

**Trinity Lutheran Church (LCMS)**

205 E. 7<sup>th</sup> St. Lexington, NE 68850

(308) 324-4341 [www.tlclex.org](http://www.tlclex.org)

Senior Pastor Rob Kuefner [rkuefner@tlclex.org](mailto:rkuefner@tlclex.org) (308) 746-2270

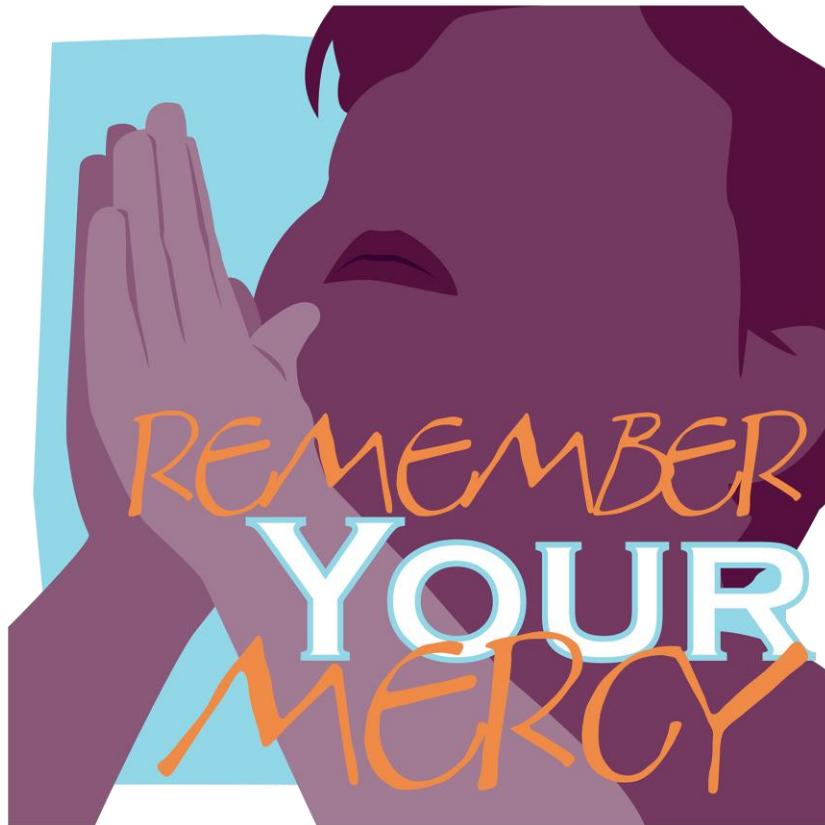
Visitation Pastor Bill Ohlmann [wohlmann@tlclex.org](mailto:wohlmann@tlclex.org) (308) 325-0069

Administrative Assistant Maria Rodriguez [mrodriguez@tlclex.org](mailto:mrodriguez@tlclex.org)

Supported Missionaries Rev. Chuck Ferry and Family & Chelsea Irwin

*"Equipping Disciples to Make Disciples for Jesus"*

---



**Second Saturday and Sunday in Lent**

**Saturday February 27, 2021 6:00 p.m. and Sunday February 28, 2021 8:30 a.m.**

## As We Gather

The old Latin name for this, the Second Sunday in Lent, is Reminiscere, because the Introit pleads, "Remember Your mercy, O Lord." Confidently, it continues by encouraging us to trust Him because "He has remembered us; He will bless us." Indeed, God's promises to Abram in today's Old Testament Reading were kept as Jesus moved unswervingly toward the cross, as He does in today's Gospel. As a result, we can be sure, Paul reminds us in the Epistle, that we have peace with God. Even in suffering, we know that hope will not disappoint us, for we remember that "while we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8).

### PREPARATION

## Opening Hymn

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

LSB #790



1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -  
2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won - drous - ly  
3 Praise to the Lord, who has fear - ful - ly, won - drous - ly,  
4 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de -  
5 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -



a - tion! O my soul, praise Him, for He is your  
reign - ing And, as on wings of an ea - gle, up -  
made you, Health has be - stowed and, when heed - less - ly  
fend you; Sure - ly His good - ness and mer - cy shall  
dore Him! All that has life and breath, come now with



health and sal - va - tion! Let all who hear Now to His  
lift - ing, sus - tain - ing. Have you not seen All that is  
fall - ing, has stayed you. What need or grief Ev - er has  
dai - ly at - tend you. Pon - der a - new What the Al -  
prais - es be - fore Him! Let the A - men Sound from His



tem - ple draw near, Join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!  
need - ful has been Sent by His gra - cious or - dain - ing?  
failed of re - lief? Wings of His mer - cy did shade you.  
might - y can do As with His love He be - friends you.  
peo - ple a - gain; Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore Him!

Tune and text: Public domain

## Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

## Confession and Absolution

- P** God established an everlasting covenant with Abraham,  
**C** **but our faith has waxed and waned. O Lord, forgive our forgetfulness of Your unchanging grace.**
- P** David wrote, "All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord,"  
**C** **but we have failed to remind one another of God's mercy and love. O Lord, forgive our hesitancy to share the news of Your gracious presence.**
- P** Paul wrote that because Christ died for the ungodly, we are justified by His blood,  
**C** **but we have tried to hide our sinfulness. O Lord, forgive our blindness to the necessary sacrifice of our Savior.**
- P** God sent His Son into the world with one purpose: to save us 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." As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** **Amen. Thanks be to God.**

## WORD

## Introit

*Psalm 115:11–13; antiphon: Psalm 25:6*

- P** 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.

- C** **The LORD has remembered us; He will bless us;  
He will bless the house of Israel; He will bless the house of Aaron;**

- P** He will bless those who fear the LORD, both the small and the great.  
**C** **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.**

## **Kyrie**

**P** In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For the peace we have with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For peace among the families of the nations and in coming generations, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For all who rejoice here for our access by faith into this grace in which we stand, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** By Your purposeful suffering, rejection, death, and resurrection—help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

## **Prayer of the Day**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray.

O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength.

**C** **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;**

**P** through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

## Old Testament Reading

Genesis 17:1–7, 15–16 (ESV)

*God makes a covenant promise to Abram*

<sup>1</sup> 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, <sup>2</sup> that I may make my covenant between me and you, and may multiply you greatly.” <sup>3</sup> Then Abram fell on his face. And God said to him, <sup>4</sup> “Behold, my covenant is with you, and you shall be the father of a multitude of nations. <sup>5</sup> 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. <sup>6</sup> I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make you into nations, and kings shall come from you. <sup>7</sup> 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.

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

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Epistle

Romans 5:1–11 (ESV)

*Grace: Christ died for the ungodly*

<sup>1</sup> Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>2</sup> 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. <sup>3</sup> Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, <sup>4</sup> and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup> 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. <sup>6</sup> For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup> For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— <sup>8</sup> but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. <sup>9</sup> Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. <sup>10</sup> 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. <sup>11</sup> More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Holy Gospel

Mark 8:27–38 (ESV)

*Truly knowing Christ means following Him*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the eighth chapter.

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

<sup>27</sup> 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?" <sup>28</sup> And they told him, "John the Baptist; and others say, Elijah; and others, one of the prophets." <sup>29</sup> And he asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Christ." <sup>30</sup> And he strictly charged them to tell no one about him. <sup>31</sup> 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. <sup>32</sup> And he said this plainly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. <sup>33</sup> 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." <sup>34</sup> And calling the crowd to him with his disciples, he said to them, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. <sup>35</sup> For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. <sup>36</sup> For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? <sup>37</sup> For what can a man give in return for his soul? <sup>38</sup> 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."

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **Apostles' Creed**

**C** **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.

**Sermon Hymn**

*Son of God, Eternal Savior*

**LSB #842**



1 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, Source of life and  
2 As You, Lord, have lived for oth - ers, So may we for  
3 Come, O Christ, and reign a - mong us, King of love and  
4 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, Source of life and



truth and grace, Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us  
oth - ers live. Free - ly have Your gifts been grant - ed;  
Prince of Peace; Hush the storm of strife and pas - sion,  
truth and grace, Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us



Hal - lows all our hu - man race, You our Head, who, throned in  
Free - ly may Your ser - vants give. Yours the gold and Yours the  
Bid its cru - el dis - cords cease. By Your pa - tient years of  
Hal - lows all our hu - man race: By Your pray - ing, by Your



glo - ry, For Your own will ev - er plead: Fill us with Your  
sil - ver, Yours the wealth of land and sea; We but stew - ards  
toil - ing, By Your si - lent hours of pain, Quench our fe - vered  
will - ing That Your peo - ple should be one, Grant, O grant our



love and pit - y, Heal our wrongs, and help our need.  
of Your boun - ty Held in sol - emn trust will be.  
thirst of plea - sure, Stem our self - ish greed of gain.  
hope's fru - i - tion: Here on earth Your will be done.

Tune and text: Public domain

**Sermon**

**Offering** *(Offering and attendance cards can be placed in basket at the back.)*

## Prayer of the Church

**P** Let us pray for the Church here and around the world and for all people in their various circumstances.

**P** O Lord, in these Lenten days set our minds on Your things rather than the things of man,  
**C that we may deny ourselves, take up our crosses and follow Your Son through this life into the joys of His resurrection.**

**P** O Lord, You have given Your Church the joy of proclaiming the truth that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us so that we might be justified by His blood and saved from Your wrath over our sins.

**C Grant all pastors the gifts of Your Spirit to preach and teach this truth boldly and faithfully, and help us to confess it in word and deed in our daily lives.**

**P** O Lord, keep us from being ashamed of the Son of Man when we face persecution for His name in this world, that He may not be ashamed of us when He comes in Your glory with the angels.

**C Be near to all those who are facing martyrdom for Christ and sustain them unto the end, that they may be crowned with life before You.**

**P** O Lord, since all kingship belongs to You and You rule over the nations, we pray that You would bless our president, congress and all those who govern us in Your stead,

**C that we may be ruled wisely and in accord with Your will.**

**P** O Lord, through Your Holy Spirit pour Your love into the hearts of Bob, Pauline, Ethel, Barb and Jackie and all those who suffer in our midst, that their sufferings may produce endurance, endurance character and character a hope that will not put them to shame.

**C Grant them health and healing in accord with Your perfect will, and sustain them in all their trials.**

**P** O Lord, as we remember with thanksgiving the multitude of nations, and that rejoice in heaven before You with their father Abraham, we pray that You would sustain us in that same justifying faith,

**C that as his offspring we may share in the everlasting covenant You made with him.**

**P** These and any other things You would have us ask of You, heavenly Father, grant to us for the sake of the bitter sufferings and death of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, in whose name we pray.

**C Amen.**

## Lord's Prayer

- C** 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.

## Benediction

### Closing Hymn

*Sing Praise to the God of Israel*

LSB #936



1 Sing praise to the God of Is - ra - el! Sing praise for His  
2 God spoke by the proph - ets long a - go, His prom - ise on  
3 You, child, will go on be - fore the Lord As proph - et, His  
4 O bright, ris - ing Sun, now shine on us In need of il -



vis - i - ta - tion! Re - deem - ing His peo - ple from their sin,  
oath re - call - ing— To A - bra - ham made in for - mer years:  
way pre - par - ing; To speak on be - half of God Most High,  
lu - mi - na - tion; Come scat - ter the shades of sin and death



Ac - com - plish - ing their sal - va - tion, Up - rais - ing a  
Of van - quish - ing foes ap - pall - ing, That those He de -  
His coun - sel of truth de - clar - ing: Rich mer - cy and  
And shat - ter their dom - i - na - tion. Be guid - ing our

