The Second Sunday in Lent
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Confession and Absolution

Introit *Tell of All His Wondrous Works* Ps. 105:4–7; antiphon: Ps. 105:8

He remembers his covenant forever,
the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations.
Seek the LORD and his strength;
seek his presence continually!
Remember the wondrous works that he has done,
his miracles, and the judgments he uttered,
O offspring of Abraham, his servant,
children of Jacob, his chosen ones!
He is the LORD our God;
his judgments are in all the earth.
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.
He remembers his covenant forever,
the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations.

Kyrie p. 204

Lord, have mercy;
Christ, have mercy;
Lord, have mercy.

Collect of the Day

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

[1]Now 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. [2]And 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. [3]I 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."

[4]So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. [5]And 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, [6]Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. [7]Then 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. [8]From 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. [9]And Abram journeyed on, still going toward the Negeb.

A This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hebrews 12:2

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

[1]What then shall we say was gained by Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh? [2]For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. [3]For what does the Scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness." [4]Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due. [5]And to the one who does not work but trusts him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness, [6]just 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;
[8]blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin."

[13]The 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. [14]For 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 there is no transgression.

[16]That 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, [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.

A This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Verse (*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 John, the third chapter.
C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

[1]Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. [2]This 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." [3]Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." [4]Nicodemus 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?" [5]Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. [6]That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. [7]Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' [8]The 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."

[9]Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" [10]Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? [11]Truly, 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. [12]If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? [13]No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. [14]And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, [15]that 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. [17]For 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.** (*sit*)

Hymn of the Day "Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart" LSB 708

Sermon

Prayer of the Church (*stand*) *congregation responds "Hear our prayer"*

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Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

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Distribution (*sit*) "God Loved the World So That He Gave" LSB 571

1 **God loved the world so that He gave**
His only Son the lost to save,
That all who would in Him believe
Should everlasting life receive.

2 **Christ Jesus is the ground of faith,**
Who was made flesh and suffered death;
All then who trust in Him alone
Are built on this chief cornerstone.

3 **God would not have the sinner die;**
His Son with saving grace is nigh;
His Spirit in the Word declares
How we in Christ are heaven's heirs.

4 **Be of good cheer, for God's own Son**
Forgives all sins which you have done;
And, justified by Jesus' blood,
Your Baptism grants the highest good.

5 **If you are sick, if death is near,**
This truth your troubled heart can cheer:
Christ Jesus saves your soul from death;
That is the firmest ground of faith.

6 **Glory to God the Father, Son,**
And Holy Spirit, Three in One!
To You, O blessèd Trinity,
Be praise now and eternally!

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Benedicamus and Benediction

Closing Hymn "Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer" LSB 918

Postlude

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