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Second Sunday of Lent

Holy Communion

Welcome! We are glad you're here! A warm welcome is extended to all!

Your presence enriches us at this time of celebration together.

Welcome and Announcements

Sharing the Peace

Centering Prayer

We follow Christ, Who says take up your cross.

We follow Christ, Who bids us come and offer our lives.

We follow Christ, Who summons us to new life.

(Silent prayer)

Youth Message

Opening

Lord You are good
And Your mercy endureth forever
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And Your mercy endureth forever
People from every nation and tongue
From generation to generation

We worship You
Hallelujah hallelujah
We worship You for who You are
We worship You
Hallelujah hallelujah
We worship You for who You are
For You are good

You Are Good

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Yes You are yes You are yes You are
So good so good
Yes You are yes You are yes You are

You are good all the time
All the time You are good
You are good all the time
All the time You are good

For who You are for who You are
You are good You are good
You are good good good
Yes You are yes You are yes You are
Yes You are yes You are

Christ is Enough

Christ is my reward and all of my
devotion. Now there's nothing in this
world That could ever satisfy
Through every trial my soul will sing
No turning back I've been set free

Christ is enough for me
Christ is enough for me
Everything I need is in You
Everything I need

Christ my all
in all the joy of my salvation
And this hope will never fail

Heaven is our home
Through every storm my soul will sing
Jesus is here to God be the glory

I have decided
to follow Jesus
No turning back
no turning back

The cross before me
the world behind me
No turning back
no turning back

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Confession and Forgiveness

(inspired by Mark 8:31-38)

God, we humble ourselves now in confession:
**We want to be followers of Jesus,
but we do not always want to follow Jesus.
We don't even want to listen
when the conversation turns toward depriving ourselves for others.
We prefer to indulge ourselves.
We are eager to put down our crosses.
We cling tightly to our lives.
We grasp at worldly rewards.
Holy and loving God,
forgive all of our thoughts and actions
that would protect us from the path of Christ.**

~ written by Joanna Harader, and posted on Spacious Faith. <http://spaciousfaith.com/> based on Romans 4: 13-25)

Assurance of Forgiveness

If we rely upon the law of God,
we are beyond hope.

But in God's mercy we are declared righteous through our faith in Jesus, who died for our sins.

You are a new creation in Christ, everything old has passed away; see, everything is becoming new. Go and share the good news of God's love. **Amen.**

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. And I will make my covenant between me and you and will make you exceedingly numerous." Then Abram fell on his face, and God said to him, "As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham, for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. 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.

God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her and also 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

Second Reading: Romans 4: 13-25

For 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. For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law, neither is there transgression.

For this reason the promise depends on faith, in order that it may rest on grace, so that it may be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (who is the father of all of us, as 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. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So shall your descendants be." He 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), and the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore "it was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

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Gospel: Mark 8:31-38

Then 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. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But 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." He called the crowd with his disciples and said to them, "If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For 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. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those 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.

Sermon

Song

Saviour I come quiet my soul
Remember redemption's hill
Where Your blood was spilled
For my ransom

Ev'rything I once held dear
I count it all as loss
Lead me to the cross
Where Your love poured out
Bring me to my knees
Lord I lay me down
Rid me of myself

Lead Me To The Cross CCLI Song #4785828 License #3054064

I belong to You
Oh lead me lead me to the cross

You were as I tempted and tried human
The word became flesh
Bore my sin in death
Now You're risen

To Your heart
To Your heart
Lead me to Your heart
Lead me to Your heart

Prayers of the Church

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

Holy Communion

Benediction

(based on Jesus' words in Mark 8:34-35, and Philippians 4:7)

Jesus said: *"If anyone would be my disciple,
let them deny themselves, take up their cross and follow me.
For whoever would save their life will lose it;
and whoever loses life for my sake and the gospel's will save it."*

Amen!

Learn from Christ, trust him, delight in him,
give your whole daily affairs to him,
and you will never walk alone
or serve without that special happiness
which cannot be taken from you.

The peace of God which surpasses all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge of God
and of his true Son, Christ Jesus our Lord;
And the blessing of the fullness of God,
Father, Son and Holy, Spirit,
will be with you
today and ever more.

Amen!

Song: *You Are Good (See Page 1)*

Go in peace, serve the Lord

Thanks be to God

Announcements

Adult Sunday School: Today at 10 AM.

Midweek Lenten Soup Supper and Service: Wednesday 6:15 and 7 PM.

Bible Study: Thursdays at 10:00 at the Parish House and via Zoom.

Book Study: Thursday, at 11:15 AM.

Ukranian Easter Egg: Tuesday, March 12th from 11AM - 2:30 PM.

Needleworks: Friday, March 1st and 15th at 10:00 AM. All are welcome!

New Creations: Thursday, March 7th at 4:15 PM at Grace Lutheran Church.

Friends and Family Breakfast: March 10th at 10 AM.

Birthday Celebration: Sunday, March 17th at 10:00 AM.

Love Inc, Buckets of Blessings: We are asking for dish soap this month.



For Our Church Members, especially:

Al Voss.

The Foster family, after William's passing.

Mary Lou Davis, and family after the passing of her husband, Charlie.

Carrie Weiland, with health concerns.

Kathie Wilhelm, for healing after kidney surgery.

Kathy Schenk, for healing after a broken wrist.

Cindy, John, and Jon Brach, with health concerns.

Kathy Boyes with health challenges.

Barb Gienapp with health concerns.

Theo Evans being treated for leukemia.

Joan Richardson, dealing with health concerns.

For Friends and Family of our Church Members:

Dan Herbst's sister.

Family of Ann Dilloway's sister, Karen, who lost her son this week.

Family of Lei Olsen, following her passing.

Wyatt, Gail's student who broke his wrist.

Karla Shaffer, best friend of the Petersburg's daughter, diagnosed with stage 4 lung and brain cancer.

Keegan Sergant, 18-year-old with recurring cancer.

Karin, heart valve replacement surgery.

Juanita Fox, George's mom, for healing.

Hudson Bennett, George Fox's nephew, for healing.

Kimberlie Gilbertson, Jeanie Petersburg's cousin, dealing with eye damage/temporary blindness from an interocular lens removal.

Carl Loerwald, friend of Joanne Bellmard, recovering from back surgery and other medical issues.

Dian Kolis, friend of Linda Fox, with Parkinson's and scheduled for brain surgery.

Nick Hodgin, Jim Hartman's friend's 12-year-old son, following brain cancer surgery.

Matt B., Linda Walton's son's best friend, diagnosed with stage 4 liver disease.

Nathan, friend of the Petersburg's, paralyzed in a diving accident.

Family of Stacy Scott as they grieve the passing of her stepdad, friend of Michele Hirschman.

Lydia, Gail's adult piano student, recovering from brain surgery.

Norma Topp, Michele Hirschman's friend, going through radiation and chemotherapy.

Victor, Gail's 82-year-old student's wife, in hospice.

Alicia Gardner, Linda Walton's niece, awaiting a liver transplant.

Trey Martin, cousin of Bryan Rush, in Europe in the military. Pray for his safety.

John D, friend of Bryan Rush, suffering from Diabetes Type II.

Melissa Aloffalter, Angela Martin's friend, battling an unknown medical issue.

Margaret Doane, Kristiina H.'s friend, with breast cancer.

Micah, Alia's nephew, with a chronic infection and declining health.

Ethan and his mom, Marianne, friends of Linda Walton, as they are dealing with major physical and emotional struggles.

Jackie, Gail's piano student, diagnosed with throat cancer.

Theresa Knight, spouse of Michael Knight, for her battle with breast cancer.

Terry Pitt, Collene Hedden's brother-in-law, with auto-immune disease.

Vicki, Kristiina Herbst's neighbor, with health concerns.

Beulah & Mark who are having health and life difficulties.

For Our Community and Beyond:
Cats and dogs that do not have a home.
Prayers for peace in Ukraine
Prayers for peace in the Middle East



St. George is a warm, friendly, spirit-filled congregation that has been blessed throughout many years. Most Christian denominations develop a distinct emphasis of the Christian faith and practice, and this is also true for Lutherans.

The Lutheran emphasis, in a word, is God's grace.

We emphasize the grace of God which forgives us, makes us God's children, and empowers us to serve others. **We welcome, include, and value all people.**