you find today's service a source of encouragement and strength. *Offerings are received at the door as you enter or leave. Please take a moment to complete an attendance registration slip found in the pew rack and return it to the offering plates also.*

Prayer Requests are always welcome. To have someone included in our prayers during worship, please call the pastor or church office or write down the request and give it to the pastor.

Lectionary Summary: The Lord called Abram (Abraham) to leave his home and go to a land that God would show him. He also promised to make of Abram “*a great nation,*” to bless him and make his name great as a blessing to “*all the families of the earth*” (Gen. 12:2–3). “*Abram went, as the LORD had told him*” (Gen. 12:4), and in Canaan “*he built an altar to the LORD and called upon the name of the LORD*” (Gen. 12:8). He “*believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness*” (Rom. 4:3). Here the grace of God is manifested, that He “*justifies the ungodly*” (Rom. 4:5), not by works of the Law, but through faith in His promises. He removes all of our sins and lawless deeds through Jesus Christ, the offspring of Abraham in whom all the Lord’s promises are realized. This forgiveness of sins is the Word of the Gospel, the voice of the Holy Spirit, which “*gives life to the dead*” (Rom. 4:17). It opens the eyes of faith to behold Christ Jesus, the Son of Man lifted up on the cross, “*that whoever believes in him may have eternal life*” (John 3:14–15).

**Order of Worship
Matins LSB 219**

Prelude

Welcome and Greeting

Ringing of the Bell

♪ Opening Hymn: “Father Welcomes”

LSB 605

**ref Father welcomes all His children To His fam’ly through His Son.
 Father giving His salvation, Life forever has been won.**

**1 Little children, come to me, For My kingdom is of these.
 Life and love I have to give, Mercy for your sin. *Refrain***

**2 In the water, in the Word, In His promise, be assured:
 Those who are baptized and believe Shall be born again. *Refrain***

**3 Let us daily die to sin; Let us daily rise with Him,
 Walk in the love of Christ our Lord, Live in the peace of God. *Refrain***

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| Order of Baptism 10:30 a.m. |
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Stand

Opening Versicles (Matins)

LSB 219

**Ⓟ O Lord, open my lips,
♪Ⓢ and my mouth will declare Your praise.
Ⓟ Make haste, O God, to deliver me;
♪Ⓢ make haste to help me, O Lord.
♪Ⓢ 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.
 Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our salvation.**

Collect of the Day

P 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, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

♪“Baptized into Your Name Most Holy”

LSB 590 sts. 1, 4

1 Baptized into Your name most holy, O Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
I claim a place, though weak and lowly, Among Your saints, Your chosen host.
Buried with Christ and dead to sin, Your Spirit now shall live within.

4 All that I am and love most dearly— Receive it all, O Lord, from me.
Let me confess my faith sincerely; Help me Your faithful child to be!
Let nothing that I am or own Serve any will but Yours alone.

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Sit

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 12:1–9

¹Now 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. ²And 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. ³I 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.” ⁴So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. ⁵And 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, ⁶Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. ⁷Then 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. ⁸From 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. ⁹And Abram journeyed on, still going toward the Negeb.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Choir "O Lord, Have Mercy" 10:30 am.

Epistle

Romans 4:1–8, 13–17

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

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Holy Gospel

John 3:1–17

P The Holy Gospel according to John, the third chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. ²This 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.” ³Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.” ⁴Nicodemus 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?” ⁵Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. ⁶That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’ ⁸The 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.” ⁹Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?”

¹⁰Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? ¹¹Truly, 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. ¹²If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. ¹⁶For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷For 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.

Sit

Children's Message

♪ **Sermon Hymn: “God Loved the World So That He Gave”**

LSB 571

- 1 God loved the world so that He gave His only Son the lost to save,
 That all who would in Him believe Should everlasting life receive.**
- 2 Christ Jesus is the ground of faith, Who was made flesh and suffered death;
 All then who trust in Him alone Are built on this chief cornerstone.**
- 3 God would not have the sinner die; His Son with saving grace is nigh;
 His Spirit in the Word declares How we in Christ are heaven’s heirs.**
- 4 Be of good cheer, for God’s own Son Forgives all sins which you have done;
 And, justified by Jesus’ blood, Your Baptism grants the highest good.**
- 5 If you are sick, if death is near, This truth your troubled heart can cheer:
 Christ Jesus saves your soul from death; That is the firmest ground of faith.**

Stand

**Δ6 Glory to God the Father, Son, And Holy Spirit, Three in One!
 To You, O blessed Trinity, Be praise now and eternally!**

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Sermon “Born Again”

Pastor Buchhorn

Hymn of Response: “There Is a Redeemer”

LSB 971



1 There is a Re - deem - er— Je - sus, God's own Son;
 2 Je - sus, my Re - deem - er, Name a - bove all names;
 3 When I stand in glo - ry, I will see His face;



Pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes-si - ah, Ho - ly One.
 Pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes-si - ah, Hope for sin - ners slain.
 There I'll serve my King for-ev - er In that ho - ly place.



Refrain
 Thank You, O my Fa - ther, For giv-ing us Your Son,



And leav - ing Your Spir-it Till the work on earth is done.

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Stand

- P** Holy God, holy and most gracious Father,
- C** have mercy and hear us.
- 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.
- P** I cry to You, O Lord;
- C** in the morning my prayer comes before You.
- P** Restore to me the joy of Your salvation,
- C** and uphold me with a willing spirit.
- P** My mouth is filled with Your praise,
- C** and with Your glory all the day.
- P** Every day I will bless You

C and praise Your name forever and ever.

P By awesome deeds You answer us with righteousness,

C O God of our salvation, the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas.

P Bless the Lord, O my soul;

C and all that is within me, bless His holy name!

P He redeems your life from the pit

C and crowns you with steadfast love and mercy.

P Hear my prayer, O Lord;

C let my cry come to 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, one God, now and forever.

C I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

P The Lord bless us, defend us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life.

C Amen.

Sit

♪Closing Hymn: “Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer”

LSB 918

1 Guide me, O Thou great Redeemer, Pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but Thou art mighty; Hold me with Thy pow’rful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, Feed me till I want no more;
Feed me till I want no more.

2 Open now the crystal fountain Whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fiery, cloudy pillar Lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliv’rer, strong deliv’rer, Be Thou still my strength and shield;
Be Thou still my strength and shield.

**3 When I tread the verge of Jordan, Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death and hell's destruction, Land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises I will ever give to Thee;
I will ever give to Thee.**

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NEWS AND NOTES

WE REJOICE with the following members of Grace who are celebrating this week.

BIRTHDAYS: Rachel Buchhorn Willroth, Lynsey Hass, Cloey Young, Kiley Koch, Lucas Ruwe, Julie Daum, Adam Endicott, Pastor Lilienkamp, Sara Martin, Everett Schultz, Cherry Sebade & Tyler Echtenkamp

ANNIVERSARIES: Keith & Karen Knudsen and Keith & RoNelle Woodward

WE WELCOME into the Lord's family through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism: Charlotte Renae Diediker, daughter of Nick & Devin (Patrick) Diediker. Charlotte was born November 25, 2022. Her sponsors are Kayla & Luke Rief. May God bless and keep this growing family.

LAST WEEK our offerings were \$6,523.

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS: Today we continue our study of the Sermon on the Mount. Join us as we take a closer look at Jesus' words concerning judging others. The class meets at 9:15 in the basement following Sunday School opening.

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS: In our overview of the book of Ezra we will learn more about the reconstruction of the temple in Jerusalem following the Babylonian captivity. The class meets at 9 a.m.

MIDWEEK LENTEN WORSHIP: Make time during this holy season of Lent to recall the story of Jesus' journey to the cross for us. This week will continue to ask those who heard by hearing the testimony of those who Judged Him. The service begins at 6:15 in the sanctuary.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: In this week's lesson, "A Mercy-Full Message," Jesus tells the famous parable of the Good Samaritan, who risks his own life to help a Jewish man whose peril was ignored by his own countrymen. In telling the parable, Jesus answers the question "Who is my neighbor?" for His followers as He challenges us to "go and do likewise" (Luke 10:37). As a family, you could discuss ideas to help those in need in your community.

LUTHERAN HOUR: "Shine Like Stars" -- Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler -- A social media star with a million followers can't possibly know all one million of them. However, there is one really famous Person with billions of followers Who knows--and loves--each one. Hear the "Lutheran Hour" message on KTCH AM next Sunday at 7:30 am.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT HIGH SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY: We will plan to meet on March 15th, and 29th from 8pm to 9pm. Pastor Buchhorn will be teaching these next few weeks. Please bring your friends to join us in a time of great fellowship and fun!

COLLEGE SUNDAY NIGHT DINNERS: There will not be a College Sunday Night Dinner this week. Please take notice of this and enjoy your Spring Break! We look forward to hearing all about your adventures when you get back, and be sure to join us March 12th at 6:30pm for Bible Study and 7:30pm for dinner!

CROSSPOINT APRIL 1st: Come join us April 1st from 9am to Noon for a one morning VBS event! We will have three separate groups. A Preschool group that will meet in the church basement, as well as a Kindergarten through 3rd Grade group, and a 4th Grade through 6th Grade group. Each group will hear about the last week of Jesus' life as we follow our theme for this year "Journey to the Cross!" We ask parents to plan to stay with their youngest kids as they will work on numerous crafts and games that you can help with. An Easter Egg Hunt will follow for all three groups, and we kindly ask that you signup using this link as soon as possible... Bit.ly/CrossPoint23

EASTER EGG HUNT: Immediately following our CrossPoint event on April 1st, each group will conclude the morning with an Easter Egg hunt. If you would like to donate either candy, or money to this effort we would be very appreciative. We can't wait to see all of the smiling faces of our kids as we tell them about their Savior, Jesus, and His great love for each and every one of them!

MIDWEEK CLASSES: All Midweek Classes will continue to meet from 7pm – 8pm during the month of March. We would love to have your family join us for these great opportunities to grow in God's love.

LENTEN DEVOTIONAL BOOKLETS entitled “Man of Sorrows, People of Joy” are available at the entrances. These devotions from Lutheran Hour Ministry help remind us of how God through Jesus reconciled the world to Himself. The same devotions are available through email or by using the LHM app. Go to LHM.org for more information.

LENTEN FELLOWSHIP meals will be held at 5:15 p.m. each week. Join us each Wednesday in March for this time of fellowship and refreshment. Thank you to our various organizations which have sponsored one of the meals.

BUILDING HEALTHY FAMILIES: Proverbs 17:22 says, “A joyful heart is good medicine, but a broken spirit dries up the bones.” Negative people emit negativity which flows out to and over others. Don't allow other people to steal the joy from your heart with their constant negativity! Change is possible, as all things are possible in Christ! Lutheran Family Service - www.LutheranFamilyService.org.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S WORSHIP

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Pastor Emeritus: Pastor Carl Lilienkamp

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ACOLYTES: Dreu Jensen & Graycen Trautman (8:00)

Chase Rethwisch & Blake Kneifl (10:30)

LAY READER: Hallie Heithold (8:00) Brian Kesting (10:30)

GREETERS: LeRoy & Carol Robbert (8:00)
Jerry & Loree Echtenkamp (10:30)

FISHERS OF KIDS PRESCHOOL: Teacher – Keila Olson – 402.584.2257
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LUTHERAN HOUR SPONSOR: Clara Heinemann in memory of Harris

THIS WEEK AT GRACE

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| TODAY | 8:00 am. | Worship |
| | 9:15 am. | Sunday School & Bible Class |
| | 10:30 am. | Worship |
| | 7:30 pm. | Sunday Night Dinner |
| MONDAY | 3:30 pm. | Kinship Communion |
| | 6:00 pm. | Choir |
| | 7:30 pm. | Elders |
| WEDNESDAY | 9:00 am. | Bible Study |
| | 2:00 pm. | Ladies Aid |
| | 4:30 pm. | Bell Choir |
| | 5:15 pm. | Lenten Meal |
| | 6:15 pm. | Lenten Worship |
| | 7:00 pm. | Midweek |
| SATURDAY | 4:00 pm. | Family Communion |
| NEXT SUNDAY | 8:00 am. | Worship/Communion |
| | 9:15 am. | Bible Study & Sunday School |
| | 10:30 am. | Worship/Communion |
| | 7:30 pm. | Sunday Night Dinner |

SPECIAL MISSION EVENT



Gary Thies

Grace Lutheran Church

Wayne, Nebraska

Sunday March 12, 2023

WORSHIP at 8:00, and 10:30 BIBLE CLASS at 9:15 a.m.

Gary brings to you and the congregation an in-person presentation with pictures and artifacts directly from the mission field. He has visited 75 countries and continues to connect weekly with over 100 LCMS missionaries around the world.

- **Exciting presentation direct from the mission field**
- **More information at www.missioncentral.us**

Gary W. Thies is a Mission Development Counselor with the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. Gary lives on a farm in Western Iowa and is Director of Mission Central. He would love to share with you the news of what is really happening in missions through the LCMS.

Be sure to invite someone to come with you because you, too, are a missionary!