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Second Sunday in Lent

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Our mission:

*to spread the Word of Salvation through Christ,
honor God, serve others*

Welcome! A prophet's calling is to declare the Word of the LORD. There's no spin, no beating around the bush, and no dressing it up! For that reason, a prophet required great courage because his message was often unwelcome and he was mistreated or even killed for his words. In today's readings we hear what Jeremiah endured for calling Israel to repent of her sins. Jesus laments over Jerusalem's unwillingness to turn back to God, and he predicts his coming death on the cross. Lord, open our ears and our hearts to listen to the full counsel of Your Word!

Welcome guests! We are delighted you are with us for worship this morning. Please introduce yourself to Pastor Jon, sign the guest book next to the front doors, and let us know how we can be of service to you. The order of service is printed in this bulletin starting on page 2. A cryroom is available at the back left of the sanctuary for families with young children if there is a need.

Communion Note: We believe that our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but his very body and blood to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another. Our Lord invites to his table those who trust his words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as he forgives and loves us. Because unworthy reception of the sacrament can be harmful, those who are not yet instructed, are uncertain or doubtful, or hold to a different confession should speak to the Pastor before participating.

Divine Service, Setting Two
LSB page 167

The Preparation



Prelude: “O Welt, ich muss dich lassen” - J.G. Walther

Words of Welcome

Invocation, 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.**

(Silence for personal confession.)

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

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.**

The Service of the Word

Entrance Hymn: 427 In the Cross of Christ I Glory

Kyrie (page 168)

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**



P: 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.**

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

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: **Amen.**

Prayer 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.**



Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 26:8-15 (see back cover)

Psalm: Psalm 4



¹ Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness! You have given me relief when I was | in distress.*

Be gracious to me and | hear my prayer!

² O men, how long shall my honor be turned | into shame?*

How long will you love vain words and seek | after lies?

³ But know that the LORD has set apart the godly | for himself;* the LORD hears when I | call to him.

⁴ Be angry, and | do not sin;* ponder in your own hearts on your beds, and be | silent.

⁵ Offer right sacri- | fices,* and put your trust | in the LORD.

⁶ There are many who say, "Who will show | us some good?*"

Lift up the light of your face upon us, | O LORD!"

⁷ You have put more joy | in my heart* than they have when their grain and | wine abound.

⁸ In peace I will both lie | down and sleep;*

for you alone, O LORD, make me dwell in | safety.

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

Epistle Reading: Philippians 3:17-4:1 (see back cover)

Lenten Verse (page 173)

**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 Reading: Luke 13:31-35 (see back cover)

Acclamations (sung): **Glory to You, O Lord.
Praise to You, O Christ.**

Nicene Creed (see inside the back cover of the hymnal)

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day: 708 Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart

Sermon

Prayers After each petition of the prayer:

P: Lord in your mercy, **C: Hear our prayer.**

Prayer Request List (Names are placed on the list by request only.)

For comfort:

King Family	Death of Sue	Teschke
Burroughs Family	Death of Mary	Teschke

For those with health concerns:

Pat McCann	Janice Nuneviller	Cole Garrow	Carol Farley	Sid	Greg
John Tarlo	Donna Poucel	Lolly Hoagland	Claudia Zucker	Susan	Zane
Fran Byrzkinsky	Pete Serone	Carol Yost Band	Grant and Noah	Chris	JoAnne
Claudia Zucker	John O'Neil	Claire Haenisch	Monica Benesch	Rose	Claire
Kay Compton	Dottie Brown	Terry Farley	Gordon Anderson	Beverly	Barbara
Phil Unetic	Freda Potts	Carl Lauricella	Sue Teschke	Brennan	Mary

For those with cancer:

Rosalie Reinbacher	Aaron Kline	Holly Bray	Lynn	Trudy
Rich Knechel	Rose Bonecki	Gerry Campbell	Jason	Lance
Carol Tezla	Karen Shevchuk	Brad Hoppe	Kathy	
Nico Benesch	Steve Saumsiegle	Mary Ellen	Sonia	
Andrea(Andy) Hoteling	Nancy Gilliland	Mary Anne	Dora	
Rich deDufour	Kaleigh Moore	Linda	Doris	
Jane Fry	Logan Mattessich	Gerry Campbell	Barbara	
Barbara Howard	Marci Fehlhafer	Dave Bond	William	
Lexi Launchbaugh	Dick Butterfoss	Henry J.	Jerry	
Aunt Jean	Karen Radcliffe	Dottie	Frank Cignus	



For those with needs around the world:

Government officials and people of our nation	Prayers for peace, unity, safety, and wisdom
Those coping with disasters – Himes family	Prayers for provision and help
Those in need of employment	Provision of jobs
Wars in Europe and Middle East	Prayers for peace, forgiveness, and guidance
Family of Olga Nichols living in Ukraine	Prayers for health, safety, and provision

For those serving in the armed forces:

LJ Lupinacci	Carrick Porter	Nate Fiske	Jake Grube	Jim Buckman	Emily Arndt
Daniel Gewecke	James Bannon	Harper Usiskin	Jesse Sowell	Mike Bahney	

For St. Peter Lutheran Nursery School:

For staff and families of the school

For enrollment '25-'26

Birthdays:

Stephen deDufour	Mar 17	Hope Dunbar	Mar 18
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Gathering of the Offering and Offertory

Instrumental Offertory: “Aus tiefer Not” – G. Bohm

Congregational Offertory: 955 “Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful, Lord”

C: Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.

Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.

Gather the hopes and the dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer now.

Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

Service of the Sacrament

Order of Holy Communion (page 177)

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... evermore praising you and saying:

C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow’r and might:

Heav’n and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

P: Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth... one God now and forever.

C: Amen.

P: Lord remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C: Our Father who art in heaven...

P: Words of Institution

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

C: Amen.



C: Agnus Dei **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, grant us peace.

Distribution Hymn: 638 Eat this Bread, Drink this Cup

Nunc Dimittis: Song of Simeon (page 182)

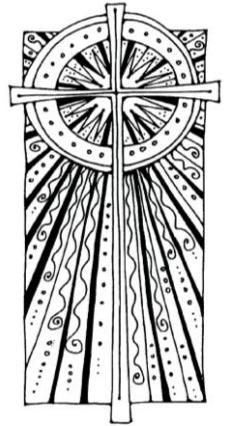
C: Lord, now You let Your servant go in peace; Your word has been fulfilled.
My own eyes have seen the salvation which You have prepared in the sight of ev'ry people;
A light to reveal You to the nations and the glory of Your people Israel.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Prayer of Thanksgiving (page 183)

Benediction (page 183)

Closing Hymn: 748 I'm But a Stranger Here

Postlude: "O Lamm Gottes unschuldig" - J. Pachelbel



TAKE IT FURTHER: Today's Opening Hymn LSB 427, In the Cross of Christ I Glory

There is a traditional story that says John Bowring (1792-1872) wrote this hymn during a visit to Macao, where he saw an old Portuguese church which had been built 300 years earlier. While "time and the elements had turned (it) into a crumbling ruin," the spire, topped by an old bronze cross, remained, reflecting the rays of the setting sun, overshadowing the ruins around it. While the verity of this story is in doubt, the fact remains that the hymn is most certainly based on Galatians 6:14 "But far be it from me to boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world." During this season of Lent, may the power of the cross be brought more clearly into focus as we follow Christ through His journey of love and sacrifice.

-Concordia Publishing House. *Lutheran Service Book: Companion to the Hymns*. (2019), p. 252-253

Memory Verse Challenge: *Philippians 3:20-21a*

But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our body to be like His glorious body...



Announcements – Week of March 16, 2025

Need assistance? The Church Office is staffed each week

MON, TUES and WED from 1:00 - 3:00

Worship, Sunday School, and Bible Study

Welcome! Serving in worship today are: Stephen Behnfeldt (Communion Assistant), Cheryl Gewecke (Reader and Communion/Coffee clean-up), Juliet Behnfeldt (Acolyte), Dave deDufour (Usher), Shirley Yost (Communion/coffee set-up).

Today's service will be live streamed on You Tube at the following link:

https://youtube.com/live/K_GSNmXnDF8 If you miss the service live, watch it whenever you like! The services are also posted after the fact to the [church's website](#).

Sunday 8:15 Bible Study: Ten Commandments. This Sunday we'll continue our examination of the Ten Commandments as we focus on the 2nd Commandment: "You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God." (Exod. 20:7) God's name has real power and was given to us for our benefit and blessing! What kinds of talk does this commandment forbid? What are ways we can use God's name in a reverent manner?

Wednesday Zoom Bible Study. Our evening classes are now on break as we enter the season of Lent. Join us for Wednesday meals at 6:30pm and worship at 7:30pm. We'll resume our bible studies after Easter!

Weekly Schedule:

MONDAY (3/17)	5:30pm Planning Council
TUESDAY (3/18)	7pm Service of Healing
WEDNESDAY (3/19)	6:30pm Soup Supper; 7:30pm Lenten Service
THURSDAY (3/20)	9:45/11:15am NS Chapel services
SUNDAY (3/23)	8:15 Sunday School/Bible Study; 9:30 Worship; 11am Discussion Group; 2-6pm "March Mayhem" District Youth Event

Service of Healing. All are invited to our spring Service of Healing on Tuesday, March 18th at 7:00pm. For those who haven't experienced it yet, this is an evening of singing, devotion, and prayer around the theme of healing. This informal service is an interactive experience that includes the opportunity to be prayed over by fellow believers, anointing with oil, baptismal remembrance, and candle lighting. Invite a friend! Fellowship time with refreshments will follow the service.

Prayer Chain. The Prayer Chain is ready to receive your prayer requests. Simply call Barbara Greenberg at (609) 512-1928 to start or update a prayer.

Operation Christmas Child. In March we will be collecting matchbox cars and girls' hair accessories and jewelry to prepare for the Christmas in July packing party! Place in the narthex box.

Men's, Women's, Senior's, Youth and Family Ministry

The Prayer Shawl/Lap Blanket Ministry. If you would like to join us in the making of these special blankets to bless those in need of comfort or in celebration of a life event, please speak with Barbara Greenberg at (609) 512-1928.

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 26:8–15

⁸When Jeremiah had finished speaking all that the LORD had commanded him to speak to all the people, then the priests and the prophets and all the people laid hold of him, saying, “You shall die! ⁹Why have you prophesied in the name of the LORD, saying, ‘This house shall be like Shiloh, and this city shall be desolate, without inhabitant?’” And all the people gathered around Jeremiah in the house of the LORD.

¹⁰When the officials of Judah heard these things, they came up from the king’s house to the house of the LORD and took their seat in the entry of the New Gate of the house of the LORD. ¹¹Then the priests and the prophets said to the officials and to all the people, “This man deserves the sentence of death, because he has prophesied against this city, as you have heard with your own ears.”

¹²Then Jeremiah spoke to all the officials and all the people, saying, “The LORD sent me to prophesy against this house and this city all the words you have heard. ¹³Now therefore mend your ways and your deeds, and obey the voice of the LORD your God, and the LORD will relent of the disaster that he has pronounced against you. ¹⁴But as for me, behold, I am in your hands. Do with me as seems good and right to you. ¹⁵Only know for certain that if you put me to death, you will bring innocent blood upon yourselves and upon this city and its inhabitants, for in truth the LORD sent me to you to speak all these words in your ears.”

Epistle: Philippians 3:17–4:1

¹⁷Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us. ¹⁸For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. ¹⁹Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things. ²⁰But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.

^{4:1}Therefore, my brothers, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm thus in the Lord, my beloved.

Holy Gospel: Luke 13:31–35

³¹At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to [Jesus], “Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.” ³²And he said to them, “Go and tell that fox, ‘Behold, I cast out demons and perform cures today and tomorrow, and the third day I finish my course. ³³Nevertheless, I must go on my way today and tomorrow and the day following, for it cannot be that a prophet should perish away from Jerusalem.’ ³⁴O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you would not! ³⁵Behold, your house is forsaken. And I tell you, you will not see me until you say, ‘Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!’”