

# 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday *in* Lent

*"Helping others receive grace, purpose and direction by proclaiming Christ's love."*

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**Sunday Morning Worship**  
**10:00 a.m.**  
**February 28, 2021**

## Second Sunday in Lent

**Prayer Before Worship:** God of our salvation, your bow in the clouds proclaims your covenant with every living creature. Teach us your paths and lead us in your truth, that by your Holy Spirit, we may remember our baptismal vows and be bearers of your good news to all the world. Amen.

*(In preparation for our worship together, you are invited to take a moment of silence to offer your own prayers of worship and praise.)*

**KEY:** ELW = Worship hymnal (cranberry)

Congregational responses are printed in **BOLD** type.

**A Warm Welcome** to all as we gather as God's people to worship our Lord. We pray our worship together would strengthen your faith and desire to know and serve the One who loves us with an everlasting love as made known to us in Jesus Christ.

**Visitors**, if you are worshipping with us in person or online today, we are glad to have you with us. Please join us again soon!

### Prelude Music

### Welcome and Announcements

### **✠WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS✠**

#### **\*Confession of Sins/Assurance of Forgiveness**

*(All may make the sign of the cross ✠ the sign marked at baptism, as we begin)*

We gather as the baptized people of God in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Trusting in God's promise of salvation, let us confess our sin.

*(Silence for reflection and self-examination)*

Merciful God,

**we confess that we have not always been sincere Christians. We claim to follow Jesus but have not taken his path of sacrificial love. We profess to be disciples, but we are not willing to bear the cost of discipleship.**

**We affirm the virtue of self-denial, but we indulge our selfish desires and seek earthly gain. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for sincere repentance through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Hear the good news: God deems as righteous all who trust that Jesus has been raised from the dead for our salvation. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. **Amen.**

**\*Greeting**

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

**And also with you.**

**\*Prayer of the Day**

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.**

**✠GOD'S WORD SPEAKS TO US✠**

**Old Testament Reading: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16**

<sup>1</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>And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous." <sup>3</sup>Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, <sup>4</sup>"As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. <sup>5</sup>No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. <sup>6</sup>I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. <sup>7</sup>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>God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her 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 give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm 22:23-31**

<sup>23</sup>You who fear the LORD, give praise! All you of Jacob's line, give glory.  
Stand in awe of the LORD, all you offspring of Israel.

<sup>24</sup>**For the LORD does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither is the LORD's face hidden from them; but when they cry out, the LORD hears them.**

<sup>25</sup>From you comes my praise in the great assembly;  
I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the LORD.

<sup>26</sup>**The poor shall eat and be satisfied,  
Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts live forever!**

<sup>27</sup>All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD;  
all the families of nations shall bow before God.

<sup>28</sup>**For dominion belongs to the LORD,  
who rules over the nations.**

<sup>29</sup>Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow down in worship;  
all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel before the LORD.

<sup>30</sup>**Their descendants shall serve the LORD,  
whom they shall proclaim to generations to come.**

<sup>31</sup>They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people yet unborn,  
saying to them, "The LORD has acted!"

**\*Lenten Verse:**

**"Return to the Lord"**

**Jay Beech**

**Return to the Lord, your God,  
Return to the Lord, your God,  
Who is gracious and merciful,  
Slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.**

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

*Response after the announcement of the gospel:*  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>31</sup>Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. <sup>32</sup>He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. <sup>33</sup>But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

<sup>34</sup>He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>35</sup>For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. <sup>36</sup>For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? <sup>37</sup>Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? <sup>38</sup>Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

*Response after the gospel reading:*  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Kids' Sermon:**

**Angie Hinze**

**Sermon:**

**Pastor Sheryl**

*(Silence for Reflection and Meditation.)*

**‡WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD‡**

**\*Song of the Day:**

**"In the Cross of Christ I Glory"**

**ELW #324  
vv. 1&4**

**1. In the cross of Christ I glory,  
tow'ring o'er the wrecks of time.  
All the light of sacred story  
gathers round its head sublime.**

**4. Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure,  
by the cross are sanctified;  
peace is there that knows no measure,  
joys that through all time abide.**

**\*Profession of Faith: The Apostles Creed**

**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 the Church:**

**W&P #27**

*(Sung Prayer Response)*

**I cast all my cares upon you;  
I lay all of my burdens down at your feet.  
And anytime that I don't know what to do,  
I will cast all my cares upon you.**

**\*Exchange of Peace**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

**\*Offertory Prayer**

Having offered ourselves and our gifts to God, let us pray.  
**Faithful God, you walk beside us in desert places, and you meet us in our hunger with bread from heaven. Accompany us in this meal, that we may pass over from death to life with Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## ‡HOLY COMMUNION‡

*Here our Lord gives to us His own Body and Blood for the forgiveness of all our sins.*

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

### **\*Words of Institution**

### **\*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.**

### **Invitation to Communion**

Come for the gifts of God are ready for the people of God.

### **Distribution of Communion:**

Christ is truly present in the Lord's Supper with gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation.

**All are welcome and invited to receive Holy Communion.**

*(Communion will be served continuously at one station in the front of the church with the  
pulpit side of the church being dismissed first.*

*WHITE GRAPE JUICE and GLUTEN FREE WAFERS are available. Just ask the server.*

*Children who are not yet communicants are invited to come forward for a blessing.)*

*For those worshipping with us online who are interested in receiving Holy Communion,  
Drive-Through Communion will be available in the parking lot immediately following the  
worship service this morning from approximately 10:45 a.m.-11:15 a.m.*

**"10,000 Reasons"**

**Choir**

**\*Post-Communion Blessing**

**\*Post-Communion Prayer**

God of steadfast love, at this table you gather your people into one body for the sake of the world. Send us in the power of your Spirit, that our lives bear witness to the love that has made us new in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

**‡WE DEPART TO SERVE‡**

**\*Benediction**

You are what God made you to be: created in Christ Jesus for good works, chosen as holy and beloved, freed to serve your neighbor.

God bless you ‡ that you may be a blessing,  
in the name of the holy and life-giving Trinity. **Amen.**

**\*Sending Song:**

**“We Will Glorify”**

**W&P #154  
vv. 1,2&3**

**Verse 1**

**We will glorify the King of kings  
We will glorify the Lamb  
We will glorify the Lord of lords  
Who is the great I Am**

**Verse 2**

**Lord Jehovah reigns in majesty  
We will bow before His throne  
We will worship Him in righteousness  
We will worship Him alone**

**Verse 3**

**He is Lord of heaven Lord of earth  
He is Lord of all who live  
He is Lord above the universe  
All praise to Him we give**

**\*Dismissal**

Marked with the cross of Christ, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

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Shirlie Schuldies, 2/28; Brad Johnston, 3/3; Nancy Steele, 3/4; Ella Foote, 3/5;  
Craig Bartel, 3/5; Jennifer Schafer, 3/6; Elizabeth Buckley, 3/6

If we have missed your birthday, please let the office know. Thanks.

### ✝In Our Thoughts and Prayers✝

**Prayers for healing:** **Greta Mehling** (Health Issues), **Ron Wegelin** (health issues), **Shirlie Schuldies** (health issues—mainly her heart), **Caleb Payne** (health issues), **Bruce** (Cancer treatments—friend of Jean Collins & Cathy Johnson), **Laynette Van Anne** (brain tumor—friend of Dee Brady), **LaDonna Schmidt** (colon cancer), **Bill Steele** (Recovering from COVID-19), **Beth Janecek** (Radiation), **Rich** (COVID-19 recovery—brother of Barb Gorr), **Cathy Rahrs** (rehab @ home), **Nancy & Tracy Steele** (COVID-19 health issues), **Harlan Meyer** (Lonnie Miller’s uncle), **Reuben & Gloria Gorr** (health issues), **Alan** (recovery of vision—Kathy Randall’s cousin), **Jordan Hein** (cancer treatment—former member of Calvary), **Julie** (cancer treatment—Travis Miller family), **Barb** (cancer—Marlene Downer’s sister-in-law), **Joan** (cancer—niece of Marj Nikont), **Patty** (cancer—Jim Dorn’s sister-in-law).

**Prayers of comfort and peace:** For the family and friends of **Gary Eskam**, and for the family and friends of **Bonnie** (cousin of Jack & Susan Martin)

**Prayers of thanksgiving:** For the healthy birth of **Sawyer Lea Samuelson** (parents—Chris and Brooke Samuelson, grandparents—Neal and Lora Blomenkamp).

**Prayers for our church, community, nation, and world:** in this time of Covid-19 and general unsettledness. For everyone in need!

## Prayer Requests



If you have a prayer request you would like added to the prayers of the people on Sunday morning, during the week you may notify Christy in the church office or let us know by filling out the online Attendance and Prayer Request card under the worship tab on our website or on Sunday morning inform one of the ushers of your prayer request and they will make a list and give those to the pastor before worship begins.

## YOUR GIVING ONLINE



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## MARCH FOOD DONATIONS REQUESTED

**FOOD PANTRY:** Sauces

**BACKPACKS:** Fruit Cups

Containers are located outside Fellowship Hall.

Thanks for your generosity.



## **WOMEN OF THE ELCA MARCH MISSION PROJECT:**

**Food for meals at the Lakota Center**

Cash donations will be used to help supplement the food ministry at the Lakota Center. Meals are an important part of community at the center and reach a large number of people. Be sure to designate WELCA on your donation.

Calling all 4th-8th graders! We would like to set up an acolyte schedule again, so if you would like to be put on the acolyte schedule call/text Angie at 631-2768.

### **First Communion Class**

We will be offering a class on the meaning of Holy Communion during Lent for any child wishing to begin receiving Holy Communion. For those interested, **they will receive their First Communion during our Worship Service on Maundy Thursday, April 1st at 6:30 p.m.**

Please note that there is no minimum age at which your child can begin to receive Holy Communion at Calvary—when your child begins to receive Holy Communion is up to you the parent(s). We do, however, encourage you to have your child (*and at least one or both parent(s) or even a grandparent*) attend a First Communion class prior to receiving Holy Communion so that they might have a basic understanding of Holy Communion.

If you are interested in having your child participate in the First Communion class, please contact Pastor Chris or Pastor Sheryl, so that we can make sure to have enough supplies and establish a date and time that is convenient for all. Please contact us by March 10<sup>th</sup> to give us time to organize a class.

### **Lutheran Family Service Telehealth Mental Health Services Now Available Here at Calvary**

2020 has been a stressful year. If you have found the disruption of the holidays the last straw in your ability to cope there is help available through Lutheran Family Services. LFS (Lutheran Family Services) has partnered with several remote sites to provide counseling and other needs through computer teleconferencing (or Telehealth).

If you would like to take advantage of these services, specifically talking with an LFS counselor, come to Calvary and we can help connect you to a counselor! Or go online at [www.LFSneb.org](http://www.LFSneb.org). (You can also call LFS directly at 402-441-7940 or 1-833-903-2376.) Be prepared to spend about 15 to 30 minutes doing online paperwork, including your insurance information. Counseling fees will be handled directly through LFS, there is no fee for use of the computer here at Calvary, (it was provided by LFS) or for the use of the private space.

If life has you down, know there is someone to talk to and help you work through any of life's struggles including depression, relationship issues, parenting difficulties, abuse, as well as getting through this pandemic. Starting the process is available anytime on your home computer and scheduling an appt. with a counselor is very flexible on any computer with camera and internet capabilities. If you would like to use the computer here at Calvary or begin the process with assistance through the office, please come Monday through Thursday from 9-3 PM. (Not available Friday or Weekends.) You may also contact us for more information.

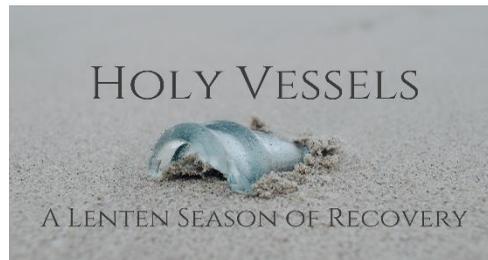
Please see the January Newsletter for more information!



## **GOD'S WORK – OUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT!**

The Community Action Partnership of Western Nebraska has a program to help families in need of emergency financial assistance. They assist families with emergency shelter, utility assistance, assistance with rent, and other needs. Let's help support our neighbors by contributing to this important program. For the months of February and March, we are asking Calvary to prayerfully consider providing financial assistance. The need is great at this time due to the financial hardships created by the COVID-19 pandemic. You can help by making a donation to Calvary Lutheran designated to this cause. Please mark your offering as Emergency Family Support. A member of Calvary has offered to match the congregational giving up to \$500.

*"For as you have done it for the least of those my brothers, you have done it for me."*  
Matthew 25:40



*"He took our infirmities and bore our diseases."*  
Matthew 8:17b

Each of us is created a precious and holy vessel of embodied love. We have been through a harrowing time since last Lent that has shattered for many their sense of wholeness—body, mind, and spirit—like a glass vessel fractured into pieces. In this Lenten 'season of recovery', we will explore the healing narratives of Jesus that tell of divine solidarity with human suffering and remind us that we can begin a journey toward making something beautiful from that which is seemingly broken.

Join us on Wednesday nights during Lent  
@ 6:30 p.m.  
as we discover how each of us is a holy vessel despite our brokenness.  
**Please note: there will be NO Lenten Dinners this year**

## WORSHIP LEADERS

**Pastors Chris and Sheryl Kester Beyer**

### **This Sunday – February 28**

**USHERS:** Chris & Barb Jensen

**LAY READER:** Shari Copsey

**COMMUNION ASST:** Dennis Gorr

**POWERPOINT:** Matt Payne

**MEDIA:** Jeff Van Patten

**ALTAR GUILD:** Deb Brown, Vicki Howell,  
Tracy Steele

**PIANIST:** Dee Brady

### **Next Sunday – March 7**

**USHERS:** Kent & Dawn Holub

**LAY READER:** Angie Hinze

**COMMUNION ASST:** Barb Jensen

**POWERPOINT:** Mary Jo Huelle

**MEDIA:** Maunette Loeks-Van Patten

**ALTAR GUILD:** Andi Dorn, Shelly Koehler

**ORGANIST:** Rhonda Boettcher

**SONG LEADER:** Bill Huelle

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### **Sunday, February 28**

10 a.m. – Worship

10:45-11:15 a.m. – Drive Through  
Communion

### **Monday, March 1**

7 p.m. – Hannah Circle @ Calvary  
Education Wing

### **Tuesday, March 2**

8:30 a.m. – Men's Study @ Calvary's  
Fellowship Hall & on Zoom

12 p.m. – Women's Study @ Calvary  
1 p.m. – Quilting

### **Wednesday, March 3**

10 a.m. – Ruth Circle

11:30 a.m. – Exec. Com. Meeting

6:30 p.m. – Worship

Choir Practice following Worship

### **Saturday, March 6**

5:30 p.m. – Worship

### **Sunday, March 7**

10 a.m. – Worship

10:45-11:15 a.m. – Drive Through  
Communion

FEBRUARY 28, 2021  
SECOND SUNDAY  
IN LENT



*The difficulty and joy of discipleship.*

### DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	Mark 8:31-38	Jesus predicts his death
Monday	Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16	Sign of the covenant
Tuesday	Romans 4:13-25	God's promise
Wednesday	2 Timothy 2:1-13	A good soldier of Christ
Thursday	2 Timothy 2:14-26	A worker approved by God
Friday	Proverbs 8:32-36	Listen to what you are taught
Saturday	Psalms 22:23-31	Suffering and praise
Sunday	John 2:13-22	Jesus cleanses the temple

### SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

*"For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it."*  
Mark 8:35 (NRSV)

### PRAYERS AND BLESSING

#### A Prayer for the Week:

Almighty God, help us to remember that it is in giving that we receive and in caring for others that we experience the joy of following Jesus, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

#### Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, as you satisfy us with this food and for all that blesses us this day, we give you thanks. Amen.

#### A Blessing to Give:

May the God who gives life to the dead and who calls into existence things that do not exist bless you with faith. (Romans 4:17b)



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FEBRUARY 28, 2021  
HYMN OF THE WEEK  
*Take My Life, That I May Be*



### WEEKLY MILESTONES

Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

### CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- What is something you didn't want to do because it was too difficult?
- Do you think it is difficult to follow Jesus? Why or why not?
- How would you describe a life of faith that lives for others?

### DEVOTIONS

Read: Mark 8:31-38.

These are some of the most difficult words to hear as followers of Jesus. To truly live as people of God, we are to live for the needs of others, just as Jesus did. It is hard for Peter—and us—to hear that Christ must suffer and die a criminal's death before rising to glory. It is hard for us to imagine picking up the cross, the tool of torture and death, and courageously walk with it daily for the sake of the good news of Christ and the needs of others. The Gospel of Mark is not a happy text for disciples. The Gospel ends with Jesus' followers running away and Peter denying his Lord in the courtyard of the high priest. Our challenge is not to run away and deny the needs of others. According to Mark, we don't do this well. The good news is that Jesus never gives up on us. To the disciples who ran away from him and denied him, he says in essence, "meet me in Galilee, where your ministry and life will truly begin" (Mark 16:7). By the end of Mark, there are no great stories of bravery and success of the disciples. What exists is a promise that Jesus will go before them and be with them into the future. The disciples will continue to hear Jesus' words, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me" (v. 34). What have you found to be difficult to do as a follower of Jesus? What have you found to be a joy as a follower?

*Pray:* Dear God, thank you for never giving up on us as we seek to lovingly give of ourselves for the needs of others and the sake of the gospel of Jesus Christ. Amen.

### SERVICE

Making pretzels is a Lenten tradition. Pretzels are shaped like arms folded in prayer and can remind us to pray to God for our needs and the needs of others. Choose some people beyond your household to pray for by name this week. Make or buy pretzels to give to them as a sign that you are praying for them.

### RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Jesus tells us that following him means taking up our cross, that is, saying no to ourselves and sometimes suffering for him. This week make a cross from wood, card stock, or other materials. Hold the cross during your devotional time this week while reading the *Daily Bible Readings*. Say the *Prayer for the Week* and add your own prayers. End the time by saying: *Remember that you are God's, and to God you shall return.*



In addition to *Taking Faith Home*, celebrate milestones in your daily life as an effective faith formation tool. Go to: [www.milestonesministry.org](http://www.milestonesministry.org)

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