

*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 25, 2024

Pastor Jim Helgren

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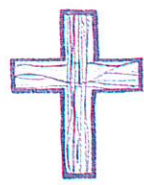
Closing Hymn

WOV Hymn # 660

"I Want Jesus to Walk with Me"

Postlude

Noisy coin offering will be collected Today.



Today's Readings

Second Sunday in Lent

February 25, 2024

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

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

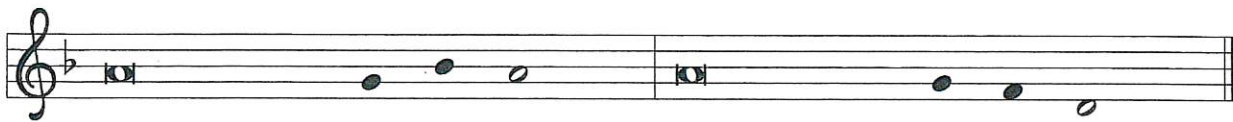
When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. ²And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous." ³Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, ⁴"As for me, this is my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

you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. ⁷I 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."

¹⁵God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her 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 give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

Psalm

Psalm 22:23-31; tone 9



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

Stand in awe of the LORD,
all you off- ¹ spring of Israel.

²⁴**For the LORD does not despise
nor abhor the poor in their poverty;
neither is the LORD's face
hid- ¹ den from them;**

**but when they cry out,
¹ the LORD hears them.**

²⁵From you comes my praise
in the ¹ great assembly;

I will perform my vows
in the sight of those
who ¹ fear the LORD.

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

²⁷All the ends of the earth
shall remember and turn ¹ to the LORD;
all the families of nations
shall bow ¹ before God.

²⁸**For dominion belongs ¹ to the LORD,
who rules o- ¹ ver the nations.**

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

³⁰**Their descendants
shall ¹ serve the LORD,
whom they shall proclaim
to genera- ¹ tions to come.**

³¹They shall proclaim God's deliverance
to a people ¹ yet unborn,
saying to them,
"The ¹ 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. ¹⁴If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

¹⁶For 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, ¹⁷as 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. ¹⁸Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many

nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be."

¹⁹He 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. ²⁰No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, ²¹being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. ²²Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." ²³Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, ²⁴but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, ²⁵who 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. ³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But 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."

³⁴He 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. ³⁵For 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. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸Those 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."

Senior members if you wish to share a meal with our Kids for Christ on Wednesday, February 28th, please call the church @ 402-864-4201, by tomorrow noon.

Today is the last Sunday we will be collecting Socks, mittens/gloves & underwear for men, women, and children to be given to the People's City Mission

Say Cheese!

The Worship, Evangelism and Fellowship Committee will once again be taking pictures of our church members **today** after church. Pictures will be taken during fellowship in front of the stage, with the curtain drawn. Pictures are being displayed on the south bulletin board in the basement. If this doesn't work, we will take pictures again in March.

***The Power of Membership:
How Thrivent Can Help Your Church
Friday, March 8th at 9:30am***

Syracuse Public Library 480 5th Street, Syracuse, NE
Thrivent members - join us for coffee and rolls while learning how to make an impact in your community. Find out about the resources available to help you live a confident and generous life. Whether you're a Thrivent member or you want to learn about Thrivent, you won't want to miss this! Cost: free

Seating is limited, and registration is required. To reserve spots for you and a guest, visit <https://bit.ly/3a26sEO> or call our office at (402) 269-3003. No products will be sold.

The Midweek Lenten services will be at 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday evenings. February 28th at Hope
 March 6th at Grace

Thursday gatherings will be at 11:30 a.m. at Grace Lutheran
 February 29th and March 7th

We pray always for . . .

*Luetta Bruns, Linda Daniels, Bruce Gerking. Becky Knake,
& Haleigh Werner*

We also remember in our prayers . . .

*Anna, Juliet, Vanessa & Vance, orphans we are sponsoring
in Tanzania.*

***You may contact Pastor Helgren by calling 402-864-4201 (church)
402-864-2113 (home) or 402-826-0613(cell)***

*Please put items for the bulletins & newsletter in the secretary's box in the
south office. Church office email grace68329@gmail.com*

Today 2/25/24

Worship – 8:30 a.m.

Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.

*Faith Lutheran Luther League Soup Dinner
@ Talmage – till 1:00 p.m.*

Tuesday 2/27/24

Piecemakers – Blanket Making All Day

Wednesday 2/28/24

Kids for Christ – 4:00 p.m.

No Confirmation

Lenten Worship @ Hope Lutheran – 7:00 p.m.

Thursday 2/29/24

Lenten Gathering @ Grace Lutheran – 11:30 a.m.

Friday 3/1/24

ELCW World Day of Prayer @ Hope Lutheran – 2:00 p.m.

Next Sunday 3/3/24

Worship w/Communion – 8:30 a.m.

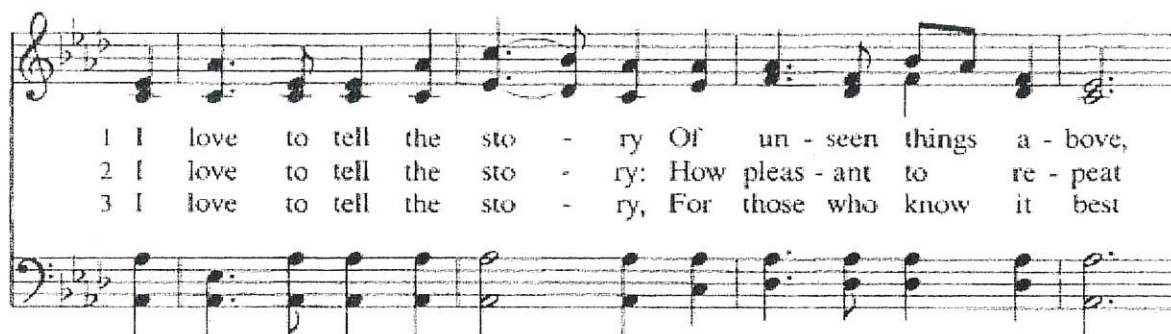
Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.

St. Paul's UCC – Osage Soup Dinner 11:00 am – 1:00 pm

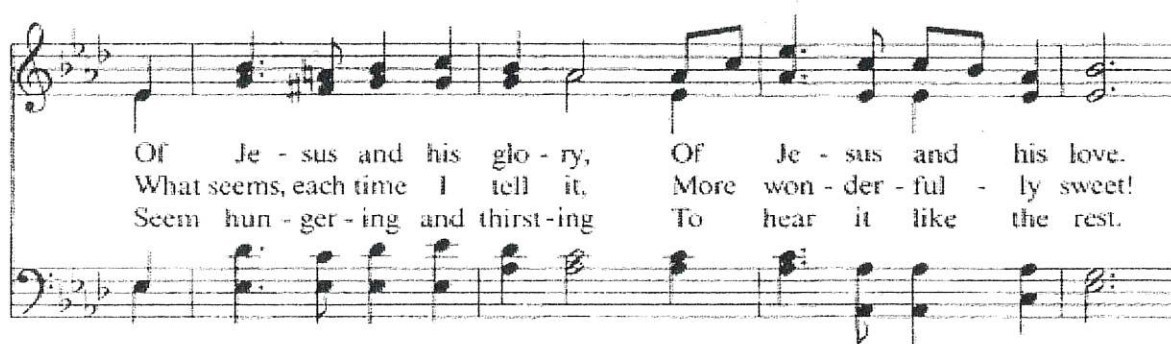
*Please join us for fellowship in the basement
following worship 😊*

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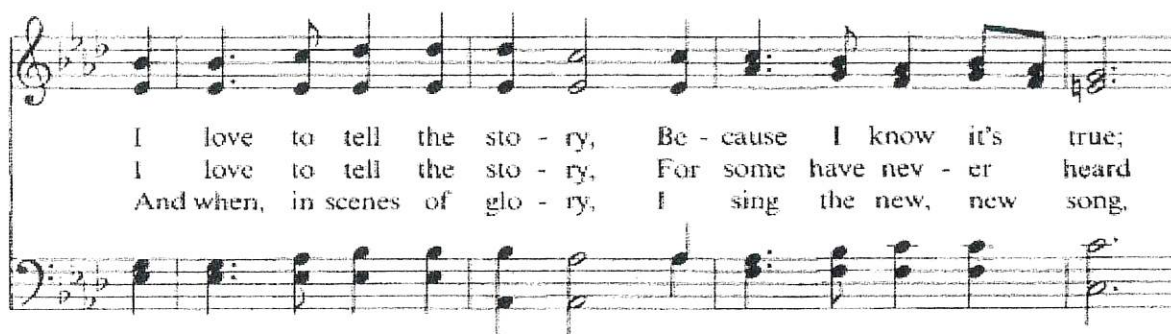
I Love to Tell the Story



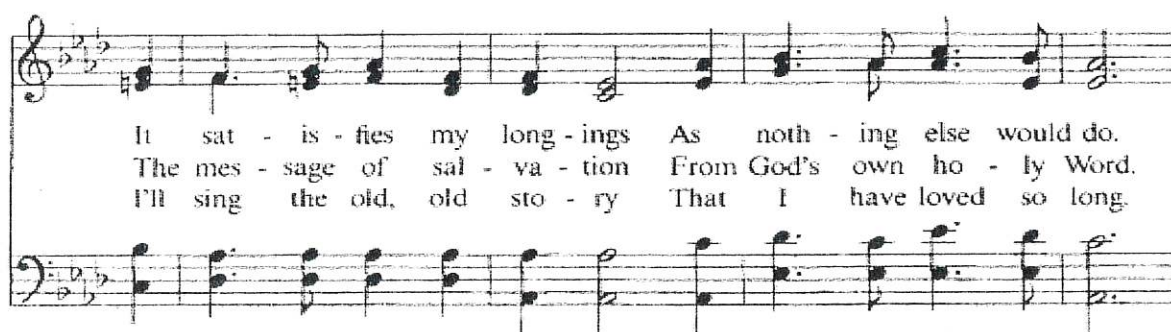
1 I love to tell the sto - ry Of un - seen things a - bove,
 2 I love to tell the sto - ry: How pleas - ant to re - peat
 3 I love to tell the sto - ry, For those who know it best



Of Je - sus and his glo - ry, Of Je - sus and his love.
 What seems, each time I tell it, More won - der - ful - ly sweet!
 Seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing To hear it like the rest.



I love to tell the sto - ry, Be - cause I know it's true;
 I love to tell the sto - ry, For some have nev - er heard
 And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,



It sat - is - fies my long - ings As noth - ing else would do.
 The mes - sage of sal - va - tion From God's own ho - ly Word.
 I'll sing the old, old sto - ry That I have loved so long.

Refrain

I love to tell the sto - ry; I'll sing this theme in glo - ry

And tell the old, old sto - ry Of Je - sus and his love.