



## Christ Lutheran Church

February 28, 2021

Second Sunday in Lent

### GATHERING

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**Sovereign Over Us-** by Michael W. Smith (5:33)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uvA9M-pMnWI>

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

**PM** Lord Jesus Christ, we pray to you  
because you were tempted like us  
and yet did not submit.  
You have promised to come to the help of those who  
are put to the test.  
We confess that we are tempted  
by what divides us from you  
and so we pray...

We call on you to help us

**When we are tempted to exploit our abilities only for personal gain,  
and when we let the gifts meant to illumine the world  
lie dormant and unused.**

We call on you to help us

**When we are tempted to doubt your love for us  
when we rely on the words of others  
instead of relying on your word.**

We call on you to help us

**When we are tempted to ignore the needs of our**

**brothers and sisters because we are too absorbed in our own needs.**

We call on you to help us  
**When we are tempted to let our anxiety and worries about tomorrow interrupt our living today.**

Jesus Christ is with us now and walks through the wilderness with us every day.  
In the mercy of almighty God,  
Jesus Christ died for us and by his command,  
I declare to you the forgiveness of all your sins.  
**AMEN.**

#### **GREETING**

**PM** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

#### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**PM** 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 make our own sacrifices 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.**

## **WORD**

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#### **PSALM 22:23-31**

- <sup>23</sup> You who fear the LORD, praise him!  
All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him;  
stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!
- <sup>24</sup> For he did not despise or abhor  
the affliction of the afflicted;  
he did not hide his face from me,<sup>[a]</sup>  
but heard when I<sup>[b]</sup> cried to him.
- <sup>25</sup> From you comes my praise in the great congregation;  
my vows I will pay before those who fear him.
- <sup>26</sup> The poor<sup>[c]</sup> shall eat and be satisfied;  
those who seek him shall praise the LORD.  
May your hearts live forever!

<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 him.<sup>28</sup>  
<sup>28</sup> For dominion belongs to the LORD,  
and he rules over the nations.  
<sup>29</sup> To him,<sup>29</sup> indeed, shall all who sleep in<sup>29</sup> the earth bow down;  
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust,  
and I shall live for him.<sup>30</sup>  
<sup>30</sup> Posterity will serve him;  
future generations will be told about the Lord,  
<sup>31</sup> and<sup>31</sup> proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn,  
saying that he has done it.

### **GOSPEL – Mark 8:31-38**

The holy gospel according to Mark.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>31</sup>[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.<sup>32</sup>He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. <sup>33</sup>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.”

<sup>34</sup>He 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. <sup>35</sup>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. <sup>36</sup>For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? <sup>37</sup>Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? <sup>38</sup>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**

Pastor June Wilkins

**Hymn of the Day:**

*Take Up Your Cross-* by Conduit (3:23)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oGNscGB3v4o>

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

**AM** With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 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 INTERCESSION**

## **MEAL**

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### **OFFERING SONG**

*Wonderful, Merciful Savior*- by Dawn Rodgers & Eric Wyse (3:34)

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i4\\_coMcCCjE](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i4_coMcCCjE)

### **OFFERING PRAYER**

**AM** Faithful God,  
you walk beside us in desert places,  
and you meet us in our hunger with bread from heaven.  
Accompany us in this meal,  
that we may pass over from death to life  
with Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
**Amen.**

## **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

**PM** The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## **THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

**PM** Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray.  
**Our Father in heaven,**  
**hallowed be your name,**  
**your kingdom come,**  
**your will be done,**  
**on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**  
**Forgive us our sins**  
**as we forgive those**  
**who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial**  
**and deliver us from evil.**  
**For the kingdom, the power,**  
**and the glory are yours,**  
**now and forever. Amen.**

### **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

**PM** To all who have been in the wilderness.  
Come and find shelter in the mercy of God.

*As we join with the family of all believers in celebrating Holy Communion, we believe that Christ is present in this meal, and when we receive it, we receive God's grace, abundant love, and forgiveness.*

### **TABLE BLESSING**

**PM** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and reveal to you God's grace.  
**Amen.**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**AM** God of steadfast love,  
at this table you gather your people  
into one body for the sake of the world.  
Send us in the power of your Spirit,  
that our lives bear witness to the love that has made us new  
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
**Amen.**

## SENDING

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### BLESSING

**PM** 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.  
**Amen.**

### SENDING SONG

*Your Grace is Enough*- Matt Maher (4:07)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vpYtYYaTFGQ>

### DISMISSAL

**AM** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**