

# Second Sunday In Lent

February 25, 2024

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Hermiston, Oregon

**Hymn #424** "O Christ, You Walked the Road"

O Christ, You walked the road  
Our wand'ring feet must go.  
You faced with us temptation's pow'r  
And fought our ancient foe.

No bread of earth alone  
Can fill our hung'ring hearts.  
Lord, help us seek Your living Word,  
The food Your grace imparts.

No blinding sign we ask,  
No wonder from above.  
Lord, help us place our trust alone  
In Your unswerving love.

When lures of easy gain  
With promise brightly shine,  
Lord, help us seek Your kingdom first;  
Our wills with Yours align.

O Christ, You walked the road  
Our wand'ring feet must go.  
Stay with us through temptation's hour  
To fight our ancient foe.

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## Confession and Absolution

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

**P:** In the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**P:** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C: Who made heaven and earth.**

**P:** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

**P:** Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**C: O most merciful God, Who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

**P:** Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

**C: Amen.**

*During the season of Lent we will be using the Penitential Psalms as prayers expressing our sorrow for our sins, our desire to turn away from these sins, and our trust in the mercy of the Lord to forgive us these sins.*

*The Penitential Psalms are numbers 6, 32, 38, 51, 102, 130 & 143*

## **Psalm**

Psalm 32

**P:** Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven,

**C: whose sin is covered.**

**P:** Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity,

**C: and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**

**P:** For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away

**C: through my groaning all day long.**

**P:** For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me;

**C: my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.**

**P:** I acknowledged my sin to You,

**C: and I did not cover my iniquity;**

**P:** I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,"

**C: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

**P:** Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to You at a time when You may be found;

**C: surely in the rush of great waters,  
they shall not reach him.**

**P:** You are a hiding place for me;

**C: You preserve me from trouble;**

**You surround me with shouts of deliverance.**

**P:** I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go;

**C: I will counsel you with My eye upon you.**

**P:** Be not like a horse or a mule, without understanding,

**C: which must be curbed with bit and bridle,  
or it will not stay near you.**

**P:** Many are the sorrows of the wicked,

**C: but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the Lord.**

**P:** Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, O righteous,

**C: and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!**

## **Salutation and Collect of the Day**

**P:** The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

2 Timothy 4:22

**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.**

## Old Testament 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, <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."

**L:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## Gradual

recited by all

Hebrews 12:2

**[O come, let us fix our eyes on] Jesus,  
the Founder and Perfecter of our faith,  
Who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame,  
and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.**

## Epistle

Romans 5:1-11

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>2</sup>Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. <sup>3</sup>More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, <sup>4</sup>and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup>and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

<sup>6</sup>For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup>For one will scarcely die for a righteous person — though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die — <sup>8</sup>but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. <sup>9</sup>Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. <sup>10</sup>For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. <sup>11</sup>More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

**L:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## Holy Gospel

Mark 8:27-38

**P:** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the eighth chapter.

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

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 he called to him the crowd with his disciples and 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 life? <sup>37</sup>For what can a man give in return for his life? <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."

**P:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C:** Praise to You, O Christ.

## Hymn #685 "Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus"

Let us ever walk with Jesus, Follow His example pure,  
Through a world that would deceive us And to sin our spirits lure.  
Onward in His footsteps treading, Pilgrims here, our home above,  
Full of faith and hope and love, Let us do the Father's bidding.  
Faithful Lord, with me abide; I shall follow where You guide.

Let us suffer here with Jesus And with patience bear our cross.  
Joy will follow all our sadness; Where He is, there is no loss.  
Though today we sow no laughter, We shall reap celestial joy;  
All discomforts that annoy Shall give way to mirth hereafter.  
Jesus, here I share Your woe; Help me there Your joy to know.

Let us gladly die with Jesus. Since by death He conquered death,  
He will free us from destruction, Give to us immortal breath.

Let us mortify all passion That would lead us into sin;  
And the grave that shuts us in Shall but prove the gate to heaven.  
Jesus, here with You I die, There to live with You on high.

Let us also live with Jesus. He has risen from the dead  
That to life we may awaken. Jesus, You are now our head.  
We are Your own living members; Where You live, there we shall be  
In Your presence constantly, Living there with You forever.  
Jesus, let me faithful be, Life eternal grant to me.

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## Sermon

## Offering

## The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come 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

**Hymn #735 "Have No Fear, Little Flock"**

Have no fear, little flock; Have no fear, little flock,  
For the Father has chosen  
To give you the Kingdom;  
Have no fear, little flock!

Have good cheer, little flock; Have good cheer, little flock,  
For the Father will keep you  
In His love forever;  
Have good cheer, little flock!

Praise the Lord high above; Praise the Lord high above,  
For He stoops down to heal you,  
Uplift and restore you;  
Praise the Lord high above!

Thankful hearts raise to God; Thankful hearts raise to God,  
For He stays close beside you,  
In all things works with you;  
Thankful hearts raise to God!

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## The Litany

<b>P:</b> O Lord,	<b>C: have mercy.</b>
<b>P:</b> O Christ,	<b>C: have mercy.</b>
<b>P:</b> O Lord,	<b>C: have mercy.</b>
<b>P:</b> O Christ,	<b>C: hear us.</b>

<b>P:</b> God the Father in heaven,	<b>C: have mercy.</b>
<b>P:</b> God the Son, Redeemer of the world,	<b>C: have mercy.</b>
<b>P:</b> God the Holy Spirit,	<b>C: have mercy.</b>

<b>P:</b> Be gracious to us.	<b>C: Spare us, good Lord.</b>
<b>P:</b> Be gracious to us.	<b>C: Help us, good Lord.</b>

**P:** By the mystery of Your holy incarnation; by Your holy nativity;  
by Your baptism, fasting, and temptation;  
by Your agony and bloody sweat;  
by Your cross and passion; by Your precious death and burial;  
by Your glorious resurrection and ascension;  
and by the coming of the Holy Spirit, the Comforter:

**C: Help us, good Lord.**

**P:** In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity;  
in the hour of death; and in the day of judgment:

**C: Help us, good Lord.**

**P:** We poor sinners implore You

**C: to hear us, O Lord.**

**P:** To prosper the preaching of Your Word; to bless our prayer and meditation;  
to strengthen and preserve us in the true faith;  
and to give heart to our sorrow and strength to our repentance:

**C: We implore You to hear us, good Lord.**

**P:** To draw all to Yourself;  
to bless those who are instructed in the faith;  
to watch over and console the poor, the sick, the distressed, the lonely, the forsaken, the  
abandoned, and all who stand in our need of prayers;  
to give abundant blessing to all works of mercy;  
and to have mercy on us all;

**C: We implore You to hear us, good Lord.**

**P:** To turn our hearts to You; to turn the hearts of our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers;  
and to graciously hear our prayers;

**C: We implore You to hear us, good Lord.**

**P:** Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,

**C: we implore You to hear us.**

**P:** Christ, the Lamb of God, Who takes away the sin of the world,

**C: have mercy.**

**P:** Christ, the Lamb of God, Who takes away the sin of the world,

**C: have mercy.**

**P:** Christ, the Lamb of God, Who takes away the sin of the world,

**C: grant us Your peace.**

**P:** O Christ,

**C: hear us.**

**P:** O Lord,

**C: have mercy.**

**P:** O Christ,

**C: have mercy.**

**P:** O Lord,

**C: have mercy. Amen.**

**P:** O God, You desire not the death of sinners, but rather that they turn from their wickedness and live.

We implore You to have compassion on the frailty of our mortal nature, for we acknowledge that we are dust and to dust we shall return. Mercifully pardon our sins that we may obtain the promises You have laid up for those who are repentant; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13

**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.**

## Nunc Dimittis

Luke 2:29-32

**P:** “Lord, now You are letting Your servant depart in peace, according to your word;

**C: for my eyes have seen Your salvation  
that You have prepared in the presence of all peoples,**

**P:** a light for revelation to the Gentiles,

**C: and for glory to Your people Israel.”**

## Salutation and Benedicamus

**P:** The Lord be with you.

**C: And with thy spirit.**

**P:** Bless we the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## Benediction

Jude 24-25

**P:** To Him Who is able to keep you from falling and to present you before His glorious presence without fault and with great joy — to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore!

**C: Amen.**

## Hymn #435 “Come to Calvary’s Holy Mountain”

Come to Calv’ry’s holy mountain,  
Sinners, ruined by the fall;  
Here a pure and healing fountain  
Flows for you, for me, for all,  
In a full, perpetual tide,  
Opened when our Savior died.

Come in poverty and meanness,  
Come defiled, without, within;  
From infection and uncleanness,  
From the leprosy of sin,  
Wash your robes and make them white;  
Ye shall walk with God in light.

Come in sorrow and contrition,  
Wounded, impotent, and blind;  
Here the guilty, free remission,  
Here the troubled, peace may find.  
Health this fountain will restore;  
They that drink shall thirst no more.

They that drink shall live forever;  
’Tis a soul-renewing flood.  
God is faithful; God will never  
Break His covenant of blood,  
Signed when our Redeemer died,  
Sealed when He was glorified.

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