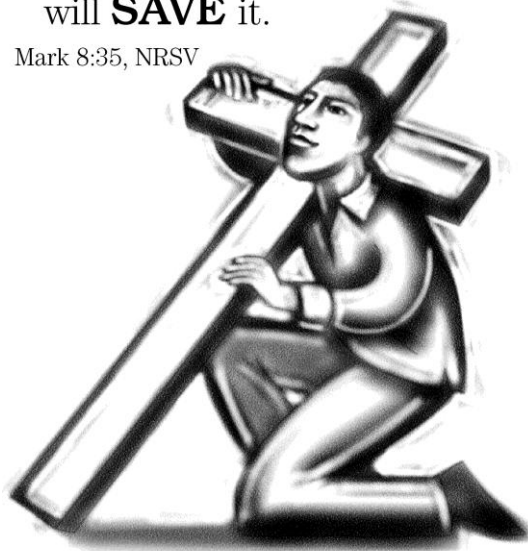


February 27, 2021 ~ 5:00 p.m.

Second Sunday in Lent

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.

Mark 8:35, NRSV



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*Our Mission:
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Welcome Visitors and Guests! Thank you for coming to worship God with us today! We believe that the Spirit of God had a hand in your coming. We trust that God's Word and this special time in worship will be a continuing blessing to you. Come again!

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

February 27, 2021 ~ 5:00 p.m.

AS WE GATHER

Our Lord's whole purpose in becoming one of us in human history was to die for us. As a result, He purposely marched toward Jerusalem and the certain death on the cross He knew would come. For Him, the Scriptures were not forecasts of what might happen but God's immutable will for Him. He had to suffer and die so that we could be saved. And the eternal life He thereby won for us gives us purpose in daily living. We can willingly deny ourselves in service to others; we can take up our cross, knowing that our life with Him will never end.

PRESERVICE MUSIC

RINGING OF THE BELLS

CALL TO WORSHIP *"What Wondrous Love Is This"* *Selection of Hymns and Spiritual Songs*

WELCOME

INVOCATION AND OPENING SENTENCES

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: Jesus said "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.

People: **For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it.**

HYMN

"Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now"

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Lord Jesus Christ, be present now;
Our hearts in true devotion bow,
Your Spirit send with light divine,
And let your truth within us shine.

Unseal our lips to sing your praise
In endless hymns through all our days;
Increase our faith and light our minds;
And set us free from doubt that blinds.

Then shall we join the hosts that cry,
"O holy, holy Lord Most High!"
And in the light of that blest place
We then shall see you face to face.

All glory to the Father, Son,
And Holy Spirit, Three in One!
To you, O blessed Trinity,
Be praise throughout eternity!

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Let us confess our sin to God our Father.

People: Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image, through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

Pastor: God sent His Son into the world with one purpose: to save us from the wrath of God. "For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of His Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by His life." As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

KYRIE

Pastor: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the peace we have with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For peace among the families of the nations and in coming generations, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For all who rejoice here for our access by faith into this grace in which we stand, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: By Your purposeful suffering, rejection, death, and resurrection—help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

People: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. O God, who sent Your Son into the flesh so that He might pay for our sins and open eternal life to us,

People: grant us strong faith so that we may purposefully take up our crosses and follow where He has led the way;

Pastor: through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING: *Genesis 17:1–7, 15–16*

(God makes a covenant promise to Abram.)

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to him and said, “I am God Almighty; walk before me faithfully and be blameless. Then I will make my covenant between me and you and will greatly increase your numbers.”

Abram fell facedown, and God said to him, “As for me, this is my covenant with you: You will be the father of many nations. No longer will you be called Abram; your name will be Abraham, for I have made you a father of many nations. I will make you very fruitful; I will make nations of you, and kings will come from you. I will establish my covenant as an everlasting covenant between me and you and your descendants after you for the generations to come, to be your God and the God of your descendants after you.

God also said to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, you are no longer to call her Sarai; her name will be Sarah. I will bless her and will surely give you a son by her. I will bless her so that she will be the mother of nations; kings of peoples will come from her.”

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE: *Romans 5:1–11* *(Grace: Christ died for the ungodly.)*

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly.

Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him! For if, while we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life! Not only is this so, but we also boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL: *Mark 8:27–38* (Truly knowing Christ means following Him.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the eighth chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

Jesus and his disciples went on to the villages around Caesarea Philippi. On the way he asked them, "Who do people say I am?"

They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets."

"But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?"

Peter answered, "You are the Messiah."

Jesus warned them not to tell anyone about him.

He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again. He spoke plainly about this, and Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him.

But when Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, he rebuked Peter. "Get behind me, Satan!" he said. "You do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns."

Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it. What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of them when he comes in his Father's glory with the holy angels."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY ***“A Lasting Promise We Receive”***

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A lasting promise we receive
As children, chosen to believe.
A multitude of holy heirs
Await the home the Son prepares.

We have obtained the Father’s grace
Because our Savior took our place.
The Spirit pours into our hearts
The love His gracious will imparts.

Yet while we wait, we bear the cross
Of earthly sorrow, pain, and loss.
But what are these? For Jesus bore
All things, that we will gain much more.

Therefore, we trust the promise made
And sealed in blood, the ransom paid.
The darkest night will die away;
Our Lord took all, to grant the Day.

SERMON: **“Bearing Your Cross Is ...”** *Mark 8: 34 & 35*

NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ☩ of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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.

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for before creation You planned our salvation and then sent Your Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. We rejoice to receive the salvation He won for us by purposively going to the cross as both priest and sacrifice. Give us such purpose with Your Word and Spirit that we take up our crosses and follow where He has led the way. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My \times body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My \times blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

COMMUNION AGREEMENT

God has welcomed me into the body of Christ through Baptism, and I trust in Jesus Christ as my savior. I confess my sin and my need for God's grace. I desire to live a new life in Christ who I believe is truly present in the Sacrament. In the bread I receive His body and in the wine I receive His blood. Present in this Sacrament are the gifts of forgiveness of sin, life, and salvation. Believing all this as an adult, I now declare my desire to come to the Lord's Table.

If you have a question regarding our practice of Holy Communion, please consult a member of the staff or an usher.

[Communion cups contain red wine or white non-alcoholic grape juice, for those that prefer.]

DISTRIBUTION MUSIC



"Lamb of God"

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Your only Son, no sin to hide,
But You have sent Him from Your side
To walk upon this guilty sod,
And to become the Lamb of God.

REFRAIN:

**O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God,
I love the holy Lamb of God!
O wash me in His precious blood,
My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.**

Your gift of love they crucified.
They laughed and scorned Him as He died:
The humble King they named a fraud,
And sacrificed the Lamb of God.

(Refrain)

I was so lost, I should have died,
But You have brought me to Your side
To be led by Your staff and rod,
And to be called a lamb of God.

(Refrain)

THANKSGIVING

Pastor: O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good;

People: and His mercy endures forever.

Pastor: Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that Your Son let nothing keep Him from the cross and that through this Sacrament You have given purpose to our lives. Continue to strengthen us that we may grow in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

People: **Amen.**

HYMN

“Come, Follow Me,’ said Christ the Lord”

(v 1, 5)

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"Come, follow me," said Christ, the Lord,

"All in my way abiding;

Your selfishness throw overboard,

Obey my call and guiding.

Oh, bear your crosses, and confide

In my example as your guide."

Then let us follow Christ, our Lord,

And take the cross appointed

And, firmly clinging to his word,

In suff'ring be undaunted.

For those who bear the battle's strain

The crown of heav'nly life obtain.

DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**



Serving Us

Vacancy Pastor ... Rev. Ronald Habedank

Organist ... Katherine Herman

Singers ... Linda Meissner, Marie Thompson

Reader ... Carolyn Habedank

Altar ... Kathy Stephan

Deacon ... Jerry Meissner

Financials ... Steve & Robin Makosy, Ben Makosy



Lenten Meditation ~ Wednesday Mornings

Each meditation will center around these well known hymns.

2/24 *"The Lamb"*

3/3 *"In Christ Alone"*

3/10 *"O Sacred Head Now Wounded"*

3/17 *"Were You There?"*

3/24 *"How Deep the Father's Love for Us"*

On each date you will find these online at www.trinitywestseneca.com

Palm Sunday Celebration ~ March 27th & 28th

Saturday - 5:00pm & Sunday - 9:30am w/Holy Communion

Maundy Thursday ~ April 1st

7pm w/ Holy Communion

Good Friday ~ April 2nd

7pm Service of Darkness

Easter Celebration ~ April 4th

9:30am w/Holy Communion