

# FOR OUR 10:45 A.M. DIVINE WORSHIP

Second Sunday in Lent

3/5/2023

**WE PRAY:** Heavenly Father, Who demands an impossible perfection and then in Jesus Christ confers righteousness upon the faithful, let Christ's righteousness in us compel us to such life and living that the world will take note and offer You praise and honor; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who with You and the Holy Spirit are one God with dominion over us forever. Amen

*(Please turn off cell phones in preparation for Divine Worship)*

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**PRELUDE – “Aria” – S. Donaudy**

**PASTORAL GREETING**

**OPENING HYMN**

**TLH 40**

*The God of Abraham praise*

1. The God of Abr'ham praise;  
All praised be His name  
Who was and is and is to be  
And still the same!  
The one eternal God,  
Ere aught that now appears;  
The First, the Last: beyond all tho't  
His timeless years!
2. The God of Abr'ham praise,  
At whose supreme command  
From earth I rise and seek the joys  
At His right hand.  
I all on earth forsake,  
Its wisdom, fame, and pow'r.  
And Him my only Portion make,  
My Shield and Tow'r.

3. He by Himself hath sworn,--  
I on His oath depend,--  
I shall, on eagles' wings upborne,  
To heav'n ascend;  
I shall behold His face,  
I shall His pow'r adore  
And sing the wonders of His grace  
Forevermore.
  
4. The whole triumphant host  
Give thanks to God on high;  
"Hail, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!"  
They ever cry.  
Hail, Abr'ham's God and mine!--  
I join the heav'nly lays--  
And might and majesty are Thine  
And endless praise.

### INVOCATION

**P:** In the Name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** Amen.

### CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION

**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.

**P:** 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 Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.

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

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

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

**C:** Amen.

### INTROIT

**P:** He remembers His covenant forever, the word that He commanded, for a thousand generations. Seek the Lord and His strength; seek His presence continually! Remember the wondrous works that He has done, His miracles, and the judgments He uttered, O offspring of Abraham, His servant, children of Jacob, His chosen ones! He is the Lord our God; His judgments are in all the earth.

### GLORIA PATRI

**A:** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

### THE KYRIE

**A:** Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

*The Gloria in Excelsis omitted for Lent*

### SALUTATION

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

**C:** And with thy spirit.

## COLLECT

**P:** 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.

## LESSONS

### O.T. LESSON

#### ***Genesis 12: 1-9***

Now the Lord had said to Abram: "Get out of your country, From your family And from your father's house, To a land that I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you And make your name great; And you shall be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, And I will curse him who curses you; And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." So Abram departed as the Lord had spoken to him, and Lot went with him. And Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. Then Abram took Sarai his wife and Lot his brother's son, and all their possessions that they had gathered, and the people whom they had acquired in Haran, and they departed to go to the land of Canaan. So they came to the land of Canaan. Abram passed through the land to the place of Shechem, as far as the terebinth tree of Moreh. And the Canaanites were then in the land. Then the Lord appeared to Abram and said, "To your descendants I will give this land." And there he built an altar to the Lord, who had appeared to him. And he moved from there to the mountain east of Bethel, and he pitched his tent with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; there he built an altar to the Lord and called on the name of the Lord. So Abram journeyed, going on still toward the South.

### EPISTLE

#### ***Romans 4: 1-8, 13-18***

What then shall we say that Abraham our father has found

according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the Scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness.” Now to him who works, the wages are not counted as grace but as debt. But to him who does not work but believes on Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is accounted for righteousness, just as David also describes the blessedness of the man to whom God imputes righteousness apart from works: “Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven, And whose sins are covered; Blessed is the man to whom the Lord shall not impute sin.” For the promise that he would be the heir of the world was not to Abraham or to his seed through the law, but through the righteousness of faith. For if those who are of the law are heirs, faith is made void and the promise made of no effect, because the law brings about wrath; for where there is no law there is no transgression. Therefore it is of faith that it might be according to grace, so that the promise might be sure to all the seed, not only to those who are of the law, but also to those who are of the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all (as it is written, “I have made you a father of many nations”) in the presence of Him whom he believed—God, who gives life to the dead and calls those things which do not exist as though they did; who, contrary to hope, in hope believed, so that he became the father of many nations, according to what was spoken, “So shall your descendants be.”

**L:** Here ends the Epistle

## **HOLY GOSPEL**

*John 3: 1-17*

**L:** The Holy Gospel is written in the 3<sup>rd</sup> chapter of St. John, beginning at the 1<sup>st</sup> verse.

**C:** Glory be to Thee, O Lord!

There was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. This man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, “Rabbi, we know

that You are a teacher come from God; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him.” Jesus answered and said to him, “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.” Nicodemus said to Him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born?” Jesus answered, “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’ The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit.” Nicodemus answered and said to Him, “How can these things be?” Jesus answered and said to him, “Are you the teacher of Israel, and do not know these things? Most assuredly, I say to you, We speak what We know and testify what We have seen, and you do not receive Our witness. If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how will you believe if I tell you heavenly things? No one has ascended to heaven but He who came down from heaven, that is, the Son of Man who is in heaven. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

**L:** Here ends the Gospel.

**C:** Praise be to Thee, O Christ!

#### **APOSTLES’ CREED** *(In Unison)*

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 Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell, The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost, The holy Christian Church; the communion of saints; The forgiveness of sins; The resurrection of the body; And the life everlasting. Amen.

*Guide Me, O thou Great Jehovah*

1. Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah,  
Pilgrim through this barren land.  
I am weak but Thou art mighty;  
Hold me with Thy pow'rful hand.  
Bread of heaven,  
Feed me till I want no more.
  
2. Open now the crystal fountain  
Whence the healing stream doth flow;  
Let the fire and cloudy pillar  
Lead me all my journey through.  
Strong Deliv'rer,  
Be Thou still my Strength and Shield.
  
3. When I tread the verge of Jordan,  
Bid my anxious fears subside;  
Death of death, and hell's Destruction,  
Land me safe on Canaan's side.  
Songs of praises,  
I will ever give to Thee.

**CHOIR ANTHEM – “What Wondrous Love is This” - Southern****SERMON**

“Hope Against Hope”

Genesis 12: 1-9

**OFFERTORY** *(In Unison)*

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence; and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation; and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

**THE GIVING OF OUR TITHES and SACRIFICIAL GIFTS****OFFERING****OFFERING PRAYER** *(Sung)***TLH 441 vv1-2**

We give Thee but Thine own, Whate'er the gift may be; All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee. May we Thy bounties thus as

stewards true receive and gladly, as Thou blessest us, To Thee our first-fruits give!

## PRAYERS

### THE LORD'S PRAYER (Spoken in Unison)

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.

## CLOSING HYMN

**HYL 29**

*Take Thou My Hands and Lead Me*

1. Take Thou my hands and lead me O'er life's rough way;  
With heav' nly manna feed me From day to day.  
A - lone my foot - steps falter, Or straggle wide;  
Lord, who my life canst alter, Be Thou my Guide.
2. Take Thou my heart and hide it In folds of grace;  
Though weal or woe betide it To know Thy face.  
Draw, Lord, of Thy good pleasure Thy child to Thee,  
And grant me faith's full measure, Though not I see.
3. When evening shadows lengthen, And night is come,  
My faint heart, Father, strengthen, And bring me home.  
Take then my hands and lead me Till life is o'er,  
With heav' nly manna feed me For evermore.

## BENEDICTION

**ALL: "Amen, Amen, Amen."**

## POSTLUDE – "Allegro" – A. Vivaldi

Officiant: Pastor Randy Boelter

Lector: Mark Gade

Organist: Bruce Slinger

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2023



**MARCH**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 5<sup>TH</sup>**

**Faith is Abraham's legacy**...and ours too! He believed God's Word when the LORD told him that He would fulfill the incredible promises He gave Abraham and Sarah. How could this aged, childless father boast countless heirs? How could a rich Pharisee be born again through water, Word and Spirit? And how could our world condemned in sin be redeemed by the death of a Son? All these things are believed and confessed by faith in God's Word and by that

God-given faith alone! Our hope and Abraham's hope comes from God's promise. Today by Word and Sacrament, God works faith and hope in us in the promises of His Word...even in the midst of earthly trials and hopelessness. God bless your worship today!

## **Remember in Your Prayers:**

**Roger Park-** who is in nursing care in West Bloomfield and will soon be transferred again to the Church of Christ Care Center in Clinton Township.

**Carl Hauschulz-** who is recovering each day but has experienced much pain.

**Chris Gowman-** who was hospitalized this past week.

**Nancy Josefiak-** who had hip surgery this past Wednesday.

**George Meldrum-** who is recovering from a stroke.

**Heidi Zook-** who is receiving medical treatment and will soon undergo surgery.

**Friends and family of our members who need the Divine Physician's strength and healing:** Clifford Popp, Craig Scholz, Gary and Paula Bombard.

**Those treated for cancer:** Sheila Rice, Lisa Zimmermann, Betty Zayac, Keith Josefiak, Tom Harms, Eric Hingst, Sharon Shelby and Roy Koeppel.

## **Easter Egg Hunt**

Christ the King will be hosting an Easter egg hunt on Saturday, April 1st at 10:00am. We welcome all Christ the King Sunday School students, Preschool students, family and friends to attend our annual Easter Egg Hunt!

Everyone will meet in the Large Auditorium for a short children's message from Pastor Boelter! Then we proceed outside to the side lawn. Children will hunt for Easter eggs by age group, starting with the youngest to oldest.

If you would like to participate, please see Kim Ford, Linda Jacobi, or Christine Rhoton. by Friday March 24th, so we can

get an accurate count of how many children will be attending. Hope to see you there!!

**Please note:** Bring your own basket or bag to collect Easter Eggs!!!

## Life Quotes

“But death isn’t a part of the life for which we were created—for we were created. You didn’t morph from pond scum into an intelligent hairless monkey; you were handcrafted by the Lord of the Universe.” *Hannah Nissing, Bulldogs4Life, the Y4Life team at Concordia, Nebraska – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)*

## Altar Guild

Serving with the Altar Guild for the month are Judy Champine and Paula Touhey

## One Week Ago Today:

8:15 Service: 39

10:45 Service: 48

Communion: 43

Wednesday Services: 44

Bible Studies: 12

**Joann Demos** would like to say “Thank You” to everyone that sent cards.

**FINANCIAL PROGRESS - JANUARY 2023**

**Envelope & Plate Receipts Only**

<b>Week #</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
1	\$ 4,565	\$ 3,782
2	8,046	8,190
3	2,047	4,855
4	2,971	3,455
5	7,886	6,817
<b>Month-to-Date Total</b>	<b>\$ 25,515</b>	<b>\$ 27,099</b>

**1-1-1 Missions Update**

<b>MTD</b>	<b>YTD</b>
\$ 80	\$ 80



3/7/2023	7:00 AM	BNI
	5:30 PM	Confirmation Class Lv I & II
3/8/2023	10:00 AM	Wednesday Bible Class
	11:15 AM	Lenten Midweek Service
	4:30 PM	Exercise Class
	7:00 PM	Lenten Midweek Evening Service
3/11/2023	9:00 AM	Litany
3/12/2023	8:15 AM	Service
	9:30 AM	Adult Bible Class
	10:45 AM	Service with Holy Communion