

The Second Sunday in Lent

March 16, 2025

“Lenten Song”

Sr. Choir

Welcome and Announcements

*Please stand.*  
\*P: In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C: Amen.**

**\*Confession of Sin**  
P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not is us.

**C: But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.  
Most merciful God,

**C: I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against You, You only, have I sinned and done what is evil in Your sight. So You are justified in Your sentence and blameless in Your judgment. Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me. Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your steadfast love. According to Your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.**

P: On account of Jesus Christ, hide Your face from our sins, and blot out all our iniquities.

**C: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Your presence, and take not Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation and uphold me with Your free Spirit.**

**\*Absolution**  
**C: Amen**

**\*Hymn** **LBW** #369 “The Church’s One Foundation”

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.**

**\*Plea for Mercy** **LBW** *p. 78*  
**\*Hymn of Praise** **LBW** *p. 81*

**\*Prayer of the Day**  
P: The Lord be with you.  
**C: And also with you.**  
P: Let us pray. O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**C: Amen.**

**First Reading** Jeremiah 26:8-15  
A: The Word of the Lord.  
**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 4** *antiphon v.8*  
A: In peace I will both lie down and sleep;  
**C: For You alone, O LORD, make me dwell in safety.**

**The Second Reading** Philippians 3:17-4:1  
A: The Word of the Lord.  
**C: Thanks be to God**

**\*The Lenten Sentence** **LBW** *p. 83*

**\*The Holy Gospel** Luke 13:31-35  
P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the thirteenth chapter.  
**C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

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

*Please be seated.*  
**Children’s Message**

Message

**Hymn** **LBW** #306 “Chief of Sinners”  
*Please stand.*

**\*Confession of Faith**  
P: Together, let us now confess the one true faith of the whole Church, using the words of the Apostles’ Creed:  
**C: I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day He rose again. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**\*Prayers of the Church**  
*At the end of each petition:*  
P: Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C: Hear our prayer.**

**\*Peace**  
P: Peace be with you.  
**C: And also with you.**  
P: Greet one another in the name of the Lord.  
*Give Christ’s words, “Peace be with you,” to one another.*

**\*Offertory and Prayer** **LBW** *p.87*

**\*Preface**  
P: The Lord be with you.  
**C: And also with you.**  
P: Lift up your hearts.  
**C: We lift them to the Lord.**  
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**  
P: It is indeed right and salutary...we praise Your name and join their unending hymn:  
**C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow’r and might, heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

**\*The Words of Institution**

**\*The Lord’s Prayer**

P: Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!  
**C: Lord, have mercy on us.**

*Please be seated.*  
**Distribution** **LBW** #474 “Children of the Heavenly Father”

*Please stand*  
**\*Blessing**

**\*LBW** p. 93 “Now, Lord, You Let Your Servant Go in Peace”  
P: We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in Your mercy You would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward You and in fervent love for one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**C: Amen.**

**\*Hymn** **LBW** #380 “O Christ Our Light”

**\*Benediction**  
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.  
**C: Amen. Amen. Amen.**

## ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK OF

Sunday, March 16

8:30 AM – Living Praise

9:15 AM – Sunshine Singers

9:45 AM – Sunday School/Adult Discipleship

10:45 AM – Worship/Communion

5:30 PM – Baked Potato Bar/Movie

Free will offering/Proceeds going to Tri-Church Ministry

Monday, March 17

3:30 PM – Women's Meeting @ church

Tuesday, March 18

1:30 PM – Prayer

Wednesday, March 19

11:45 AM – Lenten Worship @ Calvary/Swede Home

5:30 PM – Soup here @ St. Paul

6:30 PM – Lenten Worship

7:15 PM – Sr. Choir

Thursday, March 20

12 Noon – Women's Bible Study here @ church

5 PM – Feed Columbus Rescue Mission

5:30 PM – Faith Partners here @ church

Friday, March 21

6 AM – Community Men's Bible Study

Sunday, March 23

8:30 AM – Living Praise

9:15 AM – Sunshine Singers

9:45 AM – Sunday School/Adult Discipleship

10:45 AM – Traditional Worship

7:00 PM – Communion Class

Keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints. Ephesians 6:18

**We pray for:** United States government; the state of Georgia; persecuted Christians in Sudan; Spirit of Peace Lutheran in Hooper and their pastors Michael and Cathy Hanus; Alfred & Carolyn Hanson; Pat Drozd; Gary Noyd; Bryce & Deborah Anderson; Rob Craven; Shane Dose; Ron Christensen; Lora Bryan; those who prepare and serve meals at church gatherings

**The families we pray for this week:** Joe, Sarah, Evelyn & Hunter Baumert; Jennifer & Kenzie Bartling

**For whom is the Holy Spirit calling you to pray this week?**

March Mission is LCMC/Heartland Dist & LCMC Women of the Word.

There are Lenten devotionals on the table in the narthex if you'd like one.

Please sign up to bring soup for our Wednesday Lenten suppers. Sign up sheet is in the narthex.

Communion Class will meet on Sunday evenings at 7pm, beginning March 23. This class is for 5<sup>th</sup> graders (and others) before they receive the Lord's Supper for the first time. Class members will receive the Sacrament at worship on Holy Thursday (April 17).



Scan the QR code to check out the list of community resources gathered by our Faith Partners team.

Sermon Notes

## Connect with us!

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Psalms 4:8

## March 16, 2025 Second Sunday in Lent

### Welcome to St. Paul...

Jesus says "I must go my way." He must go to Jerusalem, "the city that stones that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it." What does He go there to do? To be sinned against. To be despised, rejected, and crucified. He goes to the cross to die with your sin. And yet, Jesus says, "The third day I finish my course." On the third day, He would be raised to declare to those who sinned against Him that their sin is forgiven for His sake.

As a body of believers in Jesus Christ, our commitment is to be

+ Word Focused

+ Christ Centered

+ Spirit Driven

+ People Oriented