

## SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

February 25, 2024 – 9:30 a.m.

### AS WE GATHER

We are met today with a profound reality: that Christ died for the ungodly, and that we were once rightly called the ungodly. It is hard to even fathom the depth of our sinfulness. Yet for all the depth of sin present in us and in the world, Christ's love for us and His forgiveness of us runs deeper still. And now, we have reconciliation and peace with God that passes all understanding.

### HYMN "Chief of Sinners Though I Be" sts. 1-2 LSB 611

1 Chief of sinners though I be,  
Jesus shed His blood for me,  
Died that I might live on high,  
Lives that I might never die.  
As the branch is to the vine,  
I am His, and He is mine.

2 Oh, the height of Jesus' love,  
Higher than the heav'ns above,  
Deeper than the depths of sea,  
Lasting as eternity!  
Love that found me—wondrous thought!  
Found me when I sought Him not.  
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### INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

### OPENING SENTENCES *(Based on Romans 5:1-10 and Mark 8:27-38)*

Pastor: Our Lenten journey continues toward the cross.

**People: It is a journey marked with suffering,**

Pastor: but suffering produces endurance.

**People: Endurance produces character.**

Pastor: Character produces hope,

**People: and hope in Christ does not put us to shame.**

### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *(Based on today's readings)*

Pastor: On the basis of our hope in Christ, we approach our Heavenly Father's throne of grace, to implore Him of His forgiveness for all our sin.

*Silence for reflection. You are welcome to try one of the practices for confession, which is kneeling. Kneeling has a rich meaning and symbolism in Scripture. It is associated with prayer, humility, devotion, and repentance. The act of kneeling during confession reminds us of this, and it also reflects the season's penitential nature. Whether you kneel, stand, or sit, we are all unworthy to come before our Lord because of our sin, and we thank God for the forgiveness that He has freely given us in Jesus Christ. If you would like to try this practice, we ask that you would gently put the kneeler down at this time and would gently put it back up after Pastor is finished speaking the Absolution and the congregation responds.*

Pastor: Heavenly Father,

**People: We have not walked blamelessly before You. 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 set our mind on the things of God, but on the things of our sinful flesh, and selves. We have not rejoiced in suffering but have given up easily. We have lacked integrity and acted shamefully. For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy upon us, and reconcile us back to You, so that we may rejoice once more, on account of Jesus. Amen.**

Pastor: At just the right time, while we were still weak and ungodly, Jesus Christ died for us and reconciled us to God. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

**HYMN** “Chief of Sinners Though I Be” sts. 3-5 *LSB* 611

3 Only Jesus can impart  
Balm to heal the wounded heart,  
Peace that flows from sin forgiv’n,  
Joy that lifts the soul to heav’n,  
Faith and hope to walk with God  
In the way that Enoch trod.

4 Chief of sinners though I be,  
Christ is all in all to me;  
All my wants to Him are known,  
All my sorrows are His own.  
He sustains the hidden life  
Safe with Him from earthly strife.

5 O my Savior, help afford  
By Your Spirit and Your Word!  
When my wayward heart would stray,  
Keep me in the narrow way;  
Grace in time of need supply  
While I live and when I die.

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**INTROIT** *Psalm 115:11–13, 18; antiphon: Psalm 25:6*

Pastor: Remember your mercy, O Lord, and your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.

**People: You who fear the Lord, trust in the Lord! He is their help and their shield.**

Pastor: The Lord has remembered us; he will bless us; he will bless the house of Israel; he will bless the house of Aaron;

**People: he will bless those who fear the Lord, both the small and the great.**

Pastor: We will bless the Lord from this time forth and forevermore. Praise the Lord!

**All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Leader: Remember your mercy, O Lord, and your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.

**KYRIE**

Pastor: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**People: Amen.**

### **SALUTATION**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor: Let us pray. 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.

**People: Amen.**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** *Genesis 17:1–7, 15–16* (God renames Abram as Abraham.) 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, that I may make my covenant between me and you, and may multiply you greatly.” Then Abram fell on his face. And God said to him, “Behold, my covenant is with you, and you shall be the father of a multitude of nations. 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. I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make you into nations, and kings shall come from you. 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. . . . And God said to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. 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.”

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALM** *Psalms 22:23–31; antiphon: v. 22*

Leader: I will tell of your name to my brothers; in the midst of the congregation I will praise you:

**People: 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!**

Leader: 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.

**People: From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will perform before those who fear him.**

Leader: The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the Lord! May your hearts live forever!

**People: All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations shall worship before you.**

Leader: For kingship belongs to the Lord, and he rules over the nations.

**People: 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.**

Leader: Posterity shall serve him; it shall be told of the Lord to the coming generation;

**People: they shall come and proclaim his righteousness to a people yet unborn, that he has done it.**

**All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Leader: I will tell of your name to my brothers; in the midst of the congregation I will praise you

**EPISTLE** *Romans 5:1–11* (Christ died for the ungodly.) Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**VERSE** *Mark 8:34b*

Pastor: If anyone would come after Me,

**People: let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me.**

**HOLY GOSPEL** *Mark 8:27–38* (Jesus is the Christ who must suffer, die, and rise again.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the eighth chapter.

**People: Glory to You, O Lord.**

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?” And they told him, “John the Baptist; and others say, Elijah; and others, one of the prophets.” And he asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Christ.” And he strictly charged them to tell no one about him. 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. And he said this plainly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. 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.” And he called to him the crowd with his disciples and said to them, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel’s will save it. For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? For what can a man give in return for his life? 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.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to You, O Christ.**

**HYMN OF THE DAY** “How Deep the Father’s Love for Us” -Stuart Townend

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1. How deep the Father’s love for us, how vast beyond all measure  
That He should give His only Son to make a wretch His treasure.  
How great the pain of searing loss. The Father turns His face away  
As wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.

2. Behold the Man upon a cross, my sin upon His shoulders.  
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.  
It was my sin that held Him there until it was accomplished;  
His dying breath has brought me life. I know that it is finished.

3. I will not boast in anything: no gifts, no pow'r, no wisdom.  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ: His death and resurrection.  
Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer.  
But this I know with all my heart: His wounds have paid my ransom.

## **SERMON**

### **APOSTLES' CREED**

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 Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come 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.

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

### **OFFERING**

*We offer our gifts to the Lord as we use this time in our service for contemplation and preparation for the sacrament of communion. Offerings can be placed in the plates at the back entrance doors as you enter the sanctuary, or as the offering plates are passed at this time.*

### **PREFACE 2 Timothy 4:22**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

### **PROPER PREFACE**

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the Paschal Feast in sincerity and truth. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

### **SANCTUS "Holy, Holy, Holy Jesus"**

Holy, holy, holy Jesus,

Blessed Lord and King of all.

In Your pow'r and might come free us

From the devil's lies and thrall.

Let our proclamation be

Sweet hosannas unto Thee.

As we journey through Lent's wasteland,

Hold us in Your scarred, yet graced hand.

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### **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Pastor: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross. Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

### **THE WORDS OF OUR LORD** *Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

Pastor: 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  $\times$  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  $\times$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

### **PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST** *1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20*

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

**People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Pastor: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

### **LORD’S PRAYER** *Matthew 6:9–13*

**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.**

### **PAX DOMINI**

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**People: Amen.**

### **AGNUS DEI** “Lamb of God, for Sinners Given”

Lamb of God, for sinners given,  
In Your nail-pierced hands is balm.

Lamb of God, for sinners riven,  
In Your cross is peace and calm.

Let this proclamation rise:

“I am baptized into Christ,”

Is my ward and my protection,  
And my death and resurrection.

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*You are invited to receive the Lord's Supper if you believe and confess that Jesus Christ is your Savior from sin, you are a baptized child of the Triune God, and you believe that He gives you His body and blood in the bread and wine you receive. White grape juice can be found in the center of each tray for those who cannot receive alcohol. Children are welcome to come forward for a blessing.*

*Communion is offered in two ways: the individual cup and the common cup. If you would like the individual cup, please partake as the assistant minister passes by after Pastor gives the bread. If you would like the common cup, let the assistant minister pass by, open your hands palm up, and Pastor will return to give you the common cup.*

### **DISTRIBUTION HYMN**

“Just as I Am” -Charlotte Elliott, Travis Cottrell, Sue C. Smith, David Moffitt, William Batchelder Bradbury  
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1. Just as I am without one plea  
But that Thy blood was shed for me,  
And that Thou bidst me come to Thee,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

2. Just as I am and waiting not  
To rid my soul of one dark blot.  
To Thee whose blood can cleanse each spot,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

*Refrain:* I come broken to be mended, I come wounded to be healed.  
I come desp'rate to be rescued. I come empty to be filled.  
I come guilty to be purchased by the blood of Christ, the Lamb.  
And I'm welcomed with open arms, praise God, just as I am.

3. Just as I am I would be lost,  
But mercy and grace my freedom bought.  
And now to glory in Your cross,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come. *Refrain*

### **BLESSING**

Pastor: May our Lord's body and blood strengthen and preserve you in true faith to life everlasting. Depart in peace and with joy.

**People: Amen.**

### **POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

Pastor: Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

### **BENEDICTION** *Numbers 6:24–26*

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**People: Amen.**

**HYMN** “There Is a Redeemer” -Melody Green-Sievright  
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1. There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God’s own Son;  
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.

*Refrain:* Thank You, O my Father, for giving us Your Son,  
And leaving Your Spirit till the work on earth is done.

2. Jesus, my Redeemer, name above all names;  
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, O for sinners slain. *Refrain*

3. When I stand in glory, I will see His face;  
There I’ll serve my King forever in that holy place. *Refrain*

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL SONG**

In the beginning God made the sea  
And the forest full of trees  
God made the mountains way up high  
Above it all God made the sky  
His fingerprints are everywhere  
Just to show how much he cares  
In the middle God had some fun  
Made a hippo that weighed a ton  
Hip hip hip-opotamus  
Hip hip hooray God made all of us

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **SUNDAY SCHEDULE**

Worship 9:30 a.m.

**GENEROSITY THOUGHTS:** *Mark 8:32 – “And he said this plainly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him.”* Anytime we sin, we are acting like Peter, thinking we know better than the Lord. But as Jesus says, such acts stem from Satan. So let us repent. Let us trust our Lord Jesus and follow Him. For certainly He has earned our trust with His gracious sacrifice for us.

**MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES:** Emmaus will have services on Wednesdays in Lent through March 20 at 11:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. On Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, March 28-29, services will be held at Emmaus at 11:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

**EGG CARTONS NEEDED:** Keystone Food Shelf has a need for clean empty egg cartons and clean paper bags with handles. Please leave your donation in the Emmaus Food Shelf Box.

**ON MARCH 10<sup>th</sup>** missionaries Nathan and Sarah Federwitz are coming to Emmaus. The Federwitzes are missionaries with Lutheran Bible Translators. Prior to joining Lutheran Bible Translators in August 2023, Nathan completed coursework at School of Missionary Aviation Technology, receiving a maintenance certification as well as a commercial pilot license. Sarah recently completed deaconess training through Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne. Nathan and Sarah are currently in a training and support-raising phase of missionary service in anticipation of serving overseas. Nathan and Sarah will be giving a presentation at the 10:30 AM adult Bible Study.

**HELP NEEDED!** We are looking for help with lunch meals after the 11:30 midweek Lenten services. You can help with set up, serving, preparing food or clean-up. A sign-up sheet is posted in the church narthex or contact Marilyn Pierce if you are able to help or have questions. Thanks for your help to make these meals possible.

**2023 GIVING STATEMENTS:** You should have received your contribution statement in the mail if your total contribution amount for 2023 is \$250 or more. Statements were mailed January 18. If your contribution to Emmaus was more than \$250 and you did not receive the statement, or you need a replacement copy of your statement, please either leave a message on the Emmaus church phone or call Nancy W and one will be sent out as soon as possible.

**HEAR “THE LUTHERAN HOUR”** on Sunday mornings at 6:05 a.m. on WCCO 830 AM radio. Next week’s broadcast: “When Winning Is Losing” Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. John Nunes. In Christ, losing is winning and winning is losing. Dr. John Nunes explains what that means. (Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16, Psalm 22:23-31. Romans 5:1-11, Mark 8:8-27)

**SUMMER CAMPS AT CONCORDIA ACADEMY:** This summer, Concordia Academy offers dozens of camps, including old favorites like Boys and Girls Basketball, CSI, G3 (Genuinely Great Girls), Dance, Playmakers (with two full-day theater camps options), and Youth Worship Team. But there are also exciting new camps, including Adventures in Prose (a creative writing camp), Beacon Archery, and Young Scientists (for Grades 2-4). Get details and register at [www.concordiaacademy.com/camps](http://www.concordiaacademy.com/camps).

**EVENING MEALS:** To help welcome back Lenten evening services to Emmaus, we are planning on doing a meal at 5:45 before each midweek service, and we would love to have you join us for that. To help this be a success and to help us plan appropriately, we are asking that people RSVP. You are still welcome to come and eat without doing so, but it is greatly appreciated by either signing up in the Narthex or emailing Pastor.

The Kooi family will provide the meal and set it up, but we are looking for just a few volunteers to help with cleanup. If you are able to help with this, please let us know by signing up or emailing Pastor. The menu for each week is posted below and is a free will offering to help defray some of the costs.

**Evening Menu**

Wednesday, February 28th: Meatball subs, salad, and chips

Wednesday, March 6th: Baked mostaccioli and salad

Wednesday, March 13th: Sloppy Joes, salad, and chips

Wednesday, March 20th: Creamy Potato Soup

**THIS WEEK AT EMMAUS:**

Today: 9:30 a.m. Worship

10:30 a.m. Bible Study

Wed: Bulletin Deadline

11:30 a.m. Worship followed by lunch

6:30 p.m. Worship followed by choir rehearsal (meal at 5:45)

Fri: Office closed – call Pastor in emergencies

Sat: 12-5 p.m. Organist Rehearsal

Next Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Worship

10:30 a.m. Bible Study

**SERVING OUR WORSHIP SERVICE TODAY:**

PASTOR: Rev. Nick Kooi

ALTAR GUILD: Jean G

MUSIC LEADER: Pam U

SOUND TECH: Eric R

VIDEO TECH: Matt G

WORSHIP ASSISTANT: Alan M

USHERS: Todd, Nicole, and Arlen P

COUNTERS: Peggy K, Nancy W

LECTOR: Kjersti D

GREETER: Linda K

ACOLYTES: Espen D, Marit D