

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*

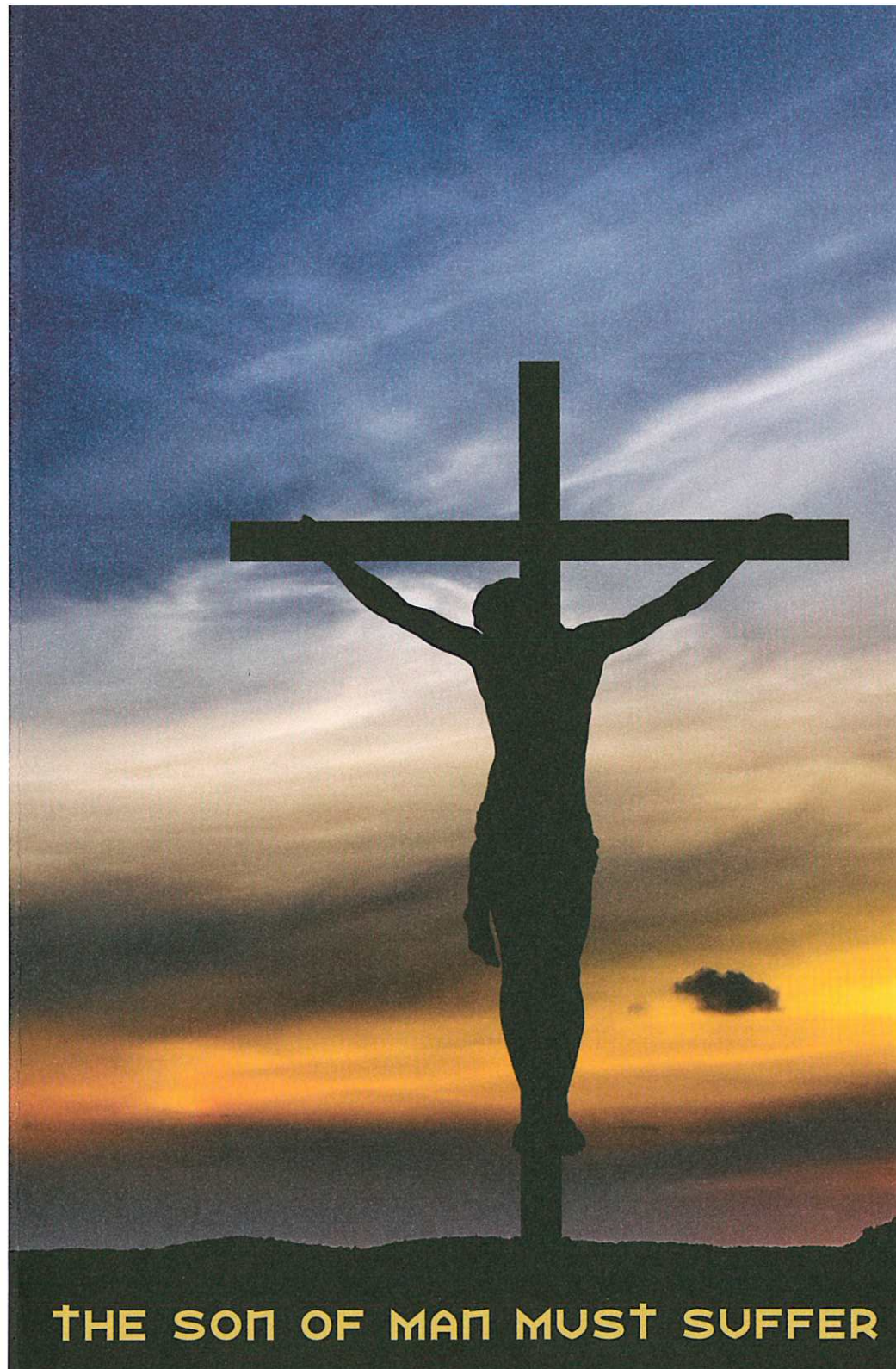
²⁷And Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi. And on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” ²⁸And they told him, “John the Baptist; and others say, Elijah; and others, one of the prophets.” ²⁹And he asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter 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 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.”



About the Cover: Peter proclaimed rightly to Jesus, “You are the Christ!” (Mark 8:29). But when Jesus told the disciples that His work must take the shape of suffering, Peter’s rebuke revealed that he did not yet understand the contours of Christ’s redemptive work. Jesus stands in contrast to our expectations of Him and therein shows the glory of God in His mercy to save sinners.



2nd SUNDAY IN LENT

February 28, 2021

Sharing, Believing, Living, Caring

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Liturgy: Divine Service Setting One p. 151
Hymns: 771, 422, "As Jesus Graced the Temple Court" (Tune: 444), 433
Sermon: "Significant Action - Monday of Holy Week"
Mark 11:15-19

THE MEASURE OF OUR LOVE

Attendance 2/17 (Ash Wed.): 56	Comm.: 46	Offering: \$1,152.04
Attendance 2/21 (Sun): 54	Comm.: 45	Offering: \$1,378.00
Budget Needs: \$3,541		Scrip Profit 2/21: \$31.00
S.S. – 8		Staff – 3

KINGDOM WORK THIS WEEK

WED (3/3) 3:30 p.m. – Confirmation Class
7:00 p.m. – Lenten Worship

SUN (3/7) 8:15 a.m. – S.S.
No B.C.
9:00 a.m. – Worship w/Comm.

IN OUR PRAYERS we remember Connie Koerth who is recovering from knee-replacement surgery.

PLACES OF THE PASSION – This week we travel to the Mount of Olives, where Jesus went with His disciples to pray. We are called to find places to pray this Lent and seek the will of the Lord in our lives.

THE MARKS OF LOVE is the title of the Lenten devotions from Lutheran Hour Ministries this year. In *The Marks of Love*, we meet a Savior who endured life's hardships, suffered our pain, and bore the weight of our sins. Each left its mark on Him as He pressed on to the cross, giving His life for ours, appeasing God's wrath against sin, and rising victorious over sin, death, and the devil. You can find the devotions at lhm.org/lent.

MILITARY BIBLESTICKS – Place your donations in an envelope marked "Military BibleSticks" and put them in the offering plate or drop them off in the church office. The goal is 55 BibleSticks. Each one costs \$25. Checks should be made payable to church. We are also in a friendly battle with St. Peter, Hilbert to see who can raise more funds. Bragging rights are on the line!

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 \$2 per person. The winner receives a \$25 scrip card. Any proceeds will go toward the Debt Retirement. The deadline to sign up is Sunday, March 7.

JOYFUL GIVING – Would you find it helpful to have your offerings debited directly from your bank account as you probably do with your other obligations? St. Bartholomew offers electronic giving for those of you who wish to have contributions transferred electronically to the church's account. If you have plans to travel this summer, electronic giving gives you a convenient way to keep us with your intended offerings. Contact the church office to complete a form.

OUR STEWARDSHIP LIFE

Matthew 15:27-28 – "She said, 'Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'O woman, great is your faith!' " Faith says "Yes" to all that the Lord gives us. The Canaanite woman trusted Jesus and so she knew there was a blessing for her in everything the Lord says – even when His words seemed difficult or harsh. We all need a faith like that!