

Full Service Bulletin

MISSION SERVICE FEBRUARY 25, 2024 SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD." (Psalm 122:1)

PRELUDE AND PREPARATION

*Prepare your heart for worship: read the introduction, look up the Scripture readings and pray. You may pray: **Send Your grace upon us, O God. Sanctify us and turn our thoughts toward holiness, so that with a pure conscience we may offer to You the sacrifice of praise, through the mercy and compassion of Your only, begotten Son. AMEN.***

CHILDREN

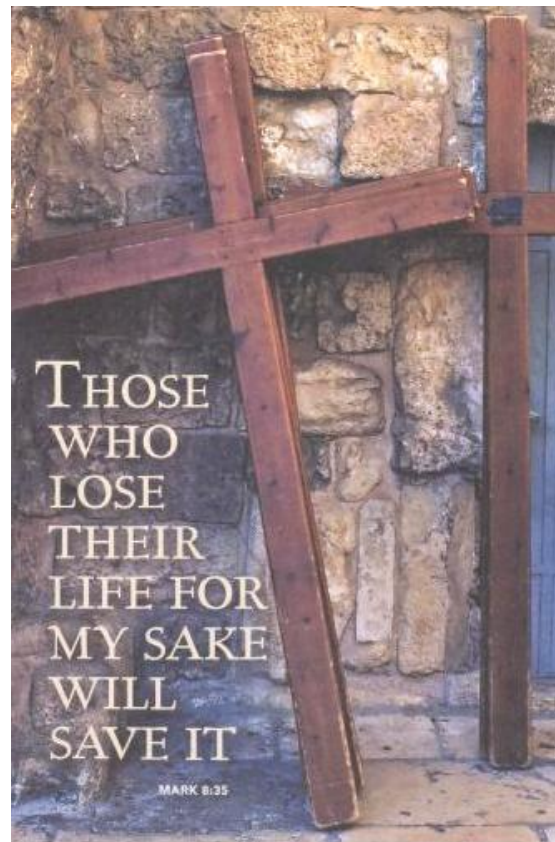
We welcome children of all ages. The Children's Library is available if a child needs a break during the service.

INTRODUCTION

The second covenant in this year's Lenten readings is the one made with Abraham and Sarah: God's promise to make them the ancestors of many, with whom God will remain in everlasting covenant. Paul says this promise comes to all who share Abraham's faith in the God who brings life into being where there was no life. We receive this baptismal promise of resurrection life in faith. Sarah and Abraham receive new names as a sign of the covenant, and we too get new identifies in baptism, as we put on Christ.

COMMEMORATION

Elizabeth Fedde, deaconess (1850–1921) Fedde was born in Norway and trained as a deaconess. In 1882, at the age of 32, she was asked to come to New York to minister to the poor and to Norwegian seamen. Her influence was wide-ranging, and she established the Deaconess House in Brooklyn and the Deaconess House and Hospital of the Lutheran Free Church in Minneapolis. She returned home to Norway in 1895 and died there.



WELCOME AND MEDITATION

(Please rise.)

INVOCATION (= *All may make the sign of the cross.*)

P: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, Who brings us out of captivity into freedom, out of the wilderness into the promised land, out of death into life.

C: AMEN.

KYRIE (WOV p. 12) (*Congregation sings bold*)

A In peace, in peace let us pray to the Lord. **A** For the

C Lord, have mer - cy.

peace from a-bove, and for our sal - va - tion, let us pray to the

Lord. **A** For the peace of the whole world, the well - be - ing of the

C Lord, have mer - cy.

Church of God, and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the

Lord. **A** For this ho - ly house, and for all who of - fer here their

C Lord, have mer - cy.

wor - ship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

Help, save, com - fort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.

A - men

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another.

P:

(Please kneel. Silence is kept for reflection and personal confession.)

P: Gracious God, **C: We confess that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. Forgive us and give us strength to turn from sin and to serve You in newness of life. AMEN.**

P: By water and the Holy Spirit, God gives us new birth, and through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, God forgives us all our sins. Almighty God strengthen us in all goodness and keep us in eternal life.

C: AMEN.

GREETING *(Please rise.)*

P: The immeasurable grace of Jesus Christ, the rich mercy of God, and the unity of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

WE PRAISE GOD'S NAME

With one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

"Let all the peoples praise him." (Romans 15:6,11)

HYMN OF PRAISE "Oh, Love, How Deep" (SBH # 157)

1 Oh, love, how deep, how broad, how high, be - yond all
 2 God sent no an - gel to our race, of high - er
 3 For us bap - tized, for us he bore his ho - ly
 4 For us he prayed; for us he taught; for us his

thought and fan - ta - sy, that God, the Son of
 or of low - er place, but wore the robe of
 fast and hun - gered sore; for us temp - ta - tion
 dai - ly works he wrought, by words and signs and

God, should take our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake!
 hu - man frame, in Christ our Lord to this world came.
 sharp he knew; for us the tempt - er o - ver - threw.
 ac - tions thus still seek - ing not him - self, but us.

- 5 For us by wickedness betrayed,
 for us, in crown of thorns arrayed,
 he bore the shameful cross and death;
 for us he gave his dying breath.
- 6 For us he rose from death again;
 for us he went on high to reign;
 for us he sent his Spirit here
 to guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.
- 7 All glory to our Lord and God
 for love so deep, so high, so broad:
 the Trinity whom we adore
 forever and forevermore.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

L: Let us pray together: **C: 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. AMEN.**

RESPONSIVE READING....Psalm 22:23-31

(congregation reads indented)

You who fear the LORD, praise Him!

All you descendants of Jacob, honor Him!

Revere Him, all you descendants of Israel!

**For He has not despised or disdained
the suffering of the afflicted one;**

He has not hidden His face from him

but has listened to his cry for help.

From You comes the theme of my praise in the great assembly;

before those who fear You will I fulfill my vows.

The poor will eat and be satisfied;

they who seek the LORD will praise Him—

may your hearts live forever!

**All the ends of the earth will remember
and turn to the LORD,**

all the families of the nations will bow down before Him,

for dominion belongs to the LORD

and He rules over the nations.

All the rich of the earth will feast and worship;

all who go down to the dust will kneel before Him—

those who cannot keep themselves alive.

Posterity will serve Him;

future generations will be told about the Lord.

They will proclaim His righteousness

to a people yet unborn—for He has done it.

PRAISE SONG *(Please sit.)*

“El Shaddai” (Maj # 178 - favorite - Michael Card & John Thompson)

Unison

*El Shad-dai, El Shad-dai, El El - yon na A-do-nai;

Age to age You're still the same By the pow-er of the name.

El Shad-dai, El Shad-dai, Er-kahm - ka na A-do-nai;

We will praise and lift You high. El Shad - dai.

*Translation of Hebrew: El Shaddai: God Almighty
El Elyon: The Most High God
na Adonai: O Lord
Erkahnka: we will love You.

1. **Through your love and through the ram,
You saved the son of Abraham;
Through the power of your hand,
Turned the sea into dry land.
To the outcast on her knees,
You were the God who really sees,
And by Your might, You set Your children free. *Chorus***
2. **Through the years You made it clear,
That the time of Christ was near,
Though the people couldn't see
What Messiah ought to be.
Though Your Word contained the plan,
They just would not understand
Your most awesome work was done
Through the frailty of Your Son. *Chorus***

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

For everything was written to teach us, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. (Romans 15:4)

FIRST READINGGenesis 17:1-16.....Pg. 22

P: Word of God, Word of Life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING....Romans 4:13-25.....Pg. 1752

P: Word of God, Word of Life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *(Please rise.)*

“Conquering Kings Their Titles Take” verse 2 (SBH # 509)

ORIENTIS PARTIBUS. 77, 77. Office de la Circoncision, Sens, cir. 1210

In moderate time

2. Yea, none oth - er Name is given Un - to mor - tals un - der heaven,
3. Rath - er glad - ly for that Name Bear the Cross, en - dure the shame;

Which can make the dead a - rise, And ex - alt them to the skies.
Joy - ful - ly for him to die Is not death but vic - to - ry. A - men.

Latin Hymn, XVIII cent. Tr. John Chandler, 1806-76

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 8th chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

GOSPELMark 8:31-9:1.....Pg. 1567

P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *verse 3*

(Young children go to Children's Church)

(Please sit. See outline in Announcements insert.)

SERMON *“Building Your Life on God's Promises”*

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing.
(Romans 15:13)

HYMN OF THE DAY *(Please rise.)*

“Standing On The Promises” (Maj # 601 - favorite - R. Kelso Carter)

1 Stand - ing on the prom - is - es of Christ my King, Thro' e - ter - nal a - ges
2 Stand - ing on the prom - is - es that can - not fail, When the howl - ing storms of
3 Stand - ing on the prom - is - es of Christ the Lord, Bound to Him e - ter - nal -
4 Stand - ing on the prom - is - es I can - not fall, Lis - t'ning ev - ery mo - ment

1 let His prais - es ring; Glo - ry in the high - est, I will shout and sing,
2 doubt and fear as - sail, By the liv - ing Word of God I shall pre - vail,
3 ly by love's strong cord, O - ver - com - ing dai - ly with the Spir - it's sword,
4 to the Spir - it's call, Rest - ing in my Sav - ior as my all in all,

Stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God. Stand - ing, stand - ing,
stand - ing on the prom - is - es,

Stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God my Sav - ior; Stand - ing,

stand - ing, I'm stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.
stand - ing on the prom - is - es,

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of six systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The first system contains four verses of the hymn. The second system contains two verses. The third system contains a chorus-like phrase. The fourth system contains a phrase. The fifth system contains a phrase. The sixth system contains a phrase. The piano accompaniment consists of a steady eighth-note pattern in the left hand and chords in the right hand.

APOSTLES' CREED

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

I believe in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day He rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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.

OFFERING

We no longer pass the plate, but your offerings are needed more than ever. The plate is located at the back of the center aisle. Please place your offering and your Communication Card there as you come in or go out. Thank You!

(Please sit.)

MISSION MOMENT Installation of Committee Chairs

P: The following have been appointed to serve as Congregational Committee Chairs: Karen Brown (Capital Improvements & Memorials), Ruthann Kistler (Christian Education/Outreach), Richard Schmidt (Worship & Music), Karen Steiner (Pre-School), Rich Stein (Property), Alyce Stein (Social Ministry), Lyn Stryker (Stewardship), Lisa Wechsler (Finance). We are still in need of people to serve as chair of the Benevolence and Communications & Technology Committees.

In Holy Baptism our Lord Jesus Christ liberated you from sin and death and made you members of His Church. I ask you, do you confess the faith of the Church, the faith in which you were baptized, as expressed in the Apostle's creed. If so, answer:

R: I Do.

St. Paul writes: "There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but the same God works all of them in all men. Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good." (*1 Corinthians 12:4-7*)

Do you accept the office to which you have been called, and do you promise to discharge your duties faithfully, in the fear of God, and according to the principles and usages of the Church?

R: Yes, by the help of God.

Those being installed face the congregation.:

P: People of God, I ask you: Will you support these leaders and share in the mutual ministry that Christ has given to all who are baptized?

C: Yes, by the help of God.

P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Who has called you to the service of His Church, enlighten and strengthen you in your office, that you may prove good and faithful stewards, to the glory of His holy name.

C: AMEN.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH *(Please kneel.)*

(Response: L: Lord, in Your mercy, C: hear our prayer.)

THE 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.

WE ARE SENT INTO GOD'S WORLD

Come, let us walk in the light of the LORD! (Isaiah 2:5)

BLESSING

P: The blessing of God Almighty, the wisdom and power of Jesus Christ, and the light of the Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always.

C: AMEN.

SENDING HYMN *(Please rise.)*

"O God, My Faithful God" (LBW # 504)

PASSING THE PEACE

L: As we leave to serve the Risen Lord in the power of His Spirit, let us share with one another some of the blessings of peace we have received. The peace of the Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

POSTLUDE

1 O God, my faith - ful God, True foun - tain ev - er flow - ing,
 2 Give me the strength to do With read - y heart and will - ing
 3 Keep me from say - ing words That lat - er need re - call - ing;
 4 When dan - gers gath - er round, Oh, keep me calm and fear - less;

With - out whom noth - ing is, All per - fect gifts be - stow - ing:
 What - ev - er you com - mand, My call - ing here ful - fill - ing—
 Guard me, lest i - dle speech May from my lips be fall - ing;
 Help me to bear the cross When life seems dark and cheer - less;

Give me a health - y frame, And may I have with - in
 To do it when I ought, With all my strength—and bless
 But when, with - in my place, I must and ought to speak,
 Help me, as you have taught, To love both great and small,

A con - science free from blame, A soul un - stained by sin.
 What - ev - er I have wrought, For you must give suc - cess.
 Then to my words give grace, Lest I of - fend the weak.
 And, by your Spir - it's might, To live at peace with all.

Text: Johann Heermann, 1585–1647; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1829–1878, alt.
 Tune: Ahasuerus Fritsch, 1629–1701

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FELLOWSHIP AND REFRESHMENTS

*Everyone is invited to remain for fellowship and refreshments.
 Snacks, coffee and hot water are available in the Gathering Place.
 You can brew your own coffee/tea using the Keurig® in the Parlor.*

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SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

SERVANTS OF THE LORD THIS WEEK

GREETER: 8:30-Skylre Hahn / 10:45-Irene Graham

SONG LEADER: Pastor David

SOUND: 8:30-Chris Chmela / 10:45-Jim Steiner

LIVE STREAM: 8:30-Jan Stryker

LITURGIST: 8:30-Mike Zyskowski / 10:45-Lyn Stryker

ALTAR GUILD: Sharon Branigan, Irene Graham

LECTOR: 8:30-Pat Gilbert / 10:45-Lyn Stryker

CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Ruthann Kistler

PHONETREE: Jonathan Mosebach

COUNTERS: Karen Brown, Jan Stryker, Mike & Bella Zyskowski

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SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Worship - 8:30 & 10:45 AM † Sunday School - 9:45 AM

(Holy Communion 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays & Major Feasts)

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