

## 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN LENT ~ February 28, 2021

Worship 10:00 am

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### **GATHERING** - Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

### **Sign of the Cross**

*P: Blessed be God, Creator, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit, whose forgiveness is sure and whose steadfast love endures forever.*

**C: Amen.**

### **CONFESSION SONG** “Mercy”

#### **Confession and Forgiveness**

*P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, the keeper of the covenant, the source of steadfast love, our rock and our redeemer.*

**C: Amen.**

*P: God hears us when we cry, and draws us close in Jesus Christ. Let us return to the one who is full of compassion.*

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

*P: Fountain of living water,*

**C: pour out your mercy over us.**

**Our sin is heavy, and we long to be free.**

**Rebuild what we have ruined**

**and mend what we have torn.**

**Wash us in your cleansing flood.**

**Make us alive in the Spirit**

**to follow in the way of Jesus,**

**as healers and restorers of the world you so love.**

**Amen.**

*P: Beloved, God’s word never fails. The promise rests on grace: by the saving love of Jesus Christ, the wisdom and power of God, your sins are ✝ forgiven, and God remembers them no more. Journey in the way of Jesus.*

**C: Amen.**

### **Greeting**

*P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.*

**C: And also with you.**

## Prayer of the Day

*P: O God, by the passion of your blessed Son,*

**C: you made an instrument of shameful death to be for us the means of life.**

**Grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ that we may gladly suffer shame and loss for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## Sharing Christ's Peace

*P: The peace of Christ be with you always.*

**C: And also with you.**

## WORD

1<sup>st</sup> Reading – Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

*R: Word of God, Word of Life.* **C: Thanks be to God.**

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading – Romans 4:13-25

*R: Word of God, Word of Life.* **C: Thanks be to God.**

Young People's Message

Gospel – Mark 8:31-38

*P: The gospel of the Lord.* **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

The Message – Pastor Lou Peters

HYMN OF THE DAY – “Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart”

## Affirmation of Faith: Apostle's Creed

*P: Siblings in Christ, we are invited to join our voices with the voice of the whole Church on earth as we profess what we believe as Christians:*

**C: We believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

**Offering**     *Thank you for your on-going gifts and for being the generous people who support the mission & ministry of our congregation.*

**Offering Prayer**

*P: Faithful God,*

**C: you walk beside us in desert places, and you meet us in our hunger with bread from heaven. Accompany us in this meal, that we may pass over from death to life with Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**Prayers of the Church**

*P: Hear us, O God.*

**C: Your mercy is great.**

**MEAL**

**The Great Thanksgiving**

*P: The Lord be with you.*     **C: And also with you.**

*P: Lift up your hearts.*     **C: We lift them to the Lord.**

*P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*     **C: It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

**Communion Prayer**

**Blessing of the Gifts** (*1 Corinthians 11:23-26*)

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those  
who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

**The Sacrament of Holy Communion**

**Communion Blessing**

**Communion Prayer**

*P: God of steadfast love,*

**C: at this table you gather your people into one body for the sake of the world.  
Send us in the power of your Spirit, that our lives bear witness to the love  
that has made us new in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## **Benediction**

*P: You are what God made you to be: created in Christ Jesus for good works, chosen as holy and beloved, freed to serve your neighbor. God bless you ☩ that you may be a blessing, in the name of the holy and life-giving Trinity.*

**C: Amen.**

## **SENDING SONG – “Bring Forth the Kingdom”**

## **Dismissal**

*P: Go in peace. Share the good news.*

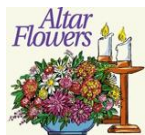
**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **POSTLUDE**

## **We Pray for:**

*Andrew (Pastor Lou), Eileen Macomber in the loss of Kevin, Joel Cederberg, Dori Dodson (Chelsea Morehead), Dennis & Barbara Franke, Jackie (Nancy), Cynthia Holmberg (Nancy), Clarice Moore (Gary Walker), Morgan Family in their loss of John, Lois Niewohner, Janice Ostnes, Ariana Preshaw, Victoria Raquepaw’s cousin, Susan & her son Mato, Ashley & Sherri Stephens, Laura (Babe) Stephens.*

**Our Prayer Partner Church:** St. Mark Lutheran Church, Anchorage



**Altar Flowers:** To the Glory of God!

**Greeter:** Sonja Campbell      **Reader:** Lois Heine

**Communion:** Janice Ostnes

## **Announcements**

**TODAY Specially Called Congregational Meeting, 10:45am** here, also w/Zoom.

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85409899287?pwd=dFISanp5S0tnOUdCdWlObzIBNXg2UT09>

Room ID: 854 0989 9287      Password: **712101**

**Reopening Task Force, 11:00-ish after Congregational meeting** here at the church and via Zoom. We will be finalizing Worship plan for Easter.

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84789778036?pwd=ZlVBNy84akZJT1dKMxJaOHZkdj0QT09>

**MONDAY (3/1) Foodbank, 1:00pm** help offload foodboxes for clients at church.

**Mary Martha Women’s Bible Study, 6:15pm** at church & Zoom.

Lois Heine is contact person.

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84196060748?pwd=amlxSG9tZDg3TE1mZHVkM1k2bTJHUT09>

**WEDNESDAY (3/2) Midweek Lenten Service, 7:00pm** at the church, via Facebook and Zoom.

Our Lenten service project changes each week. We are currently collecting for the Stone Soup Café. They need socks and gloves. To volunteer your time at this organization, consider joining Pastor Lou on Wednesday mornings.

Bring items when coming for Worship services or call the church office to arrange a time to drop items off.

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86163216832?pwd=QzIxNWVLaGdvYmFEU0phc1VmNnUwUT09>

Room ID: 861 6321 6832 Password: 914428

**Confirmation**, starts up again after Spring Break (03/17).

**LENT WORSHIP** this year is service-oriented. Our Worship and Arts Ministry Team has planned weekly service projects as part of our Lent worship this year.

We have donated to the Women's Shelter and Stone Soup Café then in subsequent weeks to The Door, SOAP (street outreach) and end our time of service with our annual Palm Sunday Coat drive.

A full list of items needed for each organization is available at the welcome table. Bring items to church or call office to make arrangements.

**IN-PERSON WORSHIP SERVICES** each Sunday 10am and for Midweek Lent Services 7pm. We'll be following our COVID-19 Mitigation Plan. Masks are required, numbered attendance etc... We also livestream services via Facebook. We appreciate everyone being flexible if we do need to make a change.

**THRIVENT MEMBERS** - Just a reminder, you earn CHOICE DOLLARS throughout the year to the charity of our choice. Fairbanks Lutheran is one listed. You have until March 31<sup>st</sup> to give these dollars to a charity of your choice. If not designated Thrivent gives to charity of their choice. These dollars add up to help any church or charity.

**OFFICE HOURS** – the church building will not be open to the public, however we have opened the building to Bible Study Groups and in-person worship services. Thanks for your patience.

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