



Who do you say  
that I AM?



"But what about you?"  
he asked.  
"Who do you say I am?"  
Peter answered,  
"You are  
the Messiah."

Mark 8:29

# ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH, PULASKI, WI

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## SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

**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 immutable will for Him. He had to suffer and die so that we could be saved. And the eternal life He thereby won for us gives us purpose in daily living. We can willingly deny ourselves in service to others; we can take up our cross, knowing that our life with Him will never end.



### OPENING HYMN **Jesus, Refuge of the Weary**

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1 Je - sus, ref - uge of the wea - ry, Blest Re - deem - er,  
2 Do we pass that cross un - heed - ing, Breath - ing no re -  
3 Je - sus, may our hearts be burn - ing With more fer - vent



whom we love, Foun - tain in life's des - ert drea - ry, Sav - ior  
pen - tant vow, Though we see You wound - ed, bleed - ing, See Your  
love for You; May our eyes be ev - er turn - ing To be -



from the world a - bove: Of - ten have Your eyes, of - fend - ed,  
thorn - en - cir - cled brow? Yet Your sin - less death has brought us  
hold Your cross a - new Till in glo - ry, part - ed nev - er



Gazed up - on the sin - ner's fall; Yet up - on the  
Life e - ter - nal, peace, and rest; On - ly what Your  
From the bless - ed Sav - ior's side, Grav - en in our



cross ex - tend - ed, You have borne the pain of all.  
grace has taught us Calms the sin - ner's deep dis - tress.  
hearts for - ev - er, Dwell the cross, the Cru - ci - fied.

## INVOCATION

**L** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## CONFESSION & DECLARATION OF GRACE

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**L** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**L** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** who made heaven and earth.

**L** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

**L** Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**C** O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

**L** Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

**C** Amen.

## INTROIT

**L** Remember Your mercy, O LORD, and Your steadfast love,

**C** for they have been from of old.

**L** You who fear the LORD, trust in the LORD!

**C** He is their help and their shield.

**L** The LORD has remembered us; He will bless us;

**C** He will bless the house of Israel; He will bless the house of Aaron;

**L** He will bless those who fear the LORD,

**C** both the small and the great.

**L** We will bless the LORD

**C** from this time forth and forevermore. Praise the LORD!



**C** Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

## KYRIE



**C** Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spirit.

**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. You sent Your Son into the flesh so that He might pay for our sins and open eternal life to us, grant us strong faith so that we may purposefully take up our crosses and follow where He has led the way; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**C** Amen.

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

(God makes a covenant promise to Abram.)

<sup>1</sup>When 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, <sup>2</sup>that I may make my covenant between me and you, and may multiply you greatly.” <sup>3</sup>Then Abram fell on his face. And God said to him, <sup>4</sup>“Behold, my covenant is with you, and you shall be the father of a multitude of nations. <sup>5</sup>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. <sup>6</sup>I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make you into nations, and kings shall come from you. <sup>7</sup>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.

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

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**EPISTLE** (Grace: Christ died for the ungodly.)

**Romans 5:1–11**

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

<sup>6</sup>For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup>For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— <sup>8</sup>but God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. <sup>9</sup>Since, therefore, we have now been justified by His blood, much more shall we be saved by Him from the wrath of God. <sup>10</sup>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. <sup>11</sup>More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**HOLY GOSPEL** (Truly knowing Christ means following Him.)

**St. Mark 8:27–38**

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

**C** Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>27</sup>And 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?” <sup>28</sup>And they told Him, “John the Baptist; & others say, Elijah; & others, one of the prophets.” <sup>29</sup>And He asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered Him, “You are the Christ.” <sup>30</sup>And He strictly charged them to tell no one about Him.

<sup>31</sup>And 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. <sup>32</sup>And He said this plainly. And Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him. <sup>33</sup>But 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.”

<sup>34</sup>And 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. <sup>35</sup>For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the Gospel’s will save it. <sup>36</sup>For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? <sup>37</sup>For what can a man give in return for his life? <sup>38</sup>For 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.”

**L** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

**APOSTLES’ CREED**

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**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.

**SERMON HYMN I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus**

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1 I am trust-ing Thee, Lord Je - sus, Trust - ing on - ly Thee;  
 2 I am trust-ing Thee for par - don; At Thy feet I bow,  
 3 I am trust-ing Thee for cleans - ing In the crim - son flood;  
 4 I am trust-ing Thee to guide me; Thou a - lone shalt lead,



Trust - ing Thee for full sal - va - tion, Great and free.  
 For Thy grace and ten - der mer - cy Trust - ing now.  
 Trust - ing Thee to make me ho - ly By Thy blood.  
 Ev - 'ry day and hour sup - ply - ing All my need.

5 I am trusting Thee for power;  
 Thine can never fail.  
 Words which Thou Thyself shalt give me  
 Must prevail.

6 I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus;  
 Never let me fall.  
 I am trusting Thee forever  
 And for all.

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Each Prayer will end with: . . . *Lord, in Your mercy,*  
Reply with: . . . **hear our prayer.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

*Matthew 6:9-13*

**A** 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.

## SALUTATION &amp; BENEDICAMUS

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- L** The Lord be with you.  
**C** And with thy spirit.  
**L** Bless we the Lord.  
**C** Thanks be to God.

## BENEDICTION

- L** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.  
**C** Amen. Amen. Amen.





1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion, Son of  
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, Fair are the wood - lands, Robed in  
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, Fair is the moon - light, Bright the  
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions, Son of



God and Son of Man! Tru - ly I'd love Thee, Tru - ly I'd  
 flow'rs of bloom - ing spring; Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is  
 spar - kling stars on high; Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines  
 God and Son of Man! Glo - ry and hon - or, Praise, ad - o -



serve Thee, Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.  
 pur - er, He makes our sor - r'wing spir - it sing.  
 pur - er Than all the an - gels in the sky.  
 ra - tion Now and for - ev - er - more be Thine!

*Soli Deo Gloria*

**REMEMBERING IN PRAYER**

*those in need of God's grace & mercy especially ...*

**Those in need of our prayers:** Becky Haltaufderheid, Barb Harr, Larry Heckmann, Doug Kohlmeyer, David Schmidt and Bev Wagner

**Our Shut-Ins:** Bill & Willie Burmeister, Juliana Gerrits, Faye Hintz, Ray & Melba Stampfl, Cheryl Szcepanski, and Becky Ullmer

**Our Military:** We pray for **Jaidon Novinska** (Army), **Zach Marohnic** (Marine Reserves) and for the men & women who serve our country and for the sacrifices their families make so that we can all enjoy the blessing of freedom. May God's peace & protection be with them.

**THOSE CELEBRATING...**

**Birthdays: Mar 5:** Blake Batzer, Nancy Horsens, Nolan Verba

**Mar 6:** Richard Schenk

**Anniversaries: NONE**

