

Sunday, March 13, 2022
Second Sunday in Lent

Thought: Psalm 46 begins..."God is my refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble." It would be nice to think that day to day, year to year, we would somehow sidestep problems and suffering. Yet, we all know that is not a possibility as we make our way in the world.

The difference is where we place our hope as we push through every trial.

Romans 5:3-5³ And not only that, but we⁴ also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

Don't like the word "boasting." Maybe the better phrase is that "we have strength," for Christ walks with us.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer Concerns

Sharing of the Peace

Theme Verse: *By his wounds you have been healed. 1 Peter 2:24*

Call to Worship

(2 Cor. 13:14 and Psalm 22:1-2, 11, 19-24)

A: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

C: Be not far from me, for trouble is near.

A: Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my groaning?

C: Be not far from me, for trouble is near.

A: O my God, I cry by day and by night, but I find no rest.

C: Be not far from me, for trouble is near.

A: Deliver my soul from the sword, my precious life from the power of the dog.

C: O you my help, come quickly to my aid.

A: You have rescued me from the horns of the wild oxen.

C: O you my help, come quickly to my aid.

A: You who fear the Lord, praise him! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him.

C: O you my help, come quickly to my aid.

A: For he has not despised or abhorred the affliction of the afflicted, and he has not hidden his face from him.

C: But God has heard when we cried to him. Amen.

Opening Hymn - "In All Our Grief" ELW 615

<https://youtu.be/kpYKmTQEabQ>

In All Our Grief - Mary Munson

Invocation

P: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: Amen.

Confession and Forgiveness

P: The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned, for we have spoken against the Lord" (Numbers 21:7). We likewise confess to God that we have often spoken against him and have sinned.

C: Holy God, we confess our sin to you. When adversity and suffering have come our way, we have complained and spoken against you. We have forgotten your many benefits and blessings to us. We have not trusted you through the hard times, but have resented you and resorted to our own strength. Forgive our iniquity and pardon our sin.

P: We cry to you for mercy.

C: Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

A time of prayer, reflection and silence

P: Hear the good news! God's Word declares that "as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life." For Christ's sake God forgives you all your sin and gives you eternal life.

C: 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.

Kyrie

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C: 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 and Amen.

<https://youtu.be/TO1a6yiAdrM>

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me - Fountainview Accademy

Prayer of the Day

A: Gracious Lord, as we continue our Lenten pilgrimage we do so in view of your mercy.

C: We encounter many hardships and much suffering in life. Strengthen us by your Holy Spirit so that we may trust you through the trials and take up the cross to follow you. We pray through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The Word

Old Testament reading - Numbers 21:4-9

Impatience on the way

From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom. And the people became impatient on the way. And the people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we loathe this worthless food." Then the Lord sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. And the people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned, for we have spoken against the Lord and against you. Pray to the Lord, that he take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. And the Lord said to Moses, "Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live." So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.

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

Psalm 27

In the day of trouble, God will give me shelter

¹The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

²When evildoers close in against me to devour my flesh, they, my foes and my enemies, will stumble and fall.

³Though an army encamp against me, my heart will not fear. Though war rise up against me, my trust will not be shaken.

⁴One thing I ask of the LORD; one thing I seek; that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life; to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to seek God ¹ in the temple.

⁵For in the day of trouble God will give me shelter, hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary, and raise me high upon a rock.

⁶Even now my head is lifted up above my enemies who surround me.

Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary, sacrifices of rejoicing; I will sing and make music to the LORD.

⁷Hear my voice, O LORD, WHEN I call; have mercy on me and answer me.

⁸My heart speaks your message “Seek my face.” Your face, O LORD, I will seek.

⁹Hide not your face from me, turn not away from your servant in anger.

Cast me not away—you have been my helper; forsake me not, O God of ¹ my salvation.

¹⁰Though my father and my mother forsake me, the LORD will take me in.

¹¹Teach me your way, O LORD; lead me on a level path, because of my oppressors.

¹²Subject me not to the will of my foes, for they rise up against me, false witnesses breathing violence.

¹³This I believe—that I will see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living!

¹⁴Wait for the LORD and be strong. Take heart and wait¹ for the LORD!

Epistle reading - 1 Peter 2:21-25

By his wounds we have been healed

For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

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

Holy Gospel - Matthew 8:14-17

<https://youtu.be/Nt7Ubw74jE>

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you O Lord.**

He took upon himself our suffering

And when Jesus entered Peter's house, he saw his mother-in-law lying sick with a fever. He touched her hand, and the fever left her, and she rose and began to serve him. That evening they brought to him many who were oppressed by demons, and he cast out the spirits with a word and healed all who were sick. This was to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah: "He took our illnesses and bore our diseases."

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

Children of God time

<https://youtu.be/DbXIyxrfMC8>

Homily - "Patience and Promise"

https://youtu.be/7EUG_7ouqwQ

Hymn of the Day - “Christ, the Life of All the Living” ELW 339

<https://youtu.be/CedUaCR4xS8>

Christ, the Life of All the Living - MLC Chorale

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

P: Drawn close to the heart of God, we offer these prayers for the church, the world,
and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

A: You gather the church into a community of mercy and grace. Unify Christians around the globe in efforts to proclaim good news even in the face of opposition and to protect those whose lives are imperiled by the gospel. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: You create the entire universe and call it good. Hinder those who would cause further destruction to our planet's fragile ecosystems, and augment the calls of those who advocate for thoughtful stewardship of the earth's resources. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: You raise up leaders committed to love and justice. Nurture in those who govern patience to receive criticism, openness to new ideas, and courage to change course when needed for the sake of the common good. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: You hear us when we cry to you. Attend to those expecting a child, and console those who have experienced miscarriage. Comfort veterans enduring post-traumatic stress. Shield those endangered by domestic violence. Uphold those who are ill or **C:** grieving (*especially*). Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: You kindle faith that moves us into action. Guide children and adults preparing for baptism or confirmation. Empower Sunday school teachers, confirmation leaders, and parents who share their faith with younger generations. Give us all a renewed sense of vocation. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A: You welcome us into your heavenly realm. We give thanks for those whose labors on earth are ended and who now rest with you. On the final day, gather all of us, with them, in your loving arms. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: Accept the prayers we bring, O God, on behalf of a world in need, for the sake of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Offering

Offertory Prayer

A: Heavenly Father, even as you stoop to gather all your children to yourself,

C: so have we gathered these gifts to you.

A: We offer them with love.

C: Use them for your kingdom.

A: Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Preface

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise...

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Send us forth, burning with Justice, peace, and love.

Come, Holy Spirit.

“Here is Bread”

ELW 483

<https://youtu.be/GgysV3EZKas>

Here is Bread - Chet Valley Churches

Word’s 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.

Distribution

Communion Music

Post Communion Blessing - Pastor

Post Communion Prayer

A: Lord Jesus Christ, you have gathered your children together in this place,

C: “...as a hen gathers her brood under her wings.”

A: And have fed us with this heavenly food. As we leave the warmth of his gathering, make us bold to follow you to your cross...to your glory.

C: And guide us as we gather more people to join your holy brood.

A: You are the Lord forevermore.

C: Amen.

Benediction - Numbers 6

Sending Hymn - “Word of God, Come Down on Earth” ELW 510

<https://youtu.be/NXyiOjv5g8s>

Word of God, Come Down on Earth - John Ferguson

Dismissal

A: Through our suffering we find endurance and hope. Let us take this hope to serve.

C: Thanks be to God.