

Old Testament *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. 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.”

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.

Holy Gospel *Mark 8:27–38*

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 soul? ³⁷For what can a man give in return for his soul? 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.”

THE SON OF MAN MUST SUFFER MANY THINGS

Mark 8:31



About the Cover: From the very beginning of Jesus’ public ministry, He prepared His disciples for the events that would complete His life on earth. Throughout all the suffering Jesus would endure, His desire was that all people believe that He loves them and has given up His life willingly, so that all may live with the heavenly Father for eternity. God’s great love for us provided our salvation.

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

February 25, 2018

Sharing, Believing, Living, Caring

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Liturgy: Divine Service Setting One p. 151
Hymns: 798 vs. 1, 8-9, 422, 708, 420 vs. 1-2, 6-7
Sermon: "Unbelievable Promises"
Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

THE MEASURE OF OUR LOVE

Attendance 2/14 (Ash Wed.): 76	Comm.: 70	Offering: \$806.00
Attendance 2/18 (Sun.): 84	Comm.: 71	Offering: \$3,012.00
S.S. - 14	Staff - 8	B.C. - 9
Budget Needs: \$3,397.00	Scrip Profit 2/18: \$52.88	

KINGDOM WORK THIS WEEK

SUN (2/25) 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Chili Dinner
WED (2/28) 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Confirmation Class
5:45 p.m. - 6:45 p.m. Lenten Meal
6:00 p.m. - Choir
7:00 p.m. - Lenten Worship
8:00 p.m. - Council
FRI (3/2) 4:00 p.m. - Adult Information Class
SAT (3/3) 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall in use
SUN (3/4) 8:00 a.m. - Sunday School/Bible Class
9:00 a.m. - Worship

ANNUAL CHILI DINNER today from 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Thank you to everyone who donated items for the chili dinner. Your help you greatly appreciated!

EASTER CARDS are available in the card room.

EASTER FLOWER order forms are available in your mailbox. The deadline for ordering flowers is March 14th.

LENTEN MEALS: Meals are Wednesday evenings from 5:45-6:45 p.m. Sign-up sheets are posted on the bulletin board. *Menu - Feb. 28: Lasagna, garlic bread and salads.*

"THY WILL BE DONE" - Wednesday @ 7 p.m. - This week "God's Will and My Dreams." Anointed by God to rule in Judah, King David followed God's will to shepherd his people, but often failed to live up to God's dream for him. We welcome the Good Shepherd into our lives who fulfills God's dream perfectly to gather His wandering sheep into the sheepfold of heaven.

MILITARY BIBLESTICKS - Lenten Mission Project - Place your donations in the offering box in the narthex. Our goal is to provide 25 BibleSticks for our military personnel. Each one costs \$25. Checks should be made payable to church.

MARCH MADNESS BRACKET CHALLENGE - If you are interested in participating in the bracket challenge here at church, please sign up on the table in the narthex. The cost is \$1 per person. The winner receives a \$25 scrip card. Any proceeds will go toward the Hearing Loop Fund. The deadline to sign up is Sunday, March 4.

LAY DELEGATE - We are looking for someone to represent our congregation at the District Convention, June 10-12, at Concordia University Wisconsin. Any member 18 years old or older is eligible. There is no cost to the delegate except a couple days of your time. If interested, contact Pastor Krueger as soon as possible.

MEN NEEDED to serve on the Board of Elders. Please prayerfully consider serving. If you have any questions or interest, contact Rick Riemer or Pastor Krueger.

ANNUAL SOUP DINNER - Sunday, March 4 - Trinity, Rantoul. 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Chicken booyah, chili, grilled cheese, hamburgers, and of course dessert. Carry outs available after 9 a.m. Thank you for your support of Trinity Lutheran School.