

2nd Sunday in Lent

March 8, 2020

8:00a

Morning Prayer p. 235

Sermon Theme: “New Birth”

Text: John 3:1-17

The Hymnody

Opening Hymn.....	LSB 571
Office Hymn.....	stanzas 1-4, 10.....LSB 555
Sermon Hymn.....	LSB 708
Post Offering Hymn.....	stanzas 1-2.....LSB 781
Closing Hymn.....	LSB 918

Psalm 121:1-8

- P** I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come?
- C** My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.
- P** He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.
- C** Behold, he who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.
- P** The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is your shade on your right hand.
- C** The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.
- P** The LORD will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.
- C** The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore.

Prelude	“Lenten Offerings”	Varied
Chancel Choir	“In the Silence / Wondrous Love”	Schram
Offertory	“Improvisation on a Tune”	Hanna
Postlude	“Improvisation on CMW Rhonda”	Callahan

Genesis 12:1–9

¹The LORD said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. ²And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

⁴So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. ⁵And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother’s son, and all their possessions that they had gathered, and the people that they had acquired in Haran, and they set out to go to the land of Canaan. When they came to the land of Canaan, ⁶Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. ⁷Then the LORD appeared to Abram and said, “To your offspring I will give this land.” So he built there an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him. ⁸From there he moved to the hill country on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. And there he built an altar to the LORD and called upon the name of the LORD. ⁹And Abram journeyed on, still going toward the Negeb.

Romans 4:1–8, 13–17

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not work but trusts him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness,⁶ just as David also speaks of the blessing of the one to whom God counts righteousness apart from works:⁷ “Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven, and whose sins are covered; ⁸blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin.” . . .

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Communion Hymns.....	LSB 618, 971
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Introit for The 2nd Sunday in Lent

- P** He remembers his covenant forever, the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations.
- C** **Seek the LORD and his strength; seek his presence continually!**
- P** Remember the wondrous works that he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he uttered,
- C** **O offspring of Abraham, his servant, children of Jacob, his chosen ones!**
- P** He is the LORD our God; his judgments are in all the earth.
- C** **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.**
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1 There is a Re - deem - er— Je - sus, God's own Son;
2 Je - sus, my Re - deem - er, Name a - bove all names;
3 When I stand in glo - ry, I will see His face;

Pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes - si - ah, Ho - ly One.
Pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes - si - ah, Hope for sin - ners slain.
There I'll serve my King for - ev - er In that ho - ly place.

Refrain
Thank You, O my Fa - ther, For giv - ing us Your Son,
And leav - ing Your Spir - it Till the work on earth is done.