

Second Sunday In Lent

March 16th 2025 9:30am



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Talk



Pray



Bless

Preparation For Worship: Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud; be gracious to me and answer me! You have said, "Seek my face." My heart says to You, "Your face, Lord, do I seek."

Psalm 27:7-8

Opening Song

The Power Of Your Love

Lord I come to You - let my heart be changed renewed
Flowing from the grace that I found in You
And Lord I've come to know
The weaknesses I see in me
Will be stripped away
By the pow'r of Your love

Hold me close
Let Your love surround me
Bring me near - draw me to Your side
And as I wait I'll rise up like the eagle
And I will soar with You
Your Spirit leads me on in the pow'r of Your love
Lord unveil my eyes - let me see You face to face
The knowledge of Your love as You live in me
Lord renew my mind as Your will unfolds in my life
In living ev'ry day by the pow'r of Your love

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Ministry Spotlight

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Invocation

Pastor: We gather today in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: We remember in Lent that because of sin entering the world, we are dust, and to dust we shall return. *Genesis 3*

People: But Jesus loved us so much that He has become the way for us, that we may not perish, but have eternal life.

Pastor: Jesus tells us, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though they die, yet shall they live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die." *John 11*

People: God is good!

Pastor: All the time!

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People: Like spring after winter is the faithful renewal of Jesus' love.

Confession and Absolution

Pastor: As David wrote in Psalm 32 "Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the one against whom the LORD counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit. For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. Our help is in the name of the Lord.

People: Who made heaven and earth.

Pastor: I said I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.

People: And you forgave the iniquity of my sin."

Pastor: Acknowledging the promise and call of God to confess, repent and receive forgiveness, we join the Apostle John's words:

People: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say we have not sinned we make God a liar, and His Word is not in us.

Lord, have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Forgive me of my sins, I pray. (*Reflection for confession*)

Pastor: Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, has had mercy on us, and has given His only Son to die for us, and for His sake forgives us all our sins. As a called servant of Jesus our Christ, and by His authority, I announce God's grace to all of you, and the forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. To all who believe on His Name, He gives power to become children of God, and gives His Holy Spirit. Those who believe and are baptized shall be saved. Grant this, O Lord, unto us all.

People: Amen.

Prayer of the Day

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Daily Text

As for me, I said in my prosperity, "I shall never be moved." You hid Your face; I was dismayed. *Psalm 30:6-7*

You have pain now, but I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you. *John 16:22*

Let us pray:

People: **Hidden God, when I'm full of myself I can't see You. What seems like success flutters, then it's gone. But You, Lord, enter my disappointment and pain, promising to exchange them for joy. You offer me courage and new beginnings. Your light shines on my grateful, forgiven face. Today, let me share every blessed thing you give me. Amen.**

Scripture Lessons *Read*

First Lesson

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

¹ After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision: "Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." ² But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³ And Abram said, "Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir." ⁴ And behold, the word of the Lord came to him: "This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir." ⁵ And he brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be." ⁶ And he believed the Lord, and he counted it to him as righteousness. ⁷ And he said to him, "I am the Lord who brought you out from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land to possess." ⁸ But he said, "O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" ⁹ He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." ¹⁰ And he brought him all these, cut them in half, and laid each half over against the other. But he did not cut the birds in half. ¹¹ And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away. ¹² As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell on Abram. And behold, dreadful and great darkness fell upon him. ¹⁷ When the sun had gone down and it was dark, behold, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. ¹⁸ On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your offspring I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates,

The Psalm

Psalm 27

¹ The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? ² When evildoers assail me to eat up my flesh, my adversaries and foes, it is they who stumble and fall. ³ Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war arise against me, yet I will be confident. ⁴ One thing have I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after: 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 inquire in his temple. ⁵ For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high upon a rock. ⁶ And now my head shall be lifted up above my

enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the Lord. ⁷ Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud; be gracious to me and answer me! ⁸ You have said, "Seek my face." My heart says to you, "Your face, Lord, do I seek." ⁹ Hide not your face from me. Turn not your servant away in anger, O you who have been my help. Cast me not off; forsake me not, O God of my salvation! ¹⁰ For my father and my mother have forsaken me, but the Lord will take me in. ¹¹ Teach me your way, O Lord, and lead me on a level path because of my enemies. ¹² Give me not up to the will of my adversaries; for false witnesses have risen against me, and they breathe out violence. ¹³ I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living! ¹⁴ Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!

Second Lesson

Philippians 3:17-4:1

¹⁷ Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us. ¹⁸ For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. ¹⁹ Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things. ²⁰ But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹ who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself. ^{4:1} Therefore, my brothers, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm thus in the Lord, my beloved.

Reader: Please rise for the reading of the Gospel. God has given us Good News.

People: Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. You have the words of eternal life.

Psalm 119:105, John 6:68

Gospel Lesson

Luke 13:31-35

³¹ At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." ³² And he said to them, "Go and tell that fox, 'Behold, I cast out demons and perform cures today and tomorrow, and the third day I finish my course.

³³ Nevertheless, I must go on my way today and tomorrow and the day following, for it cannot be that a prophet should perish away from Jerusalem.' ³⁴ O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! ³⁵ Behold, your house is forsaken. And I tell you, you will not see me until you say, 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!'"

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise be to You, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

People: 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.

People: 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.

Sermon Song

Honey In The Rock

**There's honey in the rock - water in the stone
Manna on the ground - no matter where I go
I don't need to worry now that I know
Everything I need You've got - there's honey in the rock**

**Praying for a miracle
Thirsty for the Living Well
Only You can satisfy
Sweetness at the mercy seat
Now I've tasted it's not hard to see
Only You can satisfy
There's honey in the rock - there's honey in the rock
There's honey in the rock - there's honey in the rock**

**Freedom where the Spirit is
Bounty in the wilderness
You will always satisfy
There's honey in the rock - water in the stone
Manna on the ground - no matter where I go
I don't need to worry now that I know
Everything I need You've got**

**There's honey in the rock - purpose in Your plan
Power in the blood - healing in Your hands
Started flowing when You said it is done
Everything You did's enough**

**I keep looking - I keep finding
You keep giving - keep providing
I have all that I need - You are all that I need
I keep praying - You keep moving
I keep praising - You keep proving
I have all that I need - You are all that I need**

**I keep looking - I keep finding
You keep giving - keep providing
I have all that I need - You are all that I need
I keep praying - You keep moving
I keep praising - You keep proving
I have all that I need - You are all that I need
I have all that I need - You are all that I need - yeah**

**There's honey in the rock - water in the stone
Manna on the ground - no matter where I go
I don't need to worry - now that I know**

**Everything I need You've got
There's honey in the rock
Purpose in Your plan
Power in the blood
Healing in Your hands
Started flowing when You said it is done
Jesus who You are is enough**

**There's honey in the rock - there's honey in the rock
There's honey in the rock
Oh how sweet – how sweet it is to trust in You Jesus
Oh how sweet – how sweet it is to trust in You Jesus
Oh how sweet – how sweet it is to trust in You Jesus**

Sermon/Watchword *Talk --- New, Knew, Next*

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The Lord Is My Light And My Salvation; Whom Shall I Fear?

Offering Song

Blessed Assurance

**Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.**

**Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels descending bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love.
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.**

**Perfect submission, all is at rest; I in my Savior am happy and blest,
Watching and waiting, looking above, filled with His goodness, lost in His love.
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.**

Prayers of the Church *Pray*

*The congregation is invited to join in prayers that include whole Church,
the nation, those in need, the parish, additional petitions and special concerns.*

Pastor: Let's join together to pray with Jesus for all that He loves right here, and to the
ends of the earth. Father, our Father in heaven, You are the present active,
Creator, and Redeemer of our heart, soul, mind and body.

People: **Thank You Lord, that in You we are made a part of Your great salvation of
all that You have created. You have made us Your redeemed children. We
join today with all those throughout the world who follow You, and pray
that Your kingdom would come, and Your will would be done among us as
it is in heaven.**

Pastor: Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude with these words...

Pastor: You are our God, and we are Your people... Thank You that You hear our prayers, and work in all things for the good of those who love You. To You be all glory, honor, and praise.

People: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Pastor: Lord, remembering Your love and Your life we pray as You taught us to pray:

People: **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**

Benediction *Bless*

Pastor: Now, may the Lord bless you and keep you.
May He make His face shine on you, and be gracious unto you.
May the Lord look upon you with favor, and give you His peace.

People:_(Sung) **Amen. Amen. Amen.**

Blessing: Child of God, Jesus is our light and our salvation.

Pastor: Our worship continues,

People: **our service begins!**

Closing Song **Joy Of The Lord**

**Though the tears may fall my song will rise - my song will rise to You
Though my heart may fail my song will rise - my song will rise to You
While there's breath in my lungs - I will praise You Lord**

**In the dead of night I'll lift my eyes - I'll lift my eyes to You
When the waters rise I'll lift my eyes - I'll lift my eyes to You
While there's hope in this heart - I will praise You Lord**

**The joy of the Lord is my strength - the joy of the Lord is my strength
In the darkness I'll dance - in the shadows I'll sing
The joy of the Lord is my strength**

**When I cannot see You with my eyes - let faith arise to You
When I cannot feel Your hand in mine - let faith arise to You
God of mercy and love - I will praise You Lord**

**Oh You shine with glory Lord of light - I feel alive with You
In Your presence now I come alive - I am alive with You
There is strength when I say - I will praise You Lord**

**The joy of the Lord is my strength - the joy of the Lord is my strength
In the darkness I'll dance - in the shadows I'll sing
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Instrumental

When sorrow comes my way
You are the shield around me
Always You remain
My courage in the fight
I hear You call my name - Jesus I am coming
Walking on the waves - reaching for Your light

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SHARING OF PEACE AS WE GO IN GOD'S PEACE

Welcome To Worship At Zion. We are pleased to have you join us. *If you are a visitor* please check the shelf outside the office for our newsletter and brochure.

Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God in honor of the 42nd birthday of Robert (Robbie) Gorschels II from his mom, Sue Green.

This year for Easter gifts will be accepted for the LCMC Lutheran Disaster Assistance Fund. You may donate in honor or in memory of loved ones. Use the Mission Envelope for your gift and for the information you would like listed on Resurrection Sunday.

The Mission of the Month for March is the Step By Step Learning Center in Tanzania.

The March Newsletter is available on the tables across from the Chapel and Lounge, on the shelf outside the church office and also on the desk in the library. *Please remember: We no longer have a way to find out if you have moved. Call the church office with new addresses and/or phone numbers.*

Bible Studies/Small Groups

Monday	1:00pm	Bible Study
Wednesday	6:00pm	G.I.F.T.

Worship at Zion

Wednesday	7:00pm	Worship
Saturday	5:00pm	Chapel
Sunday	8:00am	Worship
	9:30am	G.I.F.T. Worship
	11:30am	Swahili-English Worship

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