

The Second Sunday in Lent
March 4-5, 2023
Divine Service, Setting Five, p. 213

Prelude *Greet the Rising Sun* (8:00 and 10:30) (China)
to follow text, see LSB 871

Invocation, Confession, and Absolution (*stand*) p. 213

Entrance Hymn "Listen, God is Calling" LSB 833 (Kenya)

Kyrie "Your Heart, O God, Is Grieved" LSB 945 (Slovakia)

Solo O God, Father in heaven, have mercy upon us.

All **Your heart, O God, is grieved, we know,
By ev'ry evil, ev'ry woe;
Upon Your cross-forsaken Son
Our death is laid, and peace is won.**

Solo O Son of God, Redeemer of the world, have mercy upon us.

All **Your arms extend, O Christ, to save
From sting of death and grasp of grave;
Your scars before the Father move
His heart to mercy at such love.**

Solo O God, Holy Spirit, have mercy upon us.

All **O lavish Giver, come to aid
The feeble child Your grace has made.
Now make us grow and help us pray;
Bring joy and comfort; come to stay.**

Salutation and Collect of the Day p. 214

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P 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.
Amen. (*sit*)

Old Testament *The Call of Abram* Genesis 12:1-9

¹Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. ²And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

⁴So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. ⁵And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother's son, and all their possessions that they had gathered, and the people that they had acquired in Haran, and they set out to go to the land of Canaan. When they came to the land of Canaan, ⁶Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. ⁷Then the LORD appeared to Abram and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built there an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him. ⁸From there he moved to the hill country on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. And there he built an altar to the LORD and called upon the name of the LORD. ⁹And Abram journeyed on, still going toward the Negeb.

A This is the word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

O come, let us fix our eyes on Jesus,

the founder and perfecter of our faith,

who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame,

and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

Epistle *Abraham Justified by Faith*

Romans 4:1–8, 13–17

¹What then shall we say was gained by Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh? ²For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. ³For what does the Scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness." ⁴Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due. ⁵And to the one who does not work but trusts him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness, ⁶just as David also speaks of the blessing of the one to whom God counts righteousness apart from works:

⁷"Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven,
and whose sins are covered;

⁸blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin."

¹³The promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of the world did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴For if 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 there is no transgression.

¹⁶That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring—not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all, 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.

A This is the word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Verse of the Day (*stand*)

John 3:16

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son,

that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

Holy Gospel *You Must Be Born Again*

John 3:1-17

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the third chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. ²This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him." ³Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." ⁴Nicodemus said to him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" ⁵Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. ⁶That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' ⁸The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit."

⁹Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" ¹⁰Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? ¹¹Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. ¹²If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶[Jesus said:] "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

LWML Pledge

In fervent gratitude for the Savior's dying love and His blood-bought gift of redemption we dedicate ourselves to Him with all that we are and have; and in obedience to His call for workers in the harvest fields, we pledge Him our willing service wherever and whenever He has need of us. We consecrate to our Savior our hands to work for Him, our feet to go on His errands, our voice to sing His praises, our lips to proclaim His redeeming love, our silver and our gold to extend His Kingdom, our will to do His will, and every power of our life to the great task of bringing the lost and the erring into eternal fellowship with Him. Amen.

Sermon (*sit*) "as Moses...So the Son of Man" John 3:1-17

Hymn of the Day "Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart" LSB 708 (Germany)
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Lord's Prayer "Our Father Who Art in Heaven – Ila" LSB 958 (Mexico)

All **Our Father who art in heaven,
Thy name be hallowed, Thy name be hallowed, Heavenly Father.**

Solo May Thy kingdom come to us, O Lord;
May Thy holy will be done, O Lord;
As in heaven so on earth may Thy holy will be done, O Lord. *Refrain*

Solo Give us this day, O Lord, our daily bread;
Lord, forgive our trespasses, we pray,
As we forgive all those who trespass against us, Lord. *Refrain*

Solo Lead us not into temptation, Lord,
Lead us not into temptation, Lord,
But deliver us from evil, Lord, deliver us from evil. *Refrain*

Words of Institution

Sanctus "Holy, Holy, Holy Lord" LSB 961 (Austria)

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might,
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

Pax Domini p. 217

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C **Amen.**

Agnus Dei "O Lamb of God" LSB 550 (United States)

Solo Your only Son, no sin to hide, but You have sent Him from Your side
To walk upon this guilty sod, and to become the Lamb of God. *Refrain*

Refrain

All **O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the holy Lamb of God!
O wash me in His precious blood, my Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.**

Solo Your Gift of love they crucified, they laughed and scorned Him as He died:
The humble King they named a fraud, And sacrificed the Lamb of God. *Refrain*

Solo I was so lost, I should have died, but You have brought me to Your side
To be led by Your staff and rod, and to be called a lamb of God. *Refrain*

Distribution (*sit*) "When I Behold Jesus Christ" LSB 542 (Ethiopia)

Nunc Dimittis (*stand*) "O Lord, Now Let Your Servant" LSB 211 (Finland)

Solo O Lord, now let Your servant depart in heav'nly peace,
For I have seen the glory of Your redeeming grace:
A light to lead the Gentiles unto Your holy hill,
The glory of Your people, Your chosen Israel.

All **All glory to the Father, all glory to the Son,
All glory to the Spirit, forever Three in One;
For as in the beginning, is now, shall ever be,
God's triune name resounding through all eternity.**

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P We give thanks to You, almighty God ... one God, now and forever.
C **Amen.**

Benedicamus

P Let us bless the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Benediction (4:30 and 10:30) *congregation responds "Amen"*

Benediction (8:00) *Dona Nobis Pacem* ("Give Us Peace") anon. (Italy)

Closing Hymn "Lutheran Women, One and All" tune: ST. GEORGE'S, WINDSOR
(Great Britain)

All **Lutheran women, one and all, we have heard the Gospel call.
We by faith have seen our Lord crucified and then restored.
We have seen him pay the price, for our sins a sacrifice.
Him we Lord and Christ acclaim and unite to praise His name.**

Solo Lutheran women, young and old, well we know His challenge bold:
Help to take the Gospel light to a world in darkest night,
By example in the home, by inviting those who roam,
By our prayers for sinners lost, by our gifts for missions' cost.

All **Lutheran women, coast to coast, in the Lord a mighty host,
Let us all united be in the Holy Trinity,
One in faith, in hope and love working for the Lord above,
Till, our earthly labors done, we in heaven shall all be one.**

Postlude