



OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
Larimore, ND ~ February 25, 2024

Second Sunday in Lent

***CENTERING SONG** “*Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus*”

Turn your eyes upon Jesus, Look full in His wonderful face. And the things of earth will grow strangely dim in the light of His glory and grace. Sing 2X's

***CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS**

Let us confess our sin, trusting in the tender mercy of our God.

Lord, I confess my sin, You have promised to provide for all of my needs, and yet I mistrust Your promise. I know the futility of my own ambitions and my inability to do that which I desire. Today I need to recognize the sin within me, and ask that you would forgive me. Lord, in Your mercy, Forgive my sin and cleanse me so that I can be pleasing in Your sight and a minister in Your service.

***THE GOOD NEWS**

My God is a great God, providing for all my needs, giving me daily bread and supplies for every spiritual need. My sin no longer controls me. My response to God's love is the focus for my life. The death of Jesus Christ has paid the cost of my sin and has set me free to live in victory. I am forgiven. I am a *son/daughter* of God. I am a minister to others. Praise God for the daily provision for my every need.

***OPENING HYMN** “*What a Mighty God We Serve*”

What a mighty God we serve. What a mighty God we serve. Angels bow before Him, heav'n and earth adore Him; What a mighty God we Serve. REPEAT

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray. O God, this passion of your blessed Son, which was an instrument of shameful death, became a means of life for us. Grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ that we may gladly suffer shame and loss 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

FIRST READING: *Genesis 17:1-16* PB 11-12

1When 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. **2**And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous." **3**Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, **4**"As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. **5**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. **6**I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. **7**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. **8**And I will give to you, and to your offspring after you, the land where you are now an alien, all the land of Canaan, for a perpetual holding; and I will be their God." **9**God said to Abraham, "As for you, you shall keep my covenant, you and your offspring after you throughout their generations. **10**This is my covenant, which you shall keep, between me and you and your offspring after you: Every male among you shall be circumcised. **11**You shall circumcise the flesh of your foreskins, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and you. **12**Throughout your generations every male among you shall be circumcised when he is eight days old, including the slave born in your house and the one bought with your money from any foreigner who is not of your offspring. **13**Both the slave born in your house and the one bought with your money must be circumcised. So shall my covenant be in your flesh an everlasting covenant. **14**Any uncircumcised male who is not circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin shall be cut off from his people; he has broken my covenant." **15**God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. **16**I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

WORD OF GOD, WORD OF LIFE. THANKS BE TO GOD.

PSALM: *Psalm 22:23-31* PB 435 (read responsively)

23 You who fear the Lord, praise him! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him; stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel! **24** **For he did not despise or abhor the affliction of the afflicted; he did not hide his face from me, but heard when I cried to him.** **25** From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will pay before those who fear him. **26** **The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the Lord. May your hearts live forever!** **27** All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord; and all the families of the nations shall worship before him. **28** **For dominion belongs to the Lord, and he rules over the nations.** **29** To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, and I shall live for him. **30** **Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the Lord,** **31** and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying that he has done it.

SECOND READING: *Romans 4:13-25* PB 916

13 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. **14** If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. **15** For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. **16** For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, **17** 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. **18** Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." **19** 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), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. **20** No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith

as he gave glory to God, [21](#) being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. [22](#) Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." [23](#) Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, [24](#) but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, [25](#) who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

WORD OF GOD, WORD OF LIFE. THANKS BE TO GOD.

L: The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 8th chapter.

A: Glory to you, O Lord.

***GOSPEL** *Mark 8:31-38* PB 820

[31](#) 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. [32](#) He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. [33](#) 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." [34](#) 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. [35](#) 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. [36](#) For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? [37](#) Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? [38](#) 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."

L: The Gospel of our Lord.

A: Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S SERMON – NOISY OFFERING

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *“I Come to the Cross”*

1) I come to the cross seeking mercy and grace; I come to the cross where you died in my place. Out of my weakness and into Your strength; Humbly I come to the cross.

2) Your arms are open, You call me by name, You welcome this child that was lost. You paid the price for my guilt and my shame, Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come to the cross.

OFFERING

***OFFERING** *“Lord Be Glorified”*

1) In my life, Lord / Be glorified, be glorified. / In my life, Lord Be glorified today.

2) With our gifts, Lord / Be glorified, be glorified. / With our gifts, Lord / Be glorified today.

***OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray. Lord God of all, accept our offering of money this day, but also the offering of our lives. Help us to live simply, generously and courageously, that our lives may point to you. Amen.

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

I believe in God, who has created all things and continues to create new life within us...I believe in Jesus, Son of God, Son of man, the Savior of the world. By His life, His death and resurrection, I can know the true depth of human possibility, and experience the true joy of an abundant life....I believe that the Holy Spirit is present, now and always, calling us to faith, giving us gifts and empowering us for service...I believe that the community of believers called the church can experience the fullness of life through the word, the sacraments, and all that we do.

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

SING: O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: when I call, answer me. O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: come and listen to me.

***THE LORD'S PRAYER** *(Matthew 6:9-13)*

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. Amen.

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***BLESSING & SENDING HYMN**

"Go My Children, With My Blessing"

1) "Go my children, with my blessing, never alone. Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own. In my love's baptismal river I have made you mine forever. Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own."

2) "Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure. Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure. Here you heard my dear Son's story, here you touched him, saw his glory. Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure."

3) "I The Lord will bless and keep you, and give you peace. I the Lord will smile upon you, and give you peace. I the Lord will be your Father, Savior, Comforter and Brother. Go, my children, I will keep you, and give you peace."

***DISMISSAL**

**Go in peace, to serve, and to share the love of Jesus Christ, Our Lord.
We will—Thanks be to God!**

Welcome! We are glad you are with us today! If you are interested in joining our church, please contact Lori at 218-791-2671 or Julie at 701-741-5683. If you have an emergency, call Dave Voight (Church Council President) at 701-240-4255 -or- Camilla Stover (WELCA-V.P.) at 218-791-2678.

CALENDAR

Today, 2/25/2024—2nd Sunday in Lent

9:00am—Sunday School/ Adult Bible Study

10:00am—Worship

11:00am—Fellowship

Wednesday, 2/28/2024

3:30pm—Confirmation Class

5:45pm – 6:45pm—Lenten Supper

7:00pm—Lenten Service

Thursday, 2/29/2024

9:30am—**NEEDLES UP!!** (Quilting)

Next Sunday, 3/3/2024—3rd Sunday in Lent

9:00am—Sunday School/Adult Bible Study

10:00am—Worship

11:00am—Fellowship

Every day:

An opportunity to show we are Christians by our love.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Mission of the Month for: Jan. – Feb.:** YOUTH GROUP TRIP
- **Noisy offering:** Collected on the 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month for the mission of the month(s).
- **Lent Information: Lenten Wednesdays:** *Feb. 28; Mar. 6, 13, 20.* Meals will be provided & served by the OSLC Youth Group. **Meal time: 5:45pm – 6:45pm; Service Time: 7:00pm**
- **Flowers:** Flowers in the church last Sunday were from Viola Lee's funeral; This Sunday's flowers are from Gary Rankin's funeral.

PRAYER LIST

To add/remove someone from the prayer lists, please email the church: oslclarimoreoffice@gmail.com or call/text Roberta: 218-779-0359

We pray for those in need:

Family of Joe Hunt Family of Lou Behm Family of Viola Lee
Family of Gary Rankin Family of Richard Symons Family of Wilma
Nowek Ron Petsinger Red Willow Bible Camp Country of
Israel, and all countries in the world—that they come to know Christ as
their Savior and Lord Gloria Temple Lois JemtrudMark Sletten
Robbie Leake OSLC Call Committee: *Paul Mutch, Dee Muir, Jenn
Aamodt, Dave Voight, Gordy Peterson (non-voting members: Luke
Reinhold, Sadie Aamodt)*

Prayers for Homebound/Nursing Home Members:

LaVonne Jacobson Vicki Sweeney Dolores Mutch Marv
Jemtrud
Arlene Lilja

Prayers for Armed Service Members:

Robert Norman Dillon Norman

Our Savior's Mission Statement:

“Excited by faith, we are called to **serve all**; gathered to **WORSHIP**,
inspired to teach, **we are our Savior's!**”

Serving this Sunday

Ushers: Mitch Tupa

Reader: Stacie Williams

Prayer: Julie Mutch

Communion: N/A

Fellowship: M. Johnsons (coffee only)

Please prayerfully consider signing up to volunteer to participate in Sunday Worship services.

We need ushers, readers, and prayer readers. (worship leaders encouraged as well)

If you don't feel comfortable reading from the front, you are more than welcome to read from the microphone (on the organ) in the back of the church. All are welcome and encouraged!

Wednesday Night Service: Feb. 28, Mar. 6, 13, 20

Ushers: Volunteer Encouraged

Readers: Confirmation Students

Prayer: Volunteer Encouraged

Serving Next Sunday (3/3/24)

Ushers: Volunteer Encouraged

Reader: Volunteer Encouraged

Prayer: Volunteer Encouraged

Communion: K. Williamson & D. Rudolf

Fellowship: D. Rudolf & K. Williamson

SERVING IN MARCH

Reminder: *If you are unable to serve on the schedule listed, please refer to the monthly inviter for a list of people to contact.

USHERS & READERS: Refer to the “clipboard of fun” in church

1st Sunday-Mar. 3

COMMUNION: Kristi Williamson & Diann Rudolf
FELLOWSHIP: D. Rudolf & K. Williamson

Lent Wednesday-Mar. 6

2nd Sunday-Mar. 10

FELLOWSHIP: Reinholds (coffee only)

Lent Wednesday-Mar. 13

3rd Sunday-Mar. 17

COMMUNION: Scott & Diann Rudolf
FELLOWSHIP: Nelsons & Belyeas

Lent Wednesday-Mar. 20

H O L Y W E E K

4th Sunday-Mar. 24—PALM SUNDAY

USHERS & READERS: Refer to the “clipboard of fun” in church
FELLOWSHIP: Stovers & Knudsons

Maundy-Thursday-March 28

Service @ 7:00pm

Good Friday-March 29

Service @ 8:00pm

5th Sunday-Mar. 31—EASTER SUNDAY

FELLOWSHIP: N/A

***All Lenten meals will be provided and served by the
OSLC Youth Group***

**Meal time: 5:45pm – 6:45pm
Church Service time: 7:00pm**