

A photograph of a rustic wooden cross leaning against a weathered stone wall. The cross is made of reddish-brown wood. The wall is composed of irregular, light-colored stones. To the right, a portion of a blue wooden door is visible. The scene is brightly lit, casting shadows on the wall.

THOSE
WHO
LOSE
THEIR
LIFE FOR
MY SAKE
WILL
SAVE IT

MARK 8:35

Hope Lutheran Church
February 25, 2024

Pastor
Organist

Jim Helgren
Sheri Moss

Second Sunday in Lent

Prelude, Welcome, Announcements

Opening Hymn "The Old Rugged Cross"

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Brief Order of Confession

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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**

The Lessons

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

Psalms 22:23-31

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Romans 4:13-25

**He's the Savior of my soul. My Jesus, My Jesus. He's the Savior
of my soul. He's the Savior of my soul. Jesus, Jesus, Jesus,
Jesus! He's the Savior of my soul. He's the Savior of my soul.**

Gospel

Mark 8:31-38

Sermon

Hymn of the Day "Near the Cross"

The Apostles' Creed

Offering /Offertory "I Love to Tell the Story"

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Prayers of the Church

The Lord's Prayer - Sing

Benediction and Dismissal

Closing Hymn "In the Cross of Christ I Glory" LBW # 104

In our prayers we remember Bruce Gerking and Carol Speth.

Welcome to Hope Lutheran Church! We are so happy to have you worship with us today. If you are visiting, please sign our guestbook in the entry.

Wednesday, February 28th: 4:00 Kids for Christ, 7:00 Lenten Service at Hope

Thursday, February 29th: 11:30 Midweek Lenten Lunch at Grace

Friday, March 1st: 2:00 World Day of Prayer at Hope

Sunday, March 3rd: 10:00 Worship, 11:00-1:00 Soup Dinner at St. Paul UCC-Osage

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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, "As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ⁴No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ⁵I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. ⁶I 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."

⁷God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. ⁸I 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 22:23-31

SECOND READING: Romans 4:13-25

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."