

Sunday Worship
February 28, 2021

SECOND SUNDAY IN
LENT



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INTRODUCTION

The second covenant in this year's Lenten readings is the one made with Abraham and Sarah: God's promise to make them the ancestors of many, with whom God will remain in everlasting covenant. Paul says this promise comes to all who share Abraham's faith in the God who brings life into being where there was no life. We receive this baptismal promise of resurrection life in faith. Sarah and Abraham receive new names as a sign of the covenant, and we too get new identities in baptism, as we put on Christ.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

In the Cross

Arr. Keesecker

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

C: **Amen.**

P: 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.

P: 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.**

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

C: **Amen.**

HYMN #323 (vs. 1,2,5)

God Loved the World

KYRIE

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

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

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

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: 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.

C: Lord, have mercy.

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

C: Lord, have mercy.

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

Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Glory to God

P: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

C: Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

GREETING / PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Sisters and brothers in Christ, beloved children of God: grace, mercy and peace be with you all.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray . . .

C: 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.

THE WORD

FIRST READING: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

Reader: Linda Holt

R: ¹When 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."

R: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING: Romans 4:13-25

Reader: Linda Holt

R: 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.

R: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

C: **Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and abounding in steadfast love.**

HOLY GOSPEL

P: The Holy Gospel is **Mark 8:31-38**

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

P: ³¹[Jesus] 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."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON Pastor Jeff Glawe

HYMN Red hymnal #328

Restore in Us, O God

RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

APOSTLE'S CREED

P: Let us confess our faith.

C: **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe 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 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 again 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 (*Response after each petition*)

P: Lord in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer

LORD'S PRAYER

C: 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.

OFFERING—Invitation—God's Work Continues

OFFERTORY SONG

Create in Me a Clean Heart

C: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a 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.

BLESSING

P: 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.

HYMN #504 (vs. 1, 2)

Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

DEDICATION OF THE PRAYER SHAWLS AND BABY BLANKETS

P: The eyes of all look to you, O God,

C: and you give them their food in due season.

P: You open your hand,

C: Satisfying the desire of every living thing.

P: Anywhere your children suffer from heat and cold,

C: Their eyes, dear God, are lifted to you.

P: Where life is war-torn and brims with strife and stress,
C: Their eyes, dear God, are lifted to you.
P: In lands parched with drought and abounding in hunger,
C: Their eyes, dear God, are lifted to you.
P: Where the earth is broken with quakes or wrecked with wind and wave,
C: Their eyes, dear God, are lifted to you.
P: Where poverty is a prison and survival fills the daily hours,
C: Their eyes, dear God, are lifted to you.
P: Here too, where lives are filled with bounty.
C: Our eyes, dear God, are lifted to you.
P: You open your hand,
C: Satisfying the desire of every living thing.
P: You open your hand bundling fabric for people to learn the skills of a tailor;
C: God, take our hands in yours.
P: You open your hand to sew blankets baby-sized for wrapping little ones in warmth and love,
C: God take our hands in yours,
P: Bless the hands that have made these prayer shawls and baby blankets. Bless those who receive these prayer shawls and baby blankets.
C: By grace it's the season due for our serving.
P: So bless these prayer shawls and baby blankets, Gracious God, as you have blessed our eyes, our hands and our hearts in their making.
C: and bless those who receive them with life secure, sustainable and beloved. Amen.

DISMISSAL

P: What is the mission of Zion Lutheran Church?
C: The mission of Zion Lutheran Church is: "Serving Christ through serving others."
P: Go in peace. Share the good news.
C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Christ is Made the Sure Foundation

Arr. Shaw

*The altar flowers are given to the honor and glory of God
by Phil Elliott. in memory of Boots birthday.*

*Prayer concerns for Zion's prayer chain may be submitted
to the church office by calling 1 937 667-3110 or e-mail.*

Total Attendance 2/20/2021& 2/21/2021: 70 Ash Wednesday 2/17: 33

Unified Giving: \$2,987.00

Building Fund: \$ 400.00

TREASURER'S REPORT:

December 2020

Unified Giving: \$24,359.70

Building Fund Giving: \$3,893.53

Expenses: \$19,497.40

Mortgage Payment: \$2,500.00

Building Fund Balance as of December 31, 2020: \$29,459.98

If you desire more detailed financial information there are ten copies of the balance sheet and income statement for the month of December 2020, on the table as you leave the fellowship hall. If you have any questions please bring them to our next Council meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FEBRUARY MISSION OF THE MONTH: Wernle Youth and Family Treatment Center

We are collecting gift cards for the center to use as rewards for Wernle young people. Specifically we need \$10 gift cards to McDonalds, Taco Bell, Wendy's, Subway, and Jimmy John's and \$25 gift cards to Walmart. If you do not want to pick up the cards but would like to participate, there will be a container labeled for Wernle where you can put your monetary donation.

**MARCH MISSION OF THE MONTH: OESTERLIN SERVICES FOR YOUTH
Since its founding in 1903, Oesterlen's single objective has been to serve children**

and their loved ones. We are a mental health treatment and social services agency serving youth and families. Our full range of services includes residential mental health treatment, foster care, outpatient counseling, in-home programs, and in-school programs.

We will be collecting gift cards for the youth at Oesterlen in Springfield like we have been doing for Wernle in February. Watch for the plastic bucket set out to collect donations.

A LENTEN DEVOTIONAL SERVICE will be held in the fellowship hall on Wednesday, March 10 at 7:00 p.m.

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE—1 Pint can save 3 lives!

On Tuesday, March 16 from 1 pm to 7 pm Zion will host the Red Cross in a blood drive here in the Fellowship Hall. COVID Antibody testing is being completed on all donations.

The American Red Cross has excellent social distancing and sanitizing protocols in place. Download the American Red Cross Blood Donor App or jump online at redcrossblood.org to schedule your time. Please see the flyer hanging in the hallway as you exit the fellowship hall.

EASTER SERVICES

Following is the schedule for Easter Services:

Easter Vigil	Saturday, April 3	5:00 PM
Easter Services	Sunday, April 4	8:00 AM 10:00 AM

Staff

Pastor Jeff Glawe, *Pastor*; Terri Darrah, *Choir Director*;
Lori Sebastian, *Organist*; Jackie Glawe, *Christian Education Director*;
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