



Welcome  
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## Order of Worship

*Second Sunday in Lent, February 25, 2024*

### Welcome

*(Please stand, as you are able)*

### Call to Worship

- P** Christ the Lamb of God  
**C** **Who takes away the sin of the world.**  
**P** To Him who loves us, and gave Himself up for us.  
**C** **Oh, come, let us worship Him.**  
**P** Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
**C** **And to the Holy Spirit;**  
**P** as it was in the beginning,  
**C** **is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

### Opening Song: LSB 798 The God of Abraham Praise

1 The God of Abr'ham praise,  
Who reigns enthroned above;  
Ancient of everlasting days  
And God of love.  
Jehovah, great I AM!  
By earth and heav'n confessed;  
I bow and bless the sacred name  
Forever blest.

3 The God of Abr'ham praise,  
Whose all-sufficient grace  
Shall guide me all my pilgrim days  
In all my ways.  
He deigns to call me friend;  
He calls Himself my God.  
And He shall save me to the end  
Through Jesus' blood.

2 The God of Abr'ham praise,  
At whose supreme command  
From earth I rise and seek the joys  
At His right hand.  
I all on earth forsake,  
Its wisdom, fame, and pow'r,  
And Him my only portion make,  
My shield and tow'r.

8 The God who reigns on high  
The great archangels sing,  
And "Holy, holy, holy!" cry,  
"Almighty King!  
Who was and is the same  
And evermore shall be:  
Jehovah, Father, great I AM!  
We worship Thee!"

△ 9 The whole triumphant host Give thanks to God on high.

"Hail, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!" They ever cry.

Hail, Abr'ham's God and mine! I join the heav'nly lays:

All might and majesty are Thine And endless praise!

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## Confession and Absolution

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.**

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

## Hymn of Praise, LSB 422 On My Heart Imprint Your Image

1 On my heart imprint Your image, Blessèd Jesus, King of grace,  
That life's riches, cares, and pleasures Never may Your work erase;  
Let the clear inscription be: Jesus, crucified for me,  
Is my life, my hope's foundation, And my glory and salvation!

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## Salutation and Collect

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

**P** O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen** *(Please be seated)*

## Old Testament 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, <sup>2</sup>that I may make my covenant between me and you, and may multiply you greatly." <sup>3</sup>Then Abram fell on his face. And God said to him, <sup>4</sup>"Behold, my covenant is with you, and you shall be the father of a multitude of nations. <sup>5</sup>No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham, for I have made you the father of a multitude of nations. <sup>6</sup>I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make you into nations, and kings shall come from you. <sup>7</sup>And 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>And God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name 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 become nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

**L** This is the Word of the Lord

**G** Thanks be to God

### **Epistle Reading, Romans 5:1–11**

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>2</sup>Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. <sup>3</sup>More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, <sup>4</sup>and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup>and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

<sup>6</sup>For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup>For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— <sup>8</sup>but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. <sup>9</sup>Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. <sup>10</sup>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. <sup>11</sup>More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

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### **The Holy Gospel, Mark 8:27–38**

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark

**G** **Glorify to You, O Lord**

And Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi. And on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" <sup>28</sup>And they told him, "John the Baptist; and others say, Elijah; and others, one of the prophets." <sup>29</sup>And he asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Christ." <sup>30</sup>And he strictly charged them to tell no one about him.

<sup>31</sup>And he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again. <sup>32</sup>And he said this plainly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. <sup>33</sup>But turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man."

<sup>34</sup>And he called to him the crowd with his disciples and said to them, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. <sup>35</sup>For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. <sup>36</sup>For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? <sup>37</sup>For what can a man give in return for his life? <sup>38</sup>For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

**L** This is the Gospel of the Lord

**G Praise to You, O Christ!**

*(Please be seated)*

## **Sermon**

### **Sermon Hymn, LSB 427 In the Cross of Christ I Glory**

1 In the cross of Christ I glory,  
Tow'ring o'er the wrecks of time.  
All the light of sacred story  
Gathers round its head sublime.

2 When the woes of life o'ertake me,  
Hopes deceive, and fears annoy,  
Never shall the cross forsake me;  
Lo, it glows with peace and joy.

3 When the sun of bliss is beaming  
Light and love upon my way,  
From the cross the radiance streaming  
Adds more luster to the day.

4 Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure  
By the cross are sanctified;  
Peace is there that knows no measure,  
Joys that through all time abide.

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### **Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried.  
He descended into hell.**

**The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.**

## **Peace of the Lord**

(Please greet the people in your family group with God's peace, and extend to those near to you the peace with a wave.)

## **Prayers of the Church**

After each petition respond: **P** Lord in your mercy **C** Hear our prayer

### **Lord's Prayer**

**P** Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

**C** **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**

**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 Him thanks and praise.**

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## Sanctus LSB 507 Holy, Holy, Holy

- 1 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;  
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

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## The Word of Our Lord

- P** 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  $\text{†}$  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  $\text{†}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

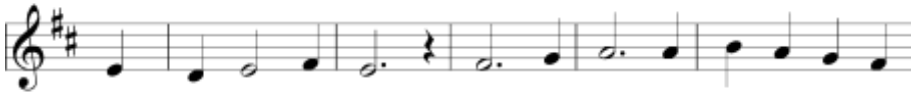
## Pax Domini

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**C** Amen.

## Agnus Dei LSB 180



**C** Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world;



have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the



sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of



God, You take a-way the sin of the world;



grant us peace, grant us peace.

## Communion Distribution *(Please be seated)*

## **"I Love You, Lord"** (Laurie Klein)

I Love You, Lord, and I lift my voice,  
to worship You, O my soul rejoice.  
Take joy my King, In what You hear,  
Let it be a sweet, sweet sound in Your ear.

**(Sing 2 more times)**

## **"The Old Rugged Cross"**

On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross, The emblem of  
suffering and shame; and I love that old cross where the dearest  
and best For a world of lost sinners was slain.

### **REFRAIN**

**So I'll cherish the old rugged cross, Till my trophies at last I lay  
down; I will cling to the old rugged cross, And exchange it some  
day for a crown.**

In that old rugged cross, stained with blood so divine,  
A wondrous beauty I see, For 'twas on that old cross  
Jesus suffered and died, To pardon and sanctify me. REFRAIN

To the old rugged cross I will ever be true;  
Its shame and reproach gladly bear; Then He'll call me some  
day to my home far away, Where His glory forever I'll share. REFRAIN

## **Christ Messiah**

### **Verse 1**

You're the Holy God who made Himself a man  
The mighty lion became humble as a lamb  
He gave it all to save His own  
The word of God in skin and bones

### **Chorus**

You are Christ Messiah  
Son of the Living God  
Our Hope our Savior  
We worship You

**Verse 2** You're the Holy One who made our  
hearts a home You came and died but didn't  
leave us on our own  
Holy Spirit here within  
Gave us power to live the way You did

**Verse 3** When the questions come and I begin  
to stray I'll remember who I was is in the grave  
I'm not captive to the lies  
In this Gospel I am made alive  
**(REPEAT)**

## **Post Communion Canticle “Give Thanks”** (Henry Smith)

Give Thanks with a grateful heart, Give Thanks to the Holy One,  
Give Thanks because he’s given Jesus Christ His Son

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Give Thanks because he’s given Jesus Christ His Son

And now let the weak say I am strong, let the poor say I am rich because of what the Lord has done for us,

And now let the weak say I am strong, let the poor say I am rich because of what the Lord has done for us, Give Thanks

## **Post-Communion Collect**

Let us pray.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen**

## **Benedicamus and Benediction**

**P** Let us bless the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**P** 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.

**C Amen.**

**P** Go in peace!

**C Serve the Lord**

**P** Let us bless the Lord

**C Thanks be to God**

## **Closing Song Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)**

1. Amazing grace how sweet the sound

That saved a wretch like me

I once was lost but now I'm found

Was blind but now I see



2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear  
And grace my fears relieved  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed

**Chorus**

My chains are gone I've been set free  
My God my Savior has ransomed me  
And like a flood His mercy reigns  
Unending love amazing grace

3. The Lord has promised good to me  
His word my hope secures  
He will my shield and portion be  
As long as life endures

**Chorus (2X)**

4. The earth shall soon dissolve like snow  
The sun forbear to shine  
But God who called me here below  
Will be forever mine  
Will be forever mine  
You are forever mine

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*(Please be seated)*

**Announcements**