



ATONEMENT

LUTHERAN CHURCH

“Sharing the Love of Jesus by Glorifying God and Extending His Kingdom”



Second Sunday in Lent

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Thank you for choosing to worship with us today. Your presence here means a lot to us and to God. We desire your experience to be spiritually enriching and fulfilling. Come celebrate with us **each Sunday**, and grow in faith.

Service Times

Sundays: 10:00 a.m.

Watch us Livestream at: www.discoveralc.com

Today's Worship Leaders

Preaching and Presiding
Assisting Minister
Reading
Keyboardist
Vocalists

IT/ Live Stream
Music Technician
AM Radio Technician
Celebration Choir Director
Contemporary Music Director

Pastor Scott Lindner
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Walter Meade
Scott Giesking
Su Lindner
Detlev Aeppel
Ruby Agnir
Brian Lindner

As the chimes sound, please prepare for worship in silence.

PRELUDE

WELCOME

ENTRANCE HYMN People of God (PWFB 341)

CCLI SONG # 13397

D D/F# G D

1. With our lips, let us sing one con - fes - sion, With our
2. Hear us, O spir - its of dark - ness, }

Bm7 Em7 A7 D

hearts hold to one truth a - lone; For He has e -
So you will know where we stand. } We are His

D/F# G D Bm7

rased our trans - gres - sion, Claimed us and called us His
ser - vants, } pur - chased with scars, Bought by the blood of the

Em7 A7 D G D

own, } His ver - y own. We're the
Lamb, } the blood of the Lamb.

D Dsus/E D/F# Em7 A7 F#m7 Bm7

peo - ple of God, called by His name, Called from the

Em7 A7 D Dsus/E D/F# Em7

dark and de - liv - ered from shame; One ho - ly race;

A7 F#m7 Bm7 Em7 D
F#

saints ev - 'ry one, Be - cause of the blood of

G6 A7 D G D

Christ Je - sus, the Son.

GREETING

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.

KYRIE (ACS SETTING 12)

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.

Chris - te e - lei - son. Christ, have mer - cy.

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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 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.

First Reading: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

The First Lesson is from the 17th Chapter of Genesis

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. ²And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous.” ³Then 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. ⁵No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ⁶I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. ⁷I 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.”

¹⁵God said to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. ¹⁶I 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.”

The word of the lord.

Thanks be to god

PSALM: Psalm 22:23-31

²³You who fear the LORD, give praise! All you of Jacob’s line, give glory. Stand in awe of the LORD, all you offspring of Israel.

²⁴**For the LORD does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither is the LORD’s face hidden from them; but when they cry out, the LORD hears them.**

²⁵From you comes my praise in the great assembly; I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the LORD.

²⁶**The poor shall eat and be satisfied, Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts live forever!**

²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD; all the families of nations shall bow before God.

²⁸**For dominion belongs to the LORD, who rules over the nations.**

²⁹Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow down in worship; all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel before the LORD.

³⁰**Their descendants shall serve the LORD,**

whom they shall proclaim to generations to come.

³¹They shall proclaim God’s deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying to them, “The LORD has acted!”

SECOND LESSON: Romans 4:13-25

The Second Lesson is from the 4th Chapter of Romans

¹³The 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. ¹⁴If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

¹⁶For 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, ¹⁷as 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.

¹⁸Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become “the father of many nations,” according to what was said, “So numerous shall your descendants be.” ¹⁹He 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. ²⁰No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, ²¹being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. ²²Therefore his faith “was reckoned to him as righteousness.”

²³Now the words, “it was reckoned to him,” were written not for his sake alone, ²⁴but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, ²⁵who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

The word of the lord.

Thanks be to god

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*ACS Setting 12*)



Noth-ing in all cre - a - tion can sep - a - rate us from the love of God.



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GOSPEL: Mark 8:31-38

The Holy Gospel according to Mark the 8th Chapter

Glory to you, O Lord.

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

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

The Sermon. Silence for reflection may follow.

ANTHEM “*Ten Thousand Angels*” by *Overhalt*
 Ruby Agnir, Soloist

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,

the keeper of the covenant,

the source of steadfast love,

our rock and our redeemer.

Amen.

God hears us when we cry, and draws us close in Jesus Christ. Let us return to the one who is full of compassion.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Fountain of living water,

**pour out your mercy over us.
Our sin is heavy, and we long to be free.
Rebuild what we have ruined
and mend what we have torn.
Wash us in your cleansing flood.
Make us alive in the Spirit
to follow in the way of Jesus,
as healers and restorers of the world you so love.
Amen.**

Beloved, God's word never fails.
The promise rests on grace:
by the saving love of Jesus Christ,
the wisdom and power of God,
your sins are ✝ forgiven, and God remembers them no more.
Journey in the way of Jesus.
Amen.

APOSTLES' CREED

**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

The prayers are prepared locally for each occasion. The following examples may be adapted or used as appropriate.

Relying on the promises of God, we pray boldly for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

Your gift of grace is for all people. Give confident faith to all the baptized, that they may follow you wholeheartedly. Give new believers joy in your promises; give hope and courage to those who suffer for their faith. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

All the ends of the earth worship you. From galaxies to microorganisms, preserve your creation. Teach humanity to wonder at your works and to join you in tending to creation's well-being. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You rule over the nations. Raise up advocates for peace and justice within and between nations. Give life where hope seems dead; call into existence new realities we cannot even imagine. (*Here specific places of need may be named.*) Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

In Jesus you joined humanity in suffering and death. Reveal to all the depth of your love shown on the cross. Accompany all who suffer in body, mind, and spirit. Restore all who are sick or grieving. Bring vindication for victims of injustice, exploitation, and oppression (*especially, Monica and Willy Escribano*). Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You made Abraham and Sarah the ancestors of a multitude of nations. Bless grandparents, parents, and foster parents, and the children who look to them for care and guidance. Console those who deal with infertility, parents who have entrusted their children to adoption, and children longing to be adopted. Equip ministries and services to families. (*The congregation's ministries and community services may be named.*) Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

We await the day of Christ's coming in glory. Lead us by the example of all the saints whom you have called to take up their cross and follow you, that together we may find

our lives in you. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Precious Lord, you make the renewal of our lives and loves possible through your grace. Be with those who are celebrating birthdays this week, including Suzi Morgan, Bob Wallace, Mary Matos, Joshua Skinner, and Ken Hanks. And those celebrating anniversaries, including Bob and Karen Benner. May they continue to know your joy and presence in all that the years may bring. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We entrust ourselves and all our prayers to you, O faithful God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

OFFERING

OFFERING HYMN: I'm Forever Grateful (PWFB 223)

CCLI SONG # 24047

Musical notation for the first line of the hymn. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written on a treble clef staff. Chords G and C/G are indicated above the staff. The lyrics are: "You did not wait for me _____ to draw near to You, — But You".

Musical notation for the second line of the hymn. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written on a treble clef staff. Chords D/G, C2/G, G, C/D, D, and G are indicated above the staff. The lyrics are: "clothed Your - self in frail hu - man - i - ty. — You did not wait for me _____ to cry".

out to You, — But You let me hear Your voice call - ing me. And I'm for - ev - er

grate - ful to You, — I'm for - ev - er grate - ful for — the cross. I'm for - ev - er

grate - ful to You — that — You came — to seek and save — the lost. —

— And I'm for - ev - er seek and save — the lost. —

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,
 heaven and earth are full of your glory.
 In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,
 who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
 who preached good news to the poor,
 and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
 our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; ₁₁

broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,
we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory, now and forever.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

C Am G Am F G C

Our Fa - ther in - hea - ven, - Hal - lowed be your name, Your

5 Am F G Am F C G C C F

king-dom-come, Your will be done, on earth as in hea - ven. Give us to-day our

10 C Am F G C F G C F G

dai - ly bread, For - give us our sins as we for - gi - ve those who sin a - gainst

16 C Am Dm Am G G7 Am

us. Save us from the time of - trial and de - liv - er us from - e - vil. For the -

21 F C G Am F G C Am Em

king - dom the pow - er and glo - ry are yours, Now and for - ev - er. A - men, -

26 F C Dm G C

A - - - men, A men I sing A me - en.

Communion Hymn : Nearer My God to Thee

1 Nearer, my God, to Thee,
 Nearer to Thee;
 E'en though it be a cross
 That raiseth me,
 Still all my song shall be
 Nearer, my God, to Thee,
 Nearer, my God, to Thee,
 Nearer to Thee.

2 Though, like a wanderer,
 The sun gone down,
 Darkness comes over me,
 My rest a stone;
 Yet in my dreams I'd be
 Nearer, my God, to Thee,
 Nearer, my God, to Thee,

Nearer to Thee.

3 There let me see the sight,
An open heaven;
All that Thou sendest me,
In mercy given;
Angels to beckon me
Nearer, my God, to Thee,
Nearer, my God, to Thee,
Nearer to Thee.

4 Then, with my waking thoughts
Bright with Thy praise,
Out of my stony griefs
Bethel I'll raise,
So by my woes to be
Nearer, my God, to Thee,
Nearer, my God, to Thee,
Nearer to Thee.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray,
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.

BLESSING

The minister blesses the congregation.

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 Voice of Truth Words and Music by Mark Hall and Steven Curtis Chapman
CCLI# 4196620

Oh what I would do to have
The kind of faith it takes
To climb out of this boat I'm in
Onto the crashing waves
To step out of my comfort zone
Into the realm of the unknown
Where Jesus is
And He's holding out His hand

But the waves are calling out my name
And they laugh at me
Reminding me of all the times
I've tried before and failed
The waves they keep on telling me
Time and time again
Boy you'll never win you'll never win

But the voice of truth tells me a different story
The voice of truth says do not be afraid
And the voice of truth says this is for My glory
Out of all the voices calling out to me
I will choose to listen
And believe the voice of truth

Oh what I would do
To have the kind of strength
It takes to stand before a giant
With just a sling and a stone
Surrounded by the sound
Of a thousand warriors
Shaking in their armor
Wishing they'd have
Had the strength to stand

But the giant's calling out my name
And he laughs at me
Reminding me of all the times
I've tried before and failed
The giant keeps on telling me
Time and time again
Boy you'll never win you'll never win

But the stone was just the right size
To put the giant on the ground
And the waves they don't seem so high
From on top of them looking down
I will soar with the wings of eagles
When I stop and listen to the sound
Of Jesus singing over me

I will listen and believe
I will listen and believe the voice of truth
I will listen and believe
'Cause Jesus You are the voice of truth
And I will listen to You You are

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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Upcoming Commemorations

George Herbert, hymnwriter, died 1633

Monday, March 1, 2021

An excellent scholar, Herbert served briefly in the English parliament, then became a parish priest. He was known for devoted care of his parishioners, as well as for writing poetry and hymns, including "Come, my way, my truth, my life." He died at age 40.

John Wesley, died 1791; Charles Wesley, died 1788; renewers of the church

Tuesday, March 2, 2021

These brothers led a revival originally intended to remain within the Church of England, one that involved frequent communion and advocacy for the poor. Except for a brief time in America, they worked in England. Charles was also a prolific hymn writer. After their deaths, their work led to the formation of the Methodist Church.



REVERSE LENTEN CALENDAR

(Don't give something up – Take something on)

Sponsored by WELCA

Atonement Lutheran Church

WELCA welcomes you to participate in our first LENTEN REVERSE CALENDAR Event. Starting with Ash Wednesday, February 17, participants are asked to put one item of need in a basket or box. Each day during Lent, add another item to the collection. Deliver to the church during Easter Week.*

The items collected will be taken to the Sunrise of Pasco County Domestic & Sexual Violence Center

ITEMS NEEDED ARE:

HYGIENE PRODUCTS

Conditioner
Body Wash
Deodorant
Feminine Products
Razors
Q-Tips

CLEANING SUPPLIES

All Purpose Cleaner
Fabuloso
Disinfectant Wipes
Disinfectant Spray

HAIR PRODUCTS

African American hair care products
Ties
Brushes
Combs
Hairspray
Hair Gel

OTHER

Face Masks (store bought or handmade)
Rain Gear
Dish Soap
Body Wipes
Ziploc Bags
Aluminum Foil
Dishwasher Detergent

*PLEASE ADVISE WELCA IF YOU ARE PARTICIPATING
SO WE CAN COMMUNICATE SUGGESTIONS AND
ENCOURAGEMENT DURING THIS LENTEN SEASON.

Contact: Barb Turner – turnerfcv@yahoo.com
or 813-713-5771 – leave a message

Lent

Blog

Wednesdays

12 p.m.

*Lent Video Blog based on this years
devotional "A Story to Tell."*

*We will be posting a Video Blog
every Wednesday at 12 pm from
February 24th to March 24*

*To access our blog go to
www.discoveralc.com/blog*



Lent Services

Lent Wednesday's Blog (2/24-3/24): Blog
Lenten Sermons will be posted at 12 p.m.

Maundy Thursday (4/1): 7 p.m. Drive-In
Style Worship Service & Live Streamed

Good Friday (4/2): 7 p.m. Live Streamed
only

Easter Sunday (4/4): 10 a.m. Drive-In
Style Worship Service & Live Streamed

To sign up go to our Website
under the RSVP tab or call our
office at 813-973-2211

10 a.m.-3 p.m.
(Thursday's deadline to sign up)

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SCAN ME



SANITATION CREW

We are all eager to get back into the sanctuary for Sunday worship. But for it to be possible we need some things in place. One of those things is having a sanitation crew. The sanitation crew will be in charge in between services of:

- . Wiping down door entry and exit doors handles
- . Wiping down bathroom stall doors handles
- . Wiping down bathroom doors handles
- . Wiping down sanctuary doors handles
- . Wiping down office door handles
- . Wiping down faucets in bathrooms
- . Wiping down lectern and pulpit
- . Fogging narthex, sanctuary, office and other areas used.

If you are interested in being part of the Sanitation Crew please contact our office 813-973-2211 or via email office@discoveralc.com

If you call the Office to sign up vs. online sign up for Drive In Worship, you must leave a detailed message:



(813) 973-2211 Monday-Thursday 10am-3pm

(Thursday deadline for RSVP)

Date and time of service you want to attend

Name and phone of driver

Guest name and phone if different from yours

How many for communion

Type of car

Glory to God!

Offering Summary for February 24, 2021

General Fund	\$5,744.86
10-4-10	499.00
Food Pantry	200.00
Property Maintenance	775.00
WELCA (Lola Lambert)	50.00
Seminarian Fund	25.00
Total:	\$7,293.86