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# SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

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March 7/8, 2020

**Hymn**

*Lead Me, Guide Me*

LSB 721

*Refrain*

*Lead me, guide me, along the way;  
For if You lead me, I cannot stray.  
Lord, let me walk each day with Thee.  
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.*

- 1 *I am weak and I need Thy strength and pow'r  
To help me over my weakest hour.  
Help me through the darkness Thy face to see.  
Lead me, O Lord, lead me. Refrain*
- 2 *Help me tread in the paths of righteousness,  
Be my aid when Satan and sin oppress.  
I am putting all my trust in Thee.  
Lead me, O Lord, lead me. Refrain*
- 3 *I am lost if You take Your hand from me,  
I am blind without Thy light to see.  
Lord, always let me Thy servant be.  
Lead me, O Lord, lead me. Refrain*

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## ✠ Confession and Absolution ✠

*(Stand)*

*(The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.)*

- 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.

*(Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.)*

**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.

## † Service of the Word †

### Introit

*Psalm 105:4–7; antiphon: v. 8*

**P** He remembers his covenant forever,  
the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations.

**C** Seek the LORD and his strength;  
seek his presence continually!

**P** Remember the wondrous works that he has done,  
his miracles, and the judgments he uttered,

**C** O offspring of Abraham, his servant,  
children of Jacob, his chosen ones!

**P** He is the LORD our God;  
his judgments are in all the earth.

**C** Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

**He remembers his covenant forever,  
the word that he commanded, for a thousand  
generations.**

## **Kyrie**

*LSB 152*

**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**C** *♪ Lord, have mercy.*

**A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

**C** *♪ Lord, have mercy.*

**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

**C** *♪ Lord, have mercy.*

**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

**C** *♪ Lord, have mercy.*

**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C** *♪ Amen.*

## **Salutation and Collect of the Day**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray.

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.

**C** **Amen.**

## *(Sit)* **Old Testament Reading**

Genesis 12:1–9

<sup>1</sup>The LORD said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you.

<sup>2</sup>And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. <sup>3</sup>I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

<sup>4</sup>So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. <sup>5</sup>And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother's son, and all their possessions that they had gathered, and the people that they had acquired in Haran, and they set out to go to the land of Canaan. When they came to the land of Canaan, <sup>6</sup>Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. <sup>7</sup>Then the LORD appeared to Abram and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built there an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him. <sup>8</sup>From there he moved to the hill country on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. And there he built an altar to the LORD and called upon the name of the LORD. <sup>9</sup>And Abram journeyed on, still going toward the Negeb.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle

Romans 4:1–8, 13–17

<sup>1</sup>What then shall we say was gained by Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh? <sup>2</sup>For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. <sup>3</sup>For what does the Scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness." <sup>4</sup>Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due. <sup>5</sup>And to the one who does not work but trusts him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness, <sup>6</sup>just as David also speaks of the blessing of the one to whom God counts righteousness apart from works:

<sup>7</sup> "Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven,  
and whose sins are covered;

<sup>8</sup> blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin."

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<sup>13</sup>For the promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of the world did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith. <sup>14</sup>For 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 there is no transgression.

<sup>16</sup>That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring—not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of

Abraham, who is the father of us all, <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.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

*(Stand)* **Alleluia and Verse** ♪

*LSB 157*

**C** *Return to the Lord, your God,  
for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger,  
and abounding in steadfast love,  
and abounding in steadfast love.*

**Holy Gospel**

John 3:1–17

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the third chapter.

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. <sup>2</sup>This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him.” <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.” <sup>4</sup>Nicodemus said to him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born?” <sup>5</sup>Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. <sup>6</sup>That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup>Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’ <sup>8</sup>The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.”

<sup>9</sup>Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” <sup>10</sup>Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? <sup>11</sup>Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. <sup>12</sup>If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? <sup>13</sup>No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup>And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the

wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

<sup>16</sup>“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. <sup>17</sup>For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

*(Sit)* **Children’s Message**

*(Sunday)* **St. Mark’s Pre-K & Kindergarten** *Jesus Loves Me*

**Hymn** *Lord, Thee I Love With All My Heart* *LSB 708*

**Sermon** *“The Camp-Out”*

*(Stand)* **Apostles’ Creed**

**C** **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.**

**Prayer of the Church**

**P** As sons and daughters of Abraham according to the promise, we come to You this day, O Lord, to pray for ourselves, for the sick,

for the Church, for the nation and for all people according to their needs.

O Lord, to Abraham You gave the promise of many descendants. Give to us faith, that we may delight in Your promise through the ages that was kept in Christ, our Savior, and never waver from it. Equip us with Your Spirit, that we may be bold in witness and faithful in mission, carrying Your name and Your Gospel to every place and people. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** O Lord, to us You have given a righteousness not our own, bestowed upon us in Baptism and daily worn by faith. Grant that we may have courage and conviction to live without fear and in holiness the new lives given to us in this baptismal water. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** O Lord, to heal Your people and give them everlasting life You sent forth Your own Son as our Savior. By Your Word and Spirit, lift up Your people from their sorrows, heal them according to Your gracious will, and deliver them from the pain of death to eternal life. [*Hear us, we pray, especially for \_\_\_\_\_ and for those we name in our hearts.*] Sustain them in their afflictions, comfort them in the hour of death, and raise up the dead in Christ according to Your gracious promise, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** O Lord, to forgive our sins and to nourish our faith Your Son has set His table among us and given us His flesh as food and His blood as drink. Give to us Your Spirit, that we may approach this Sacrament with faith and with a repentant heart receive for our benefit all Your gifts and grace given to us in this Holy Communion. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** O Lord, to those who have fought the good fight and now rest from their labors You have given light and life. Help us so that we may remember with thanksgiving the blessings You showed to them in their lives and learn from their example to be faithful unto death. Bring us with them into Your presence, where we may behold Your glory face to face. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** O Lord, to Nicodemus Your Son brought hope and the promise of new birth and everlasting life. Give to us the same hope and confirm in us faith in the same promise, that we may have confidence in Your grace and trust You to provide all things needed for this body and life and for everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** Amen.

*(Sit)* **Offering**

*While we worship the Lord with our offerings, please write your names in the fellowship registers, indicating the date and time of the service you are attending. To help us serve you more effectively, please use the blanks provided to indicate a change in mailing address, phone numbers (home, work, cell, fax) or e-mail address(es). Please tear out the sheets with names on them and let them stick out of the top of the folder so that the ushers can collect them. Thank you!*

*(Stand)* **Offertory** ♪

LSB 159

**C** **What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?**  
**I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving**  
**and will call on the name of the Lord.**  
**I will take the cup of salvation**  
**and will call on the name of the Lord.**  
**I will pay my vows to the Lord**  
**now in the presence of all His people,**  
**in the courts of the Lord's house,**  
**in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.**

*Sunday's service will continue on pg. 9 with the Lord's Prayer.*

✠ **Service of the Sacrament** ✠

**Preface**

LSB 160

**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, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. 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 161*

**C** *Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:  
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.  
Hosanna. Hosanna.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.*

**Prayer Of Thanksgiving**

*LSB 161*

**P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

**Lord's Prayer**

*LSB 162*

**P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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.**

*Sunday's service will continue on pg. 12 with the Benediction.*

## **The Words 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**

*LSB 163*

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

**C** Amen.

## **Agnus Dei $\text{♪}$**

*LSB 163*

**C** *Lamb of God, You take away  
the sin of the world; have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, You take away  
the sin of the world; have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, You take away  
the sin of the world; grant us peace.*

## *(Sit)* **Distribution**

*(The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first and then distribute them to those who come to receive, saying:)*

Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.

**Amen.**

Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins.

**Amen.**

*(In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:)*

**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart  $\text{†}$  in peace.

**C** **Amen.**

## **Distribution Hymns**

<i>Jerusalem, My Happy Home</i>	<i>LSB 673</i>
<i>God Loved the World So That He Gave</i>	<i>LSB 571</i>

*(Stand)* **Nunc Dimittis**  $\text{♪}$  *LSB 165*

**C** *Lord, now You let Your servant go in peace;  
Your word has been fulfilled.*

*My own eyes have seen the salvation which You have  
prepared in the sight of ev'ry people:*

*A light to reveal You to the nations  
and the glory of Your people Israel.*

*Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever.*

*Amen.*

## **Post-Communion Collect**

**A** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ,

Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## **Benediction**

*LSB 166*

**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.

## **Hymn**

*Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer*

*LSB 918*

- 1 *Guide me, O Thou great Redeemer,  
Pilgrim through this barren land.  
I am weak, but Thou art mighty;  
Hold me with Thy pow'rful hand.  
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,  
Feed me till I want no more;  
Feed me till I want no more.*
- 2 *Open now the crystal fountain  
Whence the healing stream doth flow;  
Let the fiery, cloudy pillar  
Lead me all my journey through.  
Strong deliv'rer, strong deliv'rer,  
Be Thou still my strength and shield;  
Be Thou still my strength and shield.*
- 3 *When I tread the verge of Jordan,  
Bid my anxious fears subside;  
Death of death and hell's destruction,  
Land me safe on Canaan's side.  
Songs of praises, songs of praises  
I will ever give to Thee;  
I will ever give to Thee.*

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