

**Our Savior Lutheran Church
Second Sunday in Lent
February 28, 2021
FORGIVING**

Welcome

Announcements and Prayer Concerns

Passing of Peace

Call to Worship

A: On the way to the cross, our Lord lived a forgiving life. We celebrate the character of Christ's forgiving ways this Lent, seeking to make his ways our own as we follow him.

A brief silence.

A: Some men brought to Jesus a paralyzed man, lying on a mat. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the man,

C: "Take heart, son; your sins are forgiven."

A: Jesus said, "I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven – as her great love has shown. But whoever has been forgiven little loves little."

C: Then Jesus said to her, "Your sins are forgiven."

A: Jesus told his disciples, "This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

C: You are witnesses of these things."

A: In the way that we sincerely accept the heartfelt apologies of others,

C: let us live out the character of Christ in our forgiving ways.

A: In the way that we reach out to those whom society has shunned for wrongdoing,

C: let us live out the character of Christ in our forgiving ways.

A: In the way that we share with the world that everyone is forgiven for Jesus' sake,

C: let us live out the character of Christ in our forgiving ways.

Gathering Hymn –Restore in Us O God

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=snb06uT4y0o>

Invocation

L: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Confession and Forgiveness

L: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, +one God, the keeper of the covenant, the source of steadfast love, our rock and our redeemer.

C: Amen.

L: God hears us when we cry and draws us close in Jesus Christ. Let us return to the one who is full of compassion.

Silence is kept for reflection

L: Most Merciful God, Fountain of living water,

C: pour out your mercy over us.

Our sin is heavy, and we long to be free.

Rebuild what we have ruined and mend what we have torn.

Wash us in your cleansing flood.

**Make us alive in the Spirit to follow in the way of Jesus,
as healers and restorers of the world you so love. Amen.**

L: Beloved, God's word never fails. The promise rests on grace: by the saving love of Jesus Christ, the wisdom and power of God, our sins are +forgiven, and God remembers them no more. Journey in the way of Jesus.

C: Amen.

Kyrie

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

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

Lord, have mercy.

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.

Lord, have mercy.

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

Lord, have mercy.

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

Amen.

Prayer of the Day

A: O God, by the passion of your blessed Son you made an instrument of shameful death to be for us the means of life.

C: 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,

A: who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever

C: Amen.

The Word

First reading – Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

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. ²And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous.” ³Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him,

⁴“As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ⁵No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ⁶I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you.

⁷I 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.

¹⁵God said to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. ¹⁶I 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

²³You who fear the Lord, praise him! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him; stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!

²⁴**For he did not despise or abhor the affliction of the afflicted; he did not hide his face from me, but heard when I cried to him.**

²⁵From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will pay before those who fear him.

²⁶**The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the Lord. May your hearts live forever!**

²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord; and all the families of the nations shall worship before him.

²⁸**For dominion belongs to the Lord, and he rules over the nations.**

²⁹**To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, and I shall live for him.**

³⁰Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the Lord,

³¹**and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying that he has done it.**

Second reading – Romans 4:13-25

¹³For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. ¹⁶For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us,

¹⁷as 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. ¹⁸Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become “the father of many nations,” according to what was said, “So numerous shall your descendants be.” ¹⁹He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for

he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. ²⁰No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, ²¹being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. ²²Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness."

²³Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, ²⁴but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, ²⁵who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel – Mark 8:31-38

The Holy Gospel according to Mark. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

³¹Then 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. ³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But 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."

³⁴He 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. ³⁵For 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. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸Those 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."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Message – Tim Leitner, SAM

<https://youtu.be/qIW3fdCcuY>

Hymn of the day – Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x-aBUXgpIOE>

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 Intercession

L: Relying on the promises of God, we pray boldly for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

A: Your gift of grace is for all people. Give confident faith to all the baptized, that they may follow you wholeheartedly. Give new believers joy in your promises; give hope and courage to those who suffer for their faith. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: All the ends of the earth worship you. From galaxies to micro-organisms, preserve your creation. Teach humanity to wonder at your works and to join you in tending to creation's well-being. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: You rule over the nations. Raise up advocates for peace and justice within and between nations. Give life where hope seems dead; call into existence new realities we cannot even imagine. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: In Jesus you joined humanity in suffering and death. Reveal to all the depth of your love shown on the cross. Accompany all who suffer in body, mind, and spirit. Restore all who are sick or grieving. Bring vindication for the victims of injustice, exploitation, and oppression. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: You made Abraham and Sarah the ancestors of a multitude of nations. Bless grandparents, parents, and foster parents, and the children who look to them for care and guidance. Console those who deal with infertility, parents who have entrusted their children to adoption, and children longing to be adopted. Equip ministries and services to families. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: We await the day of Christ's coming in glory. Lead us by the example of all the saints whom you have called to take up their cross and follow you, that together we may find our lives in you. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

L: We entrust ourselves and all our prayers to you, O faithful God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

Offering Prayer

A: Faithful God, you walk beside us in the desert places,

C: And you meet us in our hunger with bread from heaven.

A: Accompany us in this meal,

C: that we may pass over from death to life with Jesus Christ,

A: our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Preface

P: Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Lamb of God

(w/Lyrics – Catholic Mass Song)

<https://youtu.be/LcgpnvQPoaQ>

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,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.**

Communion

Here is Bread - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w9nOWL30EP8>

Take My Life, That I May Be –

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6T8KdOet_N0

Post Communion Blessing

Post Communion Prayer

A: God of steadfast love,

C: at this table you gather your people into one body for the sake of the world.

A: Send us in the power of your Spirit,

C: that our lives bear witness to the love that has made us new in Jesus Christ,

A: our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

Blessing

L: 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.

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn – When Pain of the World Surrounds Us

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C9GbRepA7D4>

Dismissal

A: Go in peace. Share the good news.

C: Thanks be to God.