

**Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Howell, New Jersey  
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**THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT  
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Therefore, since we have been justified by faith,  
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.  
*Romans 5:1*

P: In the Name of the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen**

P: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

P: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,

**C: Have mercy and hear us. Though we are poor sinful creatures, have mercy and hear us. Though we have turned from you and grieved you, have mercy and hear us. Though we have hardened our hearts against you and against our sisters and brothers, have mercy and hear us. Though we deserve judgment, wrath, and condemnation, for the sake of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy and hear us. Forgive us, heal us, and save us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

P: God hates nothing that he has made and forgives the sins of all those who are penitent. In the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all of your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

## OPENING HYMN

### “THE GOD OF ABRAHAM PRAISE”

- 1 The God of Abr'am praise, Who reigns enthroned above;  
Ancient of everlasting days And God of love.  
Jehovah, great I Am! By earth and heav'n confessed;  
I bow and bless the sacred name Forever blest.
- 2 The God of Abr'am praise, At whose supreme command  
From earth I rise and seek the joys At His right hand.  
I all on earth forsake, Its wisdom, fame, and pow'r,  
And Him my only portion make, My shield and tow'r.
- 3 The God of Abr'am praise, Whose all-sufficient grace  
Shall guide me all my pilgrim days In all my ways.  
He deigns to call me friend; He calls Himself my God.  
And He shall save me to the end Through Jesus' blood.
- 9 The whole triumphant host Give thanks to God on high.  
“Hail, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!” They ever cry.  
Hail, Abr'am's God and mine! I join the heav'nly lays:  
All might and majesty are Thine And endless praise!

The blessing of the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious grace freely bestowed in the Son,  
and the power of the promised Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

### INTROIT (spoken)

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

**You who fear the LORD, trust in the LORD!**

**He is their help and their shield.**

The LORD has remembered us; he will bless us;

he will bless the house of Israel; he will bless the house of Aaron;

**he will bless those who fear the LORD,**

**both the small and the great.**

We will bless the LORD

from this time forth and forevermore. Praise the LORD!

**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.**

Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love,

for they have been from of old.

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.

**Amen.**

## **GENESIS 17:1–7, 15–16**

A reading from the Book of Genesis

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.”

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **HAND BELL CHOIR**

“Blessed Assurance” arr. by Sandra Eithun

## **ROMANS 5:1–11**

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

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.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **GOSPEL VERSE**

**If anyone would come after me,  
let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.**

## **MARK 8:27-38**

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

**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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **SERMON**

### **SERMON HYMN**

#### **"JUST A CLOSER WALK WITH THEE"**

1 I am weak, but Thou art strong;  
Jesus, keep me from all wrong;  
I'll be satisfied as long  
As I walk, let me walk close to Thee.

*Refrain:* Just a closer walk with Thee,  
Grant it, Jesus, is my plea,  
Daily walking close to Thee,  
Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

2 Through this world of toil and snares,  
If I falter, Lord, who cares?  
Who with me my burden shares?  
None but Thee, dear Lord, none but Thee. *Refrain*

3 When my feeble life is o'er,  
Time for me will be no more;  
Guide me gently, safely o'er  
To Thy kingdom shore, to Thy shore. *Refrain*

## NICENE CREED

**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And he will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,\* I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen**

*\*The ancient text: the holy catholic and apostolic Church*

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Let us humbly beseech God for his mercy upon the Church, the world, and one another.

*A brief silence*

Holy Father, thank you for all who followed Jesus in their journey of faith. Keep us as companions with them so that at the end of our journey we may share with them in the victory won by your Son. Let us pray to the Lord;

**Lord, have mercy.**

Inspire your Church to boldly and faithfully acclaim Jesus to the world as your only Son, and as its only Savior. Let us pray to the Lord;

**Lord, have mercy.**

Teach the people of this congregation to follow Jesus in humble service and cross bearing. Let our worship, words and lives, glorify you and build up the Body of Christ. Let us pray to the Lord;

**Lord, have mercy.**

Give courage and joy to young people who are tempted to stray from the one path that leads to you. Help them dedicate their energy, creativity and talents to caring for other people and glorifying your holy Name. Let us pray to the Lord;

**Lord, have mercy.**

Through your covenant with Abraham and Sarah, you blessed all nations. Direct and guide our nation that our words and deeds may please and glorify you, the Lord of the whole earth. Let us pray to the Lord;

**Lord, have mercy.**

We lift before you the needs and prayers of all who cry out to you for help, especially: {List}. Grant to them the joy of your saving help; bless all who care for them; and restore them to health and hope. Let us pray to the Lord;  
**Lord, have mercy.**

Most Holy Father, we thank you for fulfilling your promises to those who have died and are at rest in you. Wipe away the tears of those whose grief runs deep. Keep us calm and fearless, ever trusting your love that shines from Jesus' Cross and lights our path throughout our earthly pilgrimage. Bring us, and those of every nation, whom you have redeemed, to the final fulfillment of your blessing, won for us by Abraham's glorious offspring, your Son, Christ Jesus our Lord. Let us pray to the Lord;  
**Lord, have mercy.**

For these things, and for whatever else is needful, dear Father, we pray in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns, one God, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

#### **“ON MY HEART IMPRINT YOUR IMAGE”**

On my heart imprint your image, Blessed Jesus, king of grace,  
That life's riches, cares, and pleasures Never may your work erase;  
Let the clear inscription be: Jesus, crucified for me,  
Is my life, my hope's foundation, And my glory and salvation!

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you.. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

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

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Sanctify these gifts of bread and wine by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever.

**Amen.**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

#### **THE SACRAMENT IS DISTRIBUTED**

Let us pray..... Almighty and ever-living God,  
**You have given your only Son to be for us both a sacrifice for sin and also an example of godly life.  
Give us grace that we may always most thankfully receive these his inestimable gifts, and also daily  
endeavor to follow the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

#### **BLESSING**

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.  
**Amen.**

## CLOSING HYMN

### **“LET US EVER WALK WITH JESUS”**

1 Let us ever walk with Jesus, Follow his example pure,  
Through a world that would deceive us And to sin our spirits lure.  
Onward in His footsteps treading, Pilgrims here, our home above,  
Full of faith and hope and love, Let us do the Father’s bidding.  
Faithful Lord, with me abide; I shall follow where you guide.

2 Let us suffer here with Jesus And with patience bear our cross.  
Joy will follow all our sadness; Where he is, there is no loss.  
Though today we sow no laughter, We shall reap celestial joy;  
All discomforts that annoy Shall give way to mirth hereafter.  
Jesus, here I share your woe; Help me there your joy to know.

3 Let us gladly die with Jesus. Since by death he conquered death,  
He will free us from destruction, Give to us immortal breath.  
Let us mortify all passion That would lead us into sin;  
Then by grace we all may win Untold fruits of his creation.  
Jesus, unto you I die, There to live with you on high.

4 Let us also live with Jesus. He has risen from the dead  
That to life we may awaken. Jesus, since you are our head,  
We are your own living members; Where you live, there we shall be  
In your presence constantly, Living there with you forever.  
Jesus, let me faithful be, Life eternal grant to me.

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### **THOSE WHO SERVE**

Worship Leader: The Rev. Kenneth Fosse

Sunday Service: February 28th at 8:00 a.m.  
Elder: Brandon Chornobroff

Sunday Service: February 28th at 10:15 a.m.  
Elder: Andrew Tess  
Live stream: Madison Maresca  
Organist: Melissa Marsicano  
Hand Bell Director: Alexandra Hildebrand

The 10:15am service will also be live streamed through our Facebook GROUP page,  
which can be found on our Facebook PAGE

Midweek Lenten Service: March 3rd at 7:00 p.m.

## **LENTEN WORSHIP**

**Midweek Lenten Worship services will be on the following Wednesdays:  
2/24, 3/3, 3/10, 3/17 and 3/24 at 7:00pm.**