



**FEBRUARY 28<sup>TH</sup>, 2021**  
**SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT**  
**HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**As We Gather**

*Return from sin, return from lawlessness. Return from rage and return from the enticements of today's cultures. In the face of all that would seek to turn us away from God is an invitation to return. This tender invitation from the Lord is a promise fulfilled in Jesus Christ. This Lent, hear how the call to "return to the Lord" is played out in practical ways for all of us who walk alongside Christ. Hear how Jesus, our Savior, demonstrated and carried out God's grace and mercy on our behalf, taking God's wrath upon Himself, setting the stage for God to "turn and relent, and leave a blessing behind Him." (Joel 2:14) We continue our series with week two from Romans 10. Welcome to all!*

**PRELUDE**

*"A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth"*

*Kevin Hildebrand*

**WELCOME AND GREETING**

*Pastor Tom*

## CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

P In the name of the Father, the Son +, and the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen!**

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**ALL Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C **Amen.**



- 1 Christ, the Word of God incarnate,  
Lord and Son of Abraham;  
Christ, the radiance of the Father,  
Perfect God, the great I AM;  
Christ, the light, You shine unvanquished,  
Light and life You bring to all;  
Light our path with Your own presence,  
Grant us grace to heed Your call.**
  
- 2 Christ, the living bread from heaven,  
Food for body, food for soul;  
Christ, the manna daily given,  
Nourish, strengthen, make us whole.  
Feed us with the food of heaven,  
Foretaste of the feast to be;  
Quench our thirst with living water  
Springing up eternally.**
  
- 5 Christ, the way that leads unfailing  
To the Father's home on high,  
Christ, the truth that frees the captive,  
Christ, the life that cannot die.  
Mediator to the Father,  
Sacrifice and great High Priest:  
Lead us to Your heav'nly mansions,  
There to share Your wedding feast.**
  
- 6 Christ, the Alpha and Omega,  
Christ, the firstborn from the dead,  
Christ, the life and resurrection,  
Christ, the Church's glorious head:  
Praise and thanks and adoration  
And unending worship be  
To the Father and the Spirit  
And to You eternally.**

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R <sup>23</sup> You who fear the LORD, praise him!  
All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him,  
and stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!

**C <sup>24</sup> For he has not despised or abhorred  
the affliction of the afflicted,  
and he has not hidden his face from him,  
but has heard, when he cried to him.**

R <sup>25</sup> From you comes my praise in the great congregation;  
my vows I will perform before those who fear him.

**C <sup>26</sup> The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied;  
those who seek him shall praise the LORD!  
May your hearts live forever!**

R <sup>27</sup> All the ends of the earth shall remember  
and turn to the LORD,  
and all the families of the nations  
shall worship before you.

**C <sup>28</sup> For kingship belongs to the LORD,  
and he rules over the nations.**

R <sup>29</sup> All the prosperous of the earth eat and worship;  
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust,  
even the one who could not keep himself alive.

**C <sup>30</sup> Posterity shall serve him;  
it shall be told of the Lord to the coming generation;**

**ALL <sup>31</sup> they shall come and proclaim his righteousness to a people yet unborn,  
that he has done it.**

R This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God!**

**READING***Isaac's Birth Promised*

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

<sup>1</sup>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."

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**C Thanks be to God!**

**GOSPEL READING***Jesus Foretells His Death and Resurrection*

Mark 8:27-38

<sup>27</sup> 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 calling the crowd to him with his disciples, he 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 soul? <sup>37</sup> For what can a man give in return for his soul? <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 Thanks be to God.**

## MUSIC MINISTRY

*"Red Letters"*

*Mary Sorensen, Jonathan Malone, and Mark Heil*

## MESSAGE

A Wrong Righteousness is No Righteousness

Romans 10:4-13

P.17 of the Lenten booklet "Return to the Lord"

*For Thought and Consideration*

<sup>4</sup> For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes.

<sup>5</sup> For Moses writes about the righteousness that is based on the law, that the person who does the commandments shall live by them. <sup>6</sup> But the righteousness based on faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down) <sup>7</sup> "or 'Who will descend into the abyss?'" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). <sup>8</sup> But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); <sup>9</sup> because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup> For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. <sup>11</sup> For the Scripture says, "Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame." <sup>12</sup> For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. <sup>13</sup> For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." (Romans 10:4-13)

*To obey outwardly is one thing. To believe inwardly is another. At one point in our lives, we have all grudgingly gone along with something so as to avoid the negative consequences of non-compliance. Yet, we'd all agree, this is no way to live or act for any length of time. There is no love or joy, only a threat. How can we escape this way of living in our relationship with Jesus? How do we embrace a joyful journey of faith rather than grudgingly going along? What is the Spirit saying to you about your inward belief? Talk with someone this week about aligning your inward belief and outward practice. What is the first step in this process for you after the conversation?*

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

**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.**

**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.**

## **THE PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE**

**P** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

*Pastor Tom will lead the congregation in prayer.*

**P** Into Your hands, eternal God, we offer our prayers, trusting Your love through, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**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.**

**SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ~ SETTING FOUR, pp. 208-212**

## PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

**C We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

**C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

## SANCTUS

*LSB, p. 208*

**C Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of Sabaoth adored;  
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.  
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;  
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!**

## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

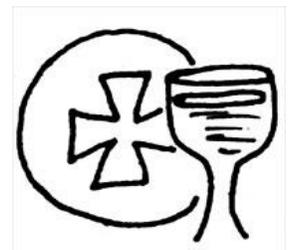
P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **Amen.**



## LAMB OF GOD

*LSB, p. 209*

**O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;**

**O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.**

**O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;**

**Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ, And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.**

## DISTRIBUTION MUSIC

Amazing Grace/My Chains are Gone  
Mary Sorensen and Jonathan Malone and Mark Heil

## BLESSING

P Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C **Amen**

- 1 Dear Christians, one and all, rejoice,  
With exultation springing,  
And with united heart and voice  
And holy rapture singing,  
Proclaim the wonders God has done,  
How His right arm the vict'ry won.  
What price our ransom cost Him!**
- 2 Fast bound in Satan's chains I lay;  
Death brooded darkly o'er me.  
Sin was my torment night and day;  
In sin my mother bore me.  
But daily deeper still I fell;  
My life became a living hell,  
So firmly sin possessed me.**
- 4 But God had seen my wretched state  
Before the world's foundation,  
And mindful of His mercies great,  
He planned for my salvation.  
He turned to me a father's heart;  
He did not choose the easy part  
But gave His dearest treasure.**

## POSTLUDE

*"Jerusalem My Happy Home"**Charles Callahan*

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