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Ascension Lutheran Church and School

Second Sunday in Lent ~ February 28, 2021

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

FEBRUARY 28, 2021

WELCOME to all who are attending our service today. We are glad you are with us! To all guests and visitors, we especially extend our hands of friendship. May God bless the worship time for each one of you. Please come again!

NURSERY AVAILABLE We have an unstaffed nursery for your convenience and privacy. The nursery has audio and video so you may hear and see the worship service while attending to your child.

HOLY COMMUNION is celebrated at the 8:30 service on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month, and at the 11:00 service on the 2nd and 4th Sundays.

P = Pastor, **C** = Congregation, **A** = Reader/Assisting)

✠ PREPARATION ✠

Theme: "Because God Has Remembered"

AS WE GATHER

The old Latin name for this, the Second Sunday in Lent, is Reminiscere, because the Introit pleads, "Remember Your mercy, O Lord." Confidently, it continues by encouraging us to trust Him because "He has remembered us; He will bless us." Indeed, God's promises to Abram in today's Old Testament Reading were kept as Jesus moved unswervingly toward the cross, as He does in today's Gospel. As a result, we can be sure, Paul reminds us in the Epistle, that we have peace with God. Even in suffering, we know that hope will not disappoint us, for we remember that "while we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8).

PRELUDE

WELCOME

HYMN

“O Savior, Precious Savior”

O Savior, precious Savior, Whom yet unseen, we love;
O name of might and favor, All other names above;
We worship You; we bless You; To You alone we sing;
We praise You and confess You, Our holy Lord and King.

O Bringer of salvation, Who wondrously have wrought
Yourself the revelation Of love beyond our thought;
We worship You; we bless You; To You alone we sing;
We praise You and confess You, Our gracious Lord and King.

In You all fullness dwelling, All grace and pow’r divine;
Your glory all excelling, God’s Son, O Savior mine.
We worship You; we bless You; To You alone we sing;
We praise You and confess You, Our glorious Lord and King.

Oh, grant the consummation Of this our song above
In endless adoration And everlasting love;
Then shall we praise and bless You Where perfect praises ring
And evermore confess You, Our Savior and our King.

INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

*based on Genesis 17:7; Psalm 22:27;
Romans 5:6, 9–10*

P God established an everlasting covenant with Abraham,
C **but our faith has waxed and waned. O Lord, forgive our forgetfulness of Your unchanging grace.**

P David wrote, “All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD,”
C **but we have failed to remind one another of God’s mercy and love. O Lord, forgive our hesitancy to share the news of Your gracious presence.**

P Paul wrote that because Christ died for the ungodly, we are justified by His blood,
C **but we have tried to hide our sinfulness. O Lord, forgive our blindness to the necessary sacrifice of our Savior.**

P God sent His Son into the world with one purpose: to save us from the wrath of God. “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.” As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

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

SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

O God, who sent Your Son into the flesh so that He might pay for our sins and open eternal life to us,

C **grant us strong faith so that we may purposefully take up our crosses and follow where He has led the way;**

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

C **Amen.**

SHARING THE PEACE OF THE LORD

P The peace of the Lord be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

† THE WORD †

EPISTLE

Romans 5: 1–11 (ESV)

(What we could never do, God did!)

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ²Through 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. ³Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and 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.

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

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

LAMBS' LESSON

Pr. Jim Sprengle

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 8:27–38 (ESV)

(Who is Jesus, and what will you do with Him?)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the eighth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

²⁷ 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?” ²⁸ And they told Him, “John the Baptist; and others say, Elijah; and others, one of the prophets.” ²⁹ And He asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered Him, “You are the Christ.” ³⁰ And He strictly charged them to tell no one about Him. ³¹ 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. ³² And He said this plainly. And Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him. ³³ 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.” ³⁴ And calling the crowd to Him with His disciples, He said to them, “If anyone would come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. ³⁵ For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel's will save it. ³⁶ For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? ³⁷ For what can a man give in return for his soul? ³⁸ 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.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN

“Jesus! Oh, How Could It Be True”

Jesus! Oh, how could it be true,
A mortal man ashamed of you?
Ashamed of you, whom angels praise,
Whose glories shine through endless days?

Ashamed of Jesus? Sooner far
Let evening blush to own a star.
He sheds the beams of light divine
On this benighted soul of mine.

Ashamed of Jesus? Just as soon
Let midnight be ashamed of noon.
There's midnight in my soul till he,
Bright Morning Star, bids darkness flee.

Ashamed of Jesus, that dear friend
On whom my hopes of heav'n depend?
No; when I blush, be this my shame,
That I no more revere his name.

Ashamed of Jesus? Yes, I may
When I've no guilt to wash away,
No tear to wipe, no good to crave,
No fear to quell, no soul to save.

Till then--nor is my boasting vain—
Till then I boast a Savior slain;
And oh, may this my glory be,
That Christ is not ashamed of me!

SERMON

“IS YOUR SOUL FOR SALE?”

Pastor Dan Critchett

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SONG

“Jesus, Name Above All Names”

Jesus, Name above all names, Beautiful Savior, Glorious Lord,
Emmanuel, God is with us, Blessed Redeemer, Living Word.

Jesus, Loving Shepherd, Vine of the branches, Son of God,
Prince of Peace, Wonderful Counselor, Lord of the universe, Light of the world.

Jesus, Way of salvation, King of kings, Lord of lords,
The way, the truth, and the Life, Mighty Creator, My Savior and Friend.

DECLARATION OF FAITH

C I believe that God created me, and has a plan and purpose for my life. I believe that He redeemed me from the power and punishment of sin. I believe that He knows my ways and my thoughts, and loves me anyway.

I believe that the Bible is God's truth, and was inspired and given by God for our wisdom and understanding of who He is, and what His plan is for me and for this world.

I believe that God the Father is the creator and owner of the Universe, God the Son is the Savior of all mankind, and God the Holy Spirit is the giver of truth, the source of faith, and the provider of all I need to live the life to which I am called.

I believe that God calls and enables me to trust Him in all things, to share the fellowship of His people, and to serve Him faithfully all my days. I believe that a Day is coming when Jesus Christ will return to take me and all believers to His home in heaven. And if my life on this planet ends before that Great Day, I will be transported to His eternal dwelling place, all by His grace and for His glory. Amen!

PRAYER FOR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

(Our offerings are made as an act of worship, given in loving response to all that God has graciously given us, both materially and spiritually.)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

(We offer prayers for all things and people; 1 Timothy 2:1-2)

P Let us pray for the Church here and around the world and for all people in their various circumstances.

For the Church around the world, all people who join Peter in professing that Jesus is the Christ, that they trust God's purpose for their lives, take up their crosses, and follow, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For all who spend their lives serving the physical, mental, social, and emotional needs of the people around them, that God bless and guide them according to His gracious purpose, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For professional counselors and private confidants who alleviate suffering, enable endurance, support character, and encourage hope, that they serve as conduits for God's purposes in the lives of their patients, family, and friends, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For those who lead the governments of the world, that they find purpose in their positions, using every means to increase harvests, combat global health crises, minimize conflict between nations, and ensure equal justice for all their citizens, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For those who need our special prayers to comfort them in their needs, especially... that God would bring them healing, comfort, freedom, and dignity, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For those celebrating the many blessings You have bestowed, especially...let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P These and any other things You would have us ask of You, heavenly Father, grant to us for the sake of the bitter sufferings and death of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, in whose name we pray.

C **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(Mt 6:9ff; Lk 11:2ff)*

P Lord, in prayer, we approach Your throne of grace with confidence and gladness and pray as You have 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.**

BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24–26

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.

G Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN

“All Hail The Power Of Jesus’ Name!”

All hail the pow’r of Jesus’ name! Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem And crown Him Lord of all.
Bring forth the royal diadem And crown Him Lord of all.

Ye seed of Israel's chosen race, Ye ransomed from the fall,
Hail Him who saves you by His grace And crown Him Lord of all.
Hail Him who saves you by His grace And crown Him Lord of all.

Sinners, whose love can ne’er forget The wormwood and the gall,
Go, spread your trophies at His feet And crown Him Lord of all.
Go, spread your trophies at His feet And crown Him Lord of all.

Oh, that with yonder sacred throng We at his feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song And crown Him Lord of all.
We'll join the everlasting song And crown Him Lord of all.

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

G Thanks be to God!

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† MILESTONES**BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS**

Stan Chapulis	2/28	Eric Kreps	2/28
Jennifer Netsch	2/28	Celia Kreps	3/1
Bill Ritchie	3/2	Linda Strefling	3/6

BIRTHDAYS

Margo Bachhuber	3/1	Eileen Hatley	3/4
Ayde Alvarado	3/6		

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Bruce and Judy Blubaum Mar 3, 1961

† ATTENDING SATURDAY SERVICE

Services will be recorded at 2:00pm. The official rule for religious services is maximum 25 people, including pastors and assistants, 6-foot distancing and masks are required. After the service is recorded, a brief communion service will be held for those in attendance.

Reservations: Contact office and speak to Michele.

Reservations for coming Saturday only (no multiple weeks)

If full that week, names go on next week's list

The procedure for coming is as follows:

1. Do not have ANY illnesses or symptoms.
2. Arrive prior to 2:00pm to avoid disturbances during taping
3. Wear a mask when entering
4. Use hand sanitizer on the table and sign in on the sheet there
5. Social distance of 6 feet at all times
6. Enter the building through the Narthex Entrance
7. To enter the sanctuary, use the door near the mailboxes in the hallway not the main sanctuary doors as they are blocked off due to filming.
8. No dwelling after church in the narthex. Please take conversations outside.

† ALTERNATIVES FOR HOMEBOUND WORSHIP

- Online Daily Devotions are on our Facebook page: Ascension Lutheran Church and School - Portland
- Radio: KPDQ on 93.9FM Sunday mornings at 7:00am.
- alcportland.org for Bible Studies and Worship Services

† ASCENSION HELP LINE – 971-715-1416

PRAYER NEEDS?

Contact the church office with any requests at 503-665-8821 or e-mail:
office@alcportland.org

PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR:

Carolyn Erdmann, Ray Brown, Mike Hatley, The Family of Randy Arronson, Mary Niska, Larry Hart, The Family of Jack Webber, Bill Ritchie, Colleen Ek Yah, Esperanza Gutierrez, Brian Laxton, Virginia Hunt, John Eilers and Family, Marty Blankenburg, Richard Robertson, Lewis Eilers, The Family of Ordena Laxton, The Family of Wayne Rippon, Rich Zahursky, Audrey Bauch, Alan Bauch, Leonard Murphy, Bruce Blubaum, Judy Blubaum, Ellie Brown, Antonia Martinez (mother of Esperanza Gutierrez), Michele Sprengle Ava Wentela (Sue Wentela's granddaughter), Carol Santorufo (sister of Sue Wentela), *Barbara Schrader, *Dale Porath, All those suffering or infected with Covid-19.
**Home Bound.*

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY:

Marie Cassetty Brown, Air Force — Ramstein Air Base, Germany AFB LA (sister-in-law of Wanda Cassetty);
Jaden Keup, Army – deployed (great-nephew of Karon Keup);
Jon Porath, Air Force — Nellis Air Force Base, Las Vegas NV (son of Dale and Sherry Porath);
Dakota Saunders, US Navy — Based in Cecilia Italy (godson of Carrie Graham);
Alex Williamson, Air Force, Reserve — Washington (grandson of Rebecca Williamson);
Michael Williamson, Air Force, Reserve — Texas (grandson of Rebecca Williamson);
Jamie Wong-Lopez, Marines — Annapolis MD (nephew of Kevin and Merci McInaney);
Clayton Wright, Air Force – Yokota AFB Japan (grandson of Virginia Jacobs);
Colton Wright, Navy — Assigned to USS Harry S. Truman (grandson of Virginia Jacobs);
Tyler Young, Navy — Deployed (nephew of Karen Arronson).

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Our Mission Statement:

~ *Go and Share Jesus Christ* ~

Our Vision Statement:

“Take part...Join Jesus on His mission”

The members of Ascension Lutheran Church are committed to being God's witnesses in Gresham, and in all of Portland and the Northwest, and to the ends of the earth (Acts 1:8) by:

With the universal Christian Church, we believe, teach and respond to the love of the Triune God—the Father, Creator of all that exists; the Son Jesus Christ, Who left His home in Heaven to become flesh and blood, to suffer and die for the sins of all peoples of the world, and Who rose from the grave, victorious over sin, death and the devil, that we too might live with Him in Heaven; and the Holy Spirit, Who creates faith in our hearts in Christ Jesus through God's Word and Sacrament. The three Persons of the Holy Trinity are one God, co-equal and co-eternal. The core teachings of our faith from the Lutheran perspective can be summarized in three short phrases: Grace alone, Scripture alone, Faith alone.

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