

For whoever
would
SAVE
his life will
LOSE IT,
but whoever
loses his life
FOR
MY
SAKE
and the
GOSPEL'S
will save it.

MARK 8:35, ESV

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Our Mission Statement

Empowered by the Spirit through Word and Sacrament, Lutheran Church of Our Savior will minister in word and action to our members and to the community, witnessing our faith in Christ who saved and gave new life to those who believe in Him.

As we observe worship inside the sanctuary today, please be respectful of the wishes and needs of others.

- * If you are sick, do not come.
- * You may take your temperature at home before coming. If you have a fever, stay home.
- * Masks are encouraged.
- * The church will be sanitized. Doors will be sanitized.

Entering the Church and Sanctuary

- ✝ Outside doors will be propped open wherever possible. Doors to the sanctuary will be propped open.
- ✝ Do not congregate as you enter the church. Do not congregate in the narthex as you come into the sanctuary. Make use of both doors into the sanctuary so that you keep your 6-foot distance from others.
- ✝ Every other pew will be roped off. Please sit in every other pew. Families may sit close together. Please sit 6 feet apart from others within your pew.

Exiting the Sanctuary

- ✝ At end of service, please wait for an usher to excuse your row. Back rows will be dismissed first. Please maintain your distancing from those ahead of you.
- ✝ Thank you for following these guidelines as much as possible.

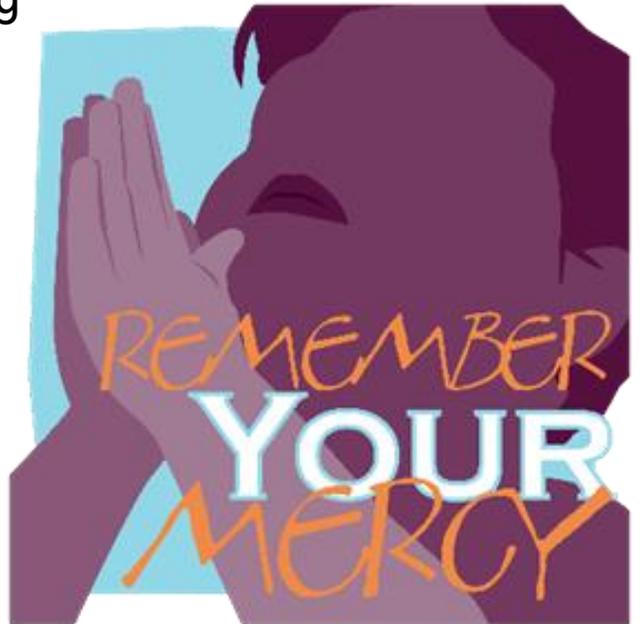
Second Sunday in Lent

Real Discipleship—It's Not Meant to Be Comfortable
February 28, 2021

As We Gather

Our Lord's whole purpose in becoming one of us in human history was to die for us. As a result, He purposely marched toward Jerusalem and the certain death on the cross He knew would come. For Him, the Scriptures were not forecasts of what might happen, but God's will for Him. Jesus Christ had to suffer and die so that we could be saved. He walked the road to the cross because He knew His purpose in coming. For us, to know Jesus Christ as Savior means

following Him. The very nature of following a Savior who suffered and died means that being His disciples will not be easy. It is not meant to be something easy. Following Christ means taking up our own cross, living for the Kingdom of God (not comfort or pleasure), thus denying ourselves. True discipleship is not meant to bring us comfort, but it is meant to instill bold purpose in our lives as we live for the One who took up His cross for us.



Prelude

Welcome

Song

The Wonderful Cross

When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of Glory died
My richest gain I count but loss
And pour contempt on all my pride
See from His head His hands His feet
Sorrow and love flow mingled down
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet
Or thorns compose so rich a crown

Chorus

O the wonderful cross
O the wonderful cross
Bids me come and die and find
That I may truly live
O the wonderful cross
O the wonderful cross
All who gather here by grace
Draw near and bless Your name

Were the whole realm of nature mine
That were an offering far too small
Love so amazing so divine
Demands my soul my life my all [*chorus*]

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✠ Word ✠

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 17:1–7, 15–16

(God makes a covenant promise to Abram.)

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.”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.⁵ 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.⁶ I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make you into nations, and kings shall come from you.⁷ 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. . . .

¹⁵ And God said to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name.¹⁶ 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.”

Epistle

Romans 5:1–11

(Grace: Christ died for the ungodly.)

¹ Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.² 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.³ More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance,⁴ and endurance produces character, and character produces hope,⁵ 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.

⁶ For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.⁷ For 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.¹⁰ 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. ¹¹More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Holy Gospel

Mark 8:27–38

(Truly knowing Christ means following Him.)

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

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.”

Greeting

Song

Above All

**Above all powers above all kings
Above all nature and all created things
Above all wisdom and all the ways of man
You were here before the world began**

Chorus

**Crucified laid behind the stone
You lived to die rejected and alone
Like a rose trampled on the ground
You took the fall and thought of me
Above all**

**Above all kingdoms above all thrones
Above all wonders the world has ever known
Above all wealth and treasures of the earth
There's no way to measure
What You're worth [*chorus*]**

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Sermon

Following Jesus Was Not Meant to be Comfortable

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.

Prayers of the Church

Lord's Prayer

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.

Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

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.

664 Fight the Good Fight



1 Fight the good fight with all your might; Christ is your
2 Run the straight race through God's good grace; Lift up your
3 Cast care a - side, lean on your guide; His bound - less
4 Faint not nor fear, His arms are near; He chang - es



strength, and Christ your right. Lay hold on life, and
eyes, and seek His face. Life with its way be -
mer - cy will pro - vide. Trust, and en - dur - ing
not who holds you dear; On - ly be - lieve, and



it shall be Your joy and crown e - ter - nal - ly.
fore us lies; Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.
faith shall prove Christ is your life and Christ your love.
you will see That Christ is all e - ter - nal - ly.

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Postlude

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This Week's Calendar
February 28, 2021

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| Sunday | 9:00 A.M. | Early Worship |
| | 10:00 A.M. | Late Worship w/Lord' Supper |
| | 11:00 A.M. | Courtyard Worship w/Lord's Supper |
| Monday | 6:00 P.M. | Ladies Movie Night "War Room" |
| Tuesday | 4:00 P.M. | Distributing Community Dinner flyers in the neighborhood |
| | 6:30 P.M. | Evangelism Meeting |
| Wednesday | 1:00 P.M. | Midweek Afternoon Lenten Worship |
| | 6:00 P.M. | Kid's Bible Club & Epic Youth Bible Study |
| | 7:00 P.M. | Midweek Evening Lenten Worship |
| Thursday | 6:30 P.M. | Elders Meeting |
| Friday | <i>Office Closed</i> | |
| Saturday | 3:00 P.M. | Community Dinner |
| Next Sunday | 9:00 A.M. | Early Worship w/Lord's Supper |
| | 10:00 A.M. | Late Worship w/Lord's Supper |
| | 11:00 A.M. | Courtyard Worship w/Lord's Supper |

Serving Next Week
March 7, 2021

Elder on Duty
Altar Care

Greg Bond
Lynn Riley & Theresa Holsten



“And he said this plainly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him.” *Mark 8:32*

Anytime we sin we are acting like Peter: thinking we know better than the Lord. But as Jesus says, such acts stem from Satan. So let us repent: let us trust our Lord Jesus and follow Him. For certainly He has earned our trust with His gracious sacrifice for us.

Attendance Last Week

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| Early Worship Attendance | 24 |
| Late Worship Attendance | 16 |
| Courtyard Worship Attendance | 8 |



Treasurer's Report (February 21, 2021)

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|--------------------------|-------------------|
| General Fund (Offerings) | \$3,616.00 |
| Non-Budgeted Items | \$ 230.00 |
| Roof Loan | \$ 5.00 |
| Total Received | \$3,616.00 |



Ladies Movie Night Tomorrow Night!!—The Ladies Zoom Prayer Group will be viewing the movie “War Room” tomorrow from 6:00-8:00 p.m. We hope you will join us.

Community Dinner March 6th—Our next dinner is scheduled for Saturday, March 6th from 3:00 to 5:30 pm. The meal will be a Pioneer Woman Soup and Cornbread. We are seeking volunteers to help. You can help as little or as much as you wish.

- Need 3 people to help put the soup together.
- Need cooks to make cornbread 25 pieces or more. Please call Doris Horn 405-923-4761
- Persons to assemble meals.
- Persons to help with distribution.



If inclement weather, soup dinner will be moved to 3/13/2021.



Epic Youth and Kids Bible Club—Beginning Wednesday, February 24, the Youth and Kids Bible Club will be meeting in person from 6:00 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. We will also plan to use Zoom during this time for those kids who want to join but cannot make it to the church. A light snack will be provided. Social distancing will be maintained.

The Kids Bible Club will continue the Enduring Faith series and are learning what their Savior means for them, how to defend their faith, and how to teach the faith to others. The Youth are studying the series on “Identity” through Right Now Media. Through real life stories, the youth are discovering that because of Christ they are more than a number. Please encourage your grandchildren, children, or friends to join us on Wednesday evenings.

Midweek Lenten Worship Times—Our Lent services will be on Wednesdays, beginning February 24. We will offer a daytime service at 1:00 p.m. for those who prefer not to come out at nighttime and an evening service at 7:00 p.m. for those who cannot attend in the afternoon. PLEASE DO YOUR BEST TO ATTEND ONE OF THE TWO. IT WILL MAKE OUR CELEBRATION OF CHRIST’S PASSION AND RESURRECTION ALL THE MORE MEANINGFUL. We will have music with accompaniment at both services.





News from Church Board—Board members met on 2/22/2021. Reports were heard from Education, Elders, Evangelism, and Property board chairpersons. Ann Reedy (president) and Pastor Gary also shared information, fielded questions, and led brief discussions regarding various church related topics. The congregation members who helped address Valentine's Day cards for the care staff at Heritage Park Nursing Home were thanked by all. The board invites ALL church members to volunteer and help safely greet visitors at our next Community Outreach Dinner on Saturday, March 6th. A "phone calling tree" will be revived for future inclement weather and/or emergencies. Communion will be delivered to the homes of those church members who are unable to attend. Feel free to share your ideas and concerns with us. We are here for YOU!

Attention Family of God—The ROC (Reaching Our City) ministry needs food for the hungry every week! In case you hadn't heard, Linda May orders or picks up 10,000 lbs. of food weekly! Two hundred families receive help from the ROC every week! So, how can we help? If we bring in one can of food (or more) each week, this will help! You may also donate money, as well as paper sacks and plastic bags which are used in filling up with supplies at the food bank. The ROC always needs toilet paper and paper towels, green beans, corn, tuna, and canned chicken! There is also a need for volunteers at the ROC to help fill carts with food for each family! It's a great way to meet other Christians who help support this ministry! Please call Linda May if you would like to volunteer sometime. Maybe we will see you there!



JUST LIKE THAT, JESUS
URNS ON PETER!
HE'S JUST TRYING TO
HELP!



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PETER'S REBUKE OFFERS
THE TEMPTATION TO **SEEK**
LIFE BY AVOIDING DEATH.



THAT SOUNDS
REASONABLE TO ME!
YOU GOT A **BETTER**
OPTION!?



MARK 8:27-38



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Prayers are kept on prayer list for four weeks. If you have a prayer request that you want prayed for during a Sunday worship service, please call or email the church office by Wednesday morning at 9:00 a.m.

Pray For Those Who Are Ill, Recovering Or In Need

Family of Chuck Norton, *brother of Joyce Garner, recently passed away.*

Family of Helen Warren, *Kathy's Mother-in-law, passed away.*

Lois Brandt, *Gloria Michael's sister, broken elbow.*

Family of Clint Walker, *co-worker or Janie Hlinicky, recently passed away.*

Family of Laura Henthorn, *recently passed away.*

Family of Bruno Niewinski, *Megan Hardin's grandfather, passed away.*

Family of Gloria Hlinicky, *former mother-in-law of Janie H., passed away.*

Gary Mitchell, *Chuck Mitchell's father, having a needle biopsy on March 4.*



Spiritual Guidance & Strength/Life Struggles

Pray for our shut-ins and homebound

Pray for those coping with cancer

Pray for Pastor Gary and LCOS leadership

Pray for our government officials and first responders

Pray for all families who have been affected with COVID-19

Pray for Those Serving Their Country

Randy Brooks IV

Kyle Freeman

Kyle Taylor

Jennifer Clark

Jonathan Krepel

Timothy Thomas

Hunter Conatser

Nathan Hiegel

Christopher Warren

We Celebrate This Week:

The Birthdays of:

Feb 28 Aurora Warren

Feb 29 Barbara Seabourn

Mar 3 Linda Melders

Mar 5 Bryce Evans

Mar 6 Emil Schroder

*Celebrating
-WITH-
you*