IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Altamont, Illinois Celebrating 150 years

Second Sunday in Lent Saturday, February 25, 2024 at 6:00 PM Sunday, February 26 at 8:30 AM

Divine Service Setting Four

Music Prelude/Ringing of the Bell/Welcome

HYMN 560 DRAWN TO THE CROSS, WHICH THOU HAST BLEST

+ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +

(Stand) (The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.)

INVOCATION

- P In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

EXHORTATION

LSB 203

- Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- who made heaven and earth.
- P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
- But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.
- P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saving: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

CONFESSION OF SINS

LSB 203

Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

ABSOLUTION LSB 203

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.

INTROIT

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

Psalm 115:11-13, 18; antiphon: Psalm 25:6

P Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love, for they have been from of old

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 You who fear the LORD, trust in the LORD!
- He is their help and their shield.

 P The LORD has remembered us; he will bless us; he will bless the house of Israel; he will bless the house of Aaron;
- he will bless those who fear the LORD, both the small and the great.
- P We will bless the LORD from this time forth and forevermore. Praise the 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.
- P Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.



C Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

- P The Lord be with you.
- And also with you.
- 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.
- Amen.

(Sit)

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

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, ²that I may make my covenant between me and you, and may multiply you greatly." ³Then 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. ¬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. . . .

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."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL (by all)

Hebrews 12:2

O come, let us fix our eyes on] Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

EPISTLE Romans 5:1–11

¹Therefore, 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. ³More than that, 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— ⁸but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹Since, 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.

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

(Stand)

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 8:27-38

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the eighth chapter.
- 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 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. ³⁵For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. ³⁶For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? ³⁷For what can a man give in return for his life? ³⁸For 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.
- Praise to You, O Christ.

APOSTLES' CREED

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.

(Sit)

CHILDREN'S TALK (Sunday)

SERMON HYMN 708 LORD, THEE I LOVE WITH ALL MY HEART

SERMON "The Fourth Commandment and Who is Jesus?" Mark 8:29

(Stand)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

(Sit)

OFFERING

+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

(Stand)

PREFACE LSB 208

- P The Lord be with you.
- And also with you.
- P Lift up your hearts.
- **We lift them to the Lord.**
- **P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
- P It is truly good, right, and salutary ... evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS

LSB 208

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored; Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.

Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord; Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Text: Stephen P. Starke

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

I ORD'S PRAYER

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

PAX DOMINI

- The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C Amen.

AGNUS DEI J

LSB 210

- 1 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away; O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.
 - 2 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away; Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ, And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

(Sit)

HYMNS DURING DISTRIBUTION

629 WHAT IS THIS BREAD

570 JUST AS I AM, WITHOUT ONE PLEA

(Stand)

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

BENEDICAMUS

LSB 212

- A Let us bless the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN 688 "COME, FOLLOW ME," THE SAVIOR SPAKEACKNOWLEDGMENTS

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JOIN TOGETHER

with the congregation next Sunday, March 3 for the

150th Anniversary Celebration at 10:00 AM.

One service only.

Catered Meal following the service.

Former Associate Pastor Bernard Ross is our guest for the day.