

Lent worship 11am  
Memorial Lutheran Church  
Second Sunday in Lent—February 28, 2021

Gather together in worship

**Welcome and Greeting**

PM. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C. And also with you.**

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**Call to Worship** (Cindy Bunch – Assistant)

Core Value: Local Mission—we value caring for the needs of others  
Embracing Innovation—we aspire to use creative methods in our ministry  
Symbols: **Towel and Bowl placed**

CB: Gracious Lord, wash us and we shall be whiter than snow.

**C. Create in us clean hearts, O God and renew right spirits within us.**

CB: Restore unto us the joys of our salvation:

**C. for you are the strength of our lives and the ground of our being. Amen.**

**Reading: John 13: 3-5 &12-14 (Lavisa Gehring – Reader)**

R: <sup>3</sup> Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God; <sup>4</sup> so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. <sup>5</sup> After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him.

<sup>12</sup> When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. "Do you understand what I have done for you?" he asked them. <sup>13</sup> "You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and rightly so, for that is what I am. <sup>14</sup> Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet.

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**Opening Song "Guide me ever, great Redeemer" ELW #618;**

*Guide me ever, great Redeemer,  
pilgrim through this barren land.  
I am weak, but you are mighty;  
hold me with your pow'rful hand.  
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,  
feed me now and evermore,  
feed me now and evermore.*

*Open now the crystal fountain  
where the healing waters flow;  
let the fire and cloudy pillar  
lead me all my journey through.  
Strong deliv'rer, strong deliv'rer,  
shield me with your mighty arm,  
shield me with your mighty arm.*

*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 and praises, songs and praises  
I will raise forevermore,  
I will raise forevermore.*

### **Kyrie and Hymn of Praise Setting 3**

#### **Kyrie**

*PM: In peace let us pray to the Lord* **C: Lord have mercy.**

*PM: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.*  
**C: Lord have mercy.**

*PM: 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.**

*PM: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.* **C: Lord have mercy.**

*PM: Help, save, comfort and defend us gracious Lord.* **C: Amen.**

#### **Glory to God**

*PM: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.*

**C: Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord, You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

#### **Prayer of the Day** (Cindy Bunch – Assistant)

CB: Let us pray...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. **C. Amen**

## Inspired by the Word

**Readings** (Lavisa Gehring – Reader)

### **Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16**

**R:** <sup>17</sup> When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to him and said, “I am God Almighty<sup>[a]</sup>; walk before me faithfully and be blameless. <sup>2</sup> Then I will make my covenant between me and you and will greatly increase your numbers.”

<sup>3</sup> Abram fell facedown, and God said to him, <sup>4</sup> “As for me, this is my covenant with you: You will be the father of many nations. <sup>5</sup> No longer will you be called Abram<sup>[b]</sup>; your name will be Abraham,<sup>[c]</sup> for I have made you a father of many nations. <sup>6</sup> I will make you very fruitful; I will make nations of you, and kings will come from you. <sup>7</sup> 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

<sup>15</sup> God also said to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, you are no longer to call her Sarai; her name will be Sarah. <sup>16</sup> 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.”

### **Romans 4:13-25**

**R:** <sup>13</sup> It was not through the law that Abraham and his offspring received the promise that he would be heir of the world, but through the righteousness that comes by faith. <sup>14</sup> For if those who depend on the law are heirs, faith means nothing and the promise is worthless, <sup>15</sup> because the law brings wrath. And where there is no law there is no transgression.

<sup>16</sup> Therefore, the promise comes by faith, so that it may be by grace and may be guaranteed to all Abraham’s offspring—not only to those who are of the law but also to those who have the faith of Abraham. He is the father of us all. <sup>17</sup> As it is written: “I have made you a father of many nations.”<sup>[a]</sup> He is our father in the sight of God, in whom he believed—the God who gives life to the dead and calls into being things that were not. <sup>18</sup> Against all hope, Abraham in hope believed and so became the father of many nations, just as it had been said to him, “So shall your offspring be.”<sup>[b]</sup> <sup>19</sup> Without weakening in his faith, he faced the fact that his body was as good as dead—since he was about a hundred years old—and that Sarah’s womb was also dead. <sup>20</sup> Yet he did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God, but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God, <sup>21</sup> being fully persuaded that God had power to do what he had promised. <sup>22</sup> This is why “it was credited to him as righteousness.” <sup>23</sup> The words “it was credited to him” were written not for him alone, <sup>24</sup> but also for us, to whom God will credit righteousness—for us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead. <sup>25</sup> He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification.

### **Gospel Verse (Lavisa Gehring – Reader)**

R: Let us recite the gospel verse together.

**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.***

### **Gospel Mark 8:31-38**

R: <sup>31</sup> 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. <sup>32</sup> He spoke plainly about this, and Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him.

<sup>33</sup> 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.”

<sup>34</sup> 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. <sup>35</sup> For whoever wants to save their life<sup>[a]</sup> will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it. <sup>36</sup> What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? <sup>37</sup> Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? <sup>38</sup> 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.”

### **Children’s Sermon – Greg Silliman**

#### **Sermon—Pastor Rebecca**

**Song: “As the Deer” Carol**

#### **The Apostle’s Creed (Cindy Bunch – Assistant)**

CB: Let us recite the Apostles Creed together:

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I Believe in Jesus Christ, God’s 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 to the dead. On the third day He rose again; He ascended into heaven, He is seated at the right hand of the Father, and He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

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

#### **Prayers of People (Cindy Bunch – Assistant)**

CB: Drawn near to God as children and heirs of Christ’s promise, we pray for all people of God, for our nation and our world, and for those in need. [*A brief silence.*]

CB: For those in our Community of Faith: Bishop Beaudoin and staff, Bishop Eaton and staff, Memorial Church Staff, Student Katie Leslie, Intern Rebecca West-Estell, Monroe Corridor Parish, Hope Learning Academy teachers and families and all teachers and students in all schools, and for faith communities throughout the world. Help us to see ourselves in our neighbors, especially those who differ from us, and draw us together in common service to those who are hungry, poor, and oppressed. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

CB: For the well-being of the earth as we begin another year entrusted with its care. Give us lively imaginations to see ways to conserve its limited resources, harness its renewable energies, and conform ourselves to its natural goodness. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

CB: For peace among nations, for peace in our homes, and for peace in our hearts. Urge us to cry out at injustice and inequality among your people until vindication comes and righteousness prevails. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

CB: For our military personnel: Ryan Woods, Henry Kozak, Dustin Pawloski, and Reid Leslie; guard their lives and keep them safe, Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

CB: For our **homebound**: Dotty Sauer, Claudia Sauer, Bob Rank, Kathy Schoembs, Sam Schlegel, Phyllis Ballas, Joanne Hummel, Doris Buchholz (hospice care), Pat Reiber; and those who are in need of **healing**: William Claucherty, Sara Scholl, Kent Seagart, Donald Dotson, Jess Weber, Afaf Barakat, Brenda Facey, Katie Maly, Sheila MacKay Davidson, Marcene Jackson, Leslie Bean, Don Gurwell, Dave Gilbert, Char Bachmayer, Fred Schaefer, Michael Curtis, and all suffering with Covid 19; Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

CB: For those grieving the loss of friends and family; especially the families of William Teaderman (Bill's son), Lee Royce (Sheri Poole's father), June Weitz (Codi Calcamuggio's great-grandmother), John Vance, Oscar Bunch, Walt Carlson. Only you can turn the shadow of death into daybreak. Keep us in union with all your saints, and bring us with them to the joyous feast of heaven; through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

CB: Into your outstretched arms, O God, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Jesus Christ, the light and life of the world. **C: Amen.**

### Meal declaring Jesus' presence among us

#### **The Great Thanksgiving .**

PM: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

PM: Lift up your hearts. **C: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### **The Words of Institution .**

PM: In the night in which He was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it and gave it to His disciples saying: Take and eat; this is My body, given for you. Do this in memory of Me.

Again, after supper, He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying; This is the new covenant in My blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this in memory of Me.

### **The Lord's Prayer**

**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.**

### **Lamb of God**

**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.***

### **Communion**

**Prayer** (Cindy Bunch – Assistant)

CB: We give you thanks, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In Your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

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### **Announcements**

#### **Blessing**

PM. The God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus. **C. Amen.**

**Song: “Change my heart O God” ELW #801**

*Change my heart, O God; make it ever true.*

*Change my heart, O God; Mat I be like You.*

*You are the potter; I am the clay.*

*Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.*

*Change my heart, O God; make it ever true.*

*Change my heart, O God; Mat I be like You.*

**Dismissal** (Cindy Bunch – Assistant)

CB. Go in peace. Christ is with you. **C. Thanks be to God**