

**The Second Sunday in Lent**

**February 25, 2024**

**9:30am Worship**

**The Prelude**

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Opening Prayer**

**\* Confession & Forgiveness p. 94-96**

*P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.***

*P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires are known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You and worthily magnify Your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen.***

*P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*

*P: Most merciful God, **C: we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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 us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.***

**\* Gathering Hymn #886**

**“Oh, For A Thousand Tongues To Sing”**

**\* Greeting p. 147** *P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C: And also with you.***

**\* Kyrie p. 147** *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.***

**\* Glory to God p. 148**

**\* The Prayer of the Day (all pray. Father in heaven, as we walk together, on the road to the cross, during the season of Lent, we pray that the Holy Spirit will fill our hearts, with a desire to know Jesus, more deeply than we have ever known him before. Set our hearts on fire, so that our lives may bear witness to the world, about the love of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

**Choir Anthem**

**“Come Ye Disconsolate”**

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

<sup>17</sup> When Abram was ninety-nine years old the LORD appeared to Abram and said to him, “I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless,<sup>2</sup> that I may make my covenant between me and you, and may multiply you greatly.”<sup>3</sup> Then Abram fell on his face. And God said to him,<sup>4</sup> “Behold, my covenant is with you, and you shall be the father of a multitude of nations.<sup>5</sup> No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham, for I have made you the father of a multitude of nations.<sup>6</sup> I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make you into nations, and kings shall come from you.<sup>7</sup> And I will establish my covenant between me and you and your offspring after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.

<sup>15</sup> And God said to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name.<sup>16</sup> I will bless her, and moreover, I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall become nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.”

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

### **Responsive Reading – Psalm 22:23-31**

L:<sup>23</sup> You who fear the LORD, praise him! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him, and stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!

**C:<sup>24</sup> For he has not despised or abhorred the affliction of the afflicted, and he has not hidden his face from him, but has heard, when he cried to him.**

L:<sup>25</sup> From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will perform before those who fear him.

**C:<sup>26</sup> The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the LORD! May your hearts live forever!**

L:<sup>27</sup> All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, and all the families of the nations shall worship before you.

**C:<sup>28</sup> For kingship belongs to the LORD, and he rules over the nations.**

L:<sup>29</sup> All the prosperous of the earth eat and worship; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, even the one who could not keep himself alive.

**C:<sup>30</sup> Posterity shall serve him; it shall be told of the Lord to the coming generation;**

**ALL:<sup>31</sup> they shall come and proclaim his righteousness to a people yet unborn, that he has done it.**

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

<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. <sup>18</sup> In hope he believed against hope, that he should become the father of many nations, as he had been told, “So shall your offspring be.” <sup>19</sup> He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body,

which was as good as dead (since he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. <sup>20</sup>No unbelief made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, <sup>21</sup>fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. <sup>22</sup>That is why his faith was "counted to him as righteousness." <sup>23</sup>But the words "it was counted to him" were not written for his sake alone, <sup>24</sup>but for ours also. It will be counted to us who believe in him who raised from the dead Jesus our Lord, <sup>25</sup>who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

\* **Gospel Acclamation** p. 151

\* **Gospel Announcement**

\* Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the 8<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

\* **The Gospel Lesson: Mark 8:27-38**

<sup>27</sup>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?" <sup>28</sup>And they told him, "John the Baptist; and others say, Elijah; and others, one of the prophets." <sup>29</sup>And he asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Christ." <sup>30</sup>And he strictly charged them to tell no one about him.

<sup>31</sup>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. <sup>32</sup>And he said this plainly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. <sup>33</sup>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."

<sup>34</sup>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. <sup>35</sup>For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. <sup>36</sup>For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? <sup>37</sup>For what can a man give in return for his soul? <sup>38</sup>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."

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

**Children's Sermon**

**Hymn #115** (TOSB)

**"Jesus, Name Above All Names"**

**The Sermon**

**"Who Do You Say That I Am"**

*(sermon text: Mark 8:27-38)*

**Pastor William Shields**

\* **Apostle's Creed** p. 105

**The Hymn of the Day #592**

**"Just As I Am, Without One Plea"**

**Offering**

\* **Offering Response #186**

**"Create In Me A Clean Heart"**

**Prayers**

\* **The Lord's Prayer** p. 154 **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**

\* **Sending Hymn #803**

**"When I Survey The Wondrous Cross"**

\* **Dismissal** *P:* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **C:** Thanks be to God!

**Postlude**

**Announcements:**

Altar Flowers  
Given by Jim & Sue Scruggs  
Thank you for 46 years of marriage.

Old Wheels Planning Meeting  
8:00AM  
Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Scruggs' Pond  
Breakfast served.

**Weekly Schedule of Activities**

Tues. 2/27	7:00am Jr. High Study 10-12 Prayer Shawl
Wed. 2/28	6:30am Men's Bible Study 7:00am Sr. High Bible Study 11:00am Pastor's Bible Study 1:00pm Prayer Group <b>5:30pm Soup Supper</b> 6:00pm Confirmation 6:00pm Choir <b>7:00pm Lenten Service</b>
Thurs. 2/29	6:00pm Pastor's Study
Sat. 3/1	7:00am Gideons
Sun. 3/2	9:30am Worship/ Comm. Coffee Fellowship & Sunday School

**Lenten Services & Soup Suppers**  
**Begin at 5:30pm**  
**Feb. 28, & Mar. 6, 13, 20**  
**Sign-up sheets in the back of church.**

**LWR**  
**Personal Care Kits**  
*Collecting bars of soap & dark bath towels*  
*Feb. 25<sup>th</sup> More to come in March.*

**Ladies Craft Party**  
**Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
**2:00pm - Cost is \$30.00**

**Today, Feb. 25<sup>th</sup>**  
**is the last day to sign up.**

**Please sign-up, any questions can be**  
**directed to Joanne Sheldon**  
**815-719-2188**

*A sample of the craft is*  
*pictured in the back.*

**FEB. FOOD CHALLENGE**  
This week is Hamburger Helper type meals,  
chips, pretzels & popcorn.  
Results from week #1 – 182 lbs.