

*Grace Lutheran Church  
Welcomes You!*



*By Grace you have been saved!  
"We have decided to follow Jesus and  
There's no turning back!"*

# GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

\*\*\*\*\*  
SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

February 28, 2021

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Pastor Jim Helgren

## Prelude & Announcements

Opening Hymn      "Jesus, Refuge of the Weary"

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen

Kyrie: C: response... "Lord, have mercy. ....Amen

P: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

C: Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father. We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God. You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Prayer of the Day

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The First Lesson: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

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Psalm 22:23-31

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Second Lesson: Romans 4:13-25

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**C: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

Gospel: Mark 8:31-38

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**P: The Gospel according to St. Mark, the 8<sup>th</sup> chapter**

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

**P: ....The Gospel of the Lord"**

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Children's Message

Sermon

Hymn of the Day     “Take Up Your Cross,” the Savior Said”

Apostles' Creed

**C: I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
    creator of heaven and earth.**

**I 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.**

**I 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

**C: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.**

Offering Prayer

Prayers of the Church

**P: Lord in your mercy,**

**C: hear our prayer.**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**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**

Benediction and Dismissal

Closing Hymn                    "Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus"

Postlude

***We pray always for . . .***

*Robert Armknecht, Bill Bohling, Luetta Bruns, Linda Daniels,  
Evelyn Effken, Bruce Gerking, Mary Goudie, Casey Holsing,  
Axl Walters,  
our military men and women, their families and their leaders.*

***We also remember in our prayers . . .***

*Grace, Oscar & Sabra, orphans we are sponsoring in Tanzania.*

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402-864-2113 (home) or 402-826-0613 (cell)***

**Today 2/28/2021**

Worship – 8:30 a.m.

**Tuesday 3/2/2021**

Piecemakers Blanket Making – All Day

**Wednesday 3/3/2021**

Confirmation – 6:00 p.m.

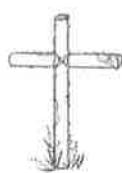
Midweek Lenten Worship at Grace Lutheran Church – 7:00 p.m.

**Thursday 3/4/2021**

ELCW Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

**NEXT SUNDAY 3/7/2021**

Worship with communion – 8:30 a.m.



# Today's Readings

Second Sunday in Lent  
February 28, 2021

## Prayer of the Day

O God, by the passion of your blessed Son 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.

## First Reading

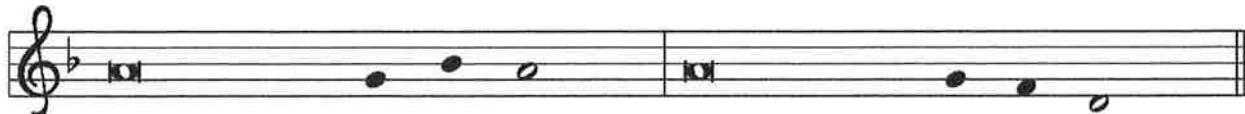
When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. <sup>2</sup>And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous." <sup>3</sup>Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, <sup>4</sup>"As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. <sup>5</sup>No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. <sup>6</sup>I will make

## Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. <sup>7</sup>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>God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her 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 give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

## Psalm



You who fear the LORD, give praise!  
All you of Jacob's <sup>1</sup> line, give glory.

Stand in awe of the LORD,  
all you off- <sup>1</sup> spring of Israel.  
<sup>24</sup>For the LORD does not despise  
nor abhor the poor in their poverty;  
neither is the LORD's face  
<sup>1</sup> hidden from them;

but when they cry out,  
<sup>1</sup> the LORD hears them.

<sup>25</sup>From you comes my praise  
in the <sup>1</sup> great assembly;  
I will perform my vows  
in the sight of those  
who <sup>1</sup> fear the LORD.

<sup>26</sup>The poor shall eat <sup>1</sup> and be satisfied,  
Let those who seek the LORD  
give praise!  
May your hearts <sup>1</sup> live forever!

## Psalm 22:23-31; tone 9

<sup>27</sup>All the ends of the earth  
shall remember and turn <sup>1</sup> to the LORD;

all the families of nations  
shall bow <sup>1</sup> before God.

<sup>28</sup>For dominion belongs <sup>1</sup> to the LORD,  
who rules o- <sup>1</sup> ver the nations.

<sup>29</sup>Indeed, all who sleep in the earth  
shall bow <sup>1</sup> down in worship;  
all who go down to the dust,  
though they be dead,  
shall kneel be- <sup>1</sup> fore the LORD.

<sup>30</sup>Their descendants  
shall <sup>1</sup> serve the LORD,  
<sup>1</sup> whom they shall proclaim  
to genera- <sup>1</sup> tions to come.

<sup>31</sup>They shall proclaim God's deliverance  
to a people <sup>1</sup> yet unborn,  
saying to them,  
"The <sup>1</sup> LORD has acted!"

The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith.<sup>14</sup> If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void.<sup>15</sup> For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

<sup>16</sup> For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us,<sup>17</sup> as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations")—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.<sup>18</sup> Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many

nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be."<sup>19</sup> He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb.<sup>20</sup> No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God,<sup>21</sup> being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised.<sup>22</sup> Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness."<sup>23</sup> Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone,<sup>24</sup> but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead,<sup>25</sup> who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

## Gospel

## Mark 8:31-38

[Jesus] began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again.<sup>32</sup> He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him.<sup>33</sup> But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

<sup>34</sup> He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny

themselves and take up their cross and follow me.<sup>35</sup> For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.<sup>36</sup> For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life?<sup>37</sup> Indeed, what can they give in return for their life?<sup>38</sup> Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."