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2nd SUNDAY IN LENT

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+ *God Gathers Us In His Presence* +

WELCOME:

OPENING PRAYER:

OPENING HYMN: *" O God, Our Help in Ages Past "* LSB 733
(Verses 1 and 4)



1 O God, our help in a - ges past, Our hope for years to come,
4 A thou - sand a - ges in Thy sight Are like an eve - ning gone,



Our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, And our e - ter - nal home:
Short as the watch that ends the night Be - fore the ris - ing sun.

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: We gather in the name of our God,
 The keeper of the covenant,
 The source of steadfast love,
 The rock of our salvation,
 The Father, the Son + and the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:

Leader: Our God is faithful and just to hear our cry for mercy and plea for grace.

**People: Almighty God, we confess that our sins are heavy
yet we long to have the burden lifted,
our consciences are captive to guilt
yet we long to be set free,
and our hearts and minds often fraught by the chaos we have caused
yet we long for the peace only You can give.
For the sake of Christ, rebuild what we have broken,
mend what we have torn, and restore that which we have ruined.
Out of grace forgive us O God, make us alive in the Spirit
and send us in the power of Jesus to the world You so love.**

Leader: This word is sure, this oath certain
for this promise rests on Jesus the wisdom, power and love of God,
for His name's sake your sin is forgiven.
Journey now in the way of Jesus.

People: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Leader: God of grace, by the humility and suffering of Your Son
You turned an object of shame and death into the means of glory and life,
we pray,

**People: that we would ever glory in His cross
and carry our own to the glory of His name
who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.**

+ *God Gives Us the Gift of His Word* +

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: *Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16*

When Abram was 99 years old, the LORD appeared to him. He said to Abram, “I am God Almighty. Live in my presence with integrity. I will give you my promise, and I will give you very many descendants.” Immediately, Abram bowed with his face touching the ground, and again God spoke to him, “My promise is still with you. You will become the father of many nations. So your name will no longer be Abram [Exalted Father], but Abraham [Father of Many] because I have made you a father of many nations. I will give you many descendants. Many nations and kings will come from you. I will make my promise to you and your descendants for generations to come as an everlasting promise. I will be your God and the God of your descendants...

God said to Abraham, “Don’t call your wife by the name Sarai anymore. Instead, her name is Sarah [Princess]. I will bless her, and I will also give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she will become a mother of nations, and kings will come from her.”

– GW®

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: *Romans 5:1-11*

Now that we have God’s approval by faith, we have peace with God because of what our Lord Jesus Christ has done. Through Christ we can approach God and stand in his favor. So we brag because of our confidence that we will receive glory from God. But that’s not all. We also brag when we are suffering. We know that suffering creates endurance, endurance creates character, and character creates confidence. We’re not ashamed to have this confidence, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

Look at it this way: At the right time, while we were still helpless, Christ died for ungodly people. Finding someone who would die for a godly person is rare. Maybe someone would have the courage to die for a good person. Christ died for us while we were still sinners. This demonstrates God’s love for us.

Since Christ's blood has now given us God's approval, we are even more certain that Christ will save us from God's anger. If the death of his Son restored our relationship with God while we were still his enemies, we are even more certain that, because of this restored relationship, the life of his Son will save us. In addition, our Lord Jesus Christ lets us continue to brag about God. After all, it is through Christ that we now have this restored relationship with God. – GW®

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: *Mark 8:27-38*

Then Jesus and his disciples went to the villages around Caesarea Philippi. On the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say I am?"

They answered him, "Some say you are John the Baptizer, others Elijah, still others one of the prophets."

He asked them, "But who do you say I am?"

Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah!"

He ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man would have to suffer a lot. He taught them that he would be rejected by the leaders, the chief priests, and the experts in Moses' Teachings. He would be killed, but after three days he would come back to life. He told them very clearly what he meant.

Peter took him aside and objected to this. Jesus turned, looked at his disciples, and objected to what Peter said. Jesus said, "Get out of my way, Satan! You aren't thinking the way God thinks but the way humans think."

Then Jesus called the crowd to himself along with his disciples. He said to them, "Those who want to follow me must say no to the things they want, pick up their crosses, and follow me. Those who want to save their lives will lose them. But those who lose their lives for me and for the Good News will save them. What good does it do for people to win the whole world yet lose their lives? Or what should a person give in exchange for

life? If people are ashamed of me and what I say in this unfaithful and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of those people when he comes with the holy angels in his Father's glory." – GW®

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

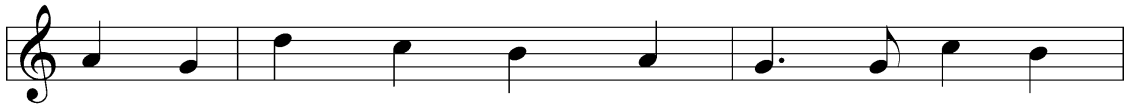
SERMON HYMN: "My Hope is Built on Nothing Less"

LSB 575

(Verses 1, 2 and 4)



1 My hope is built on noth - ing less Than Je - sus'
2 When dark - ness veils His love - ly face, I rest on
4 When He shall come with trum - pet sound, Oh, may I



blood and righ - teous - ness; No mer - it of my
His un - chang - ing grace; In ev - 'ry high and
then in Him be found, Clothed in His righ - teous -



own I claim But whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
storm - y gale My an - chor holds with - in the veil.
ness a - lone, Re - deemed to stand be - fore His throne!

Refrain



On Christ, the sol-id rock, I stand; All oth-er ground is sink-ing sand.

MESSAGE: "The Seasoned Christian"

Text: Romans 5:1-11

+ *We Give Thanks for God's Word* +

OFFERING:

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING:

APOSTLE'S CREED: (** catholic means the universal Christian Church*)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.**

On the third day He rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy *catholic Church,

the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH:

LORD'S PRAYER:

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.

+ *God Sends Us Forth for Lives of Love and Service* +

ANTHEM:

"God Will Make A Way"

Worship Team

ANNOUNCEMENTS



“**Eyes on Jesus**” is our Lenten theme this year. We will be gathering on-line on **Wednesday at 7pm** for the Mid-week Lenten Services hosted by Bethany Lutheran. If you plan to join these Services, you can pick up your Lenten series packet today or from the Church Office (Tue - Thu, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm). These packets have items used each week in the services.

Zoom Meeting ID: 882 1079 5871, Passcode: Jesus

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88210795871?pwd=akRUSW5mdytSZ3hTWmlzNThVVkpzUT09>

The weekly texts for the Lenten Season are:

March 3 ~ Mark 14:32-42 **“Shut Eye”**

March 10 ~ Mark 14:43-47 **“More Than Meets the Eye”**

March 17 ~ Mark 14:53-65 **“Eye Candy”**

March 24 ~ Mark 15:1-20 **“The Eyes of the Heart”**

Couch Conversations

Take some time this week with your family, or on your own, to have some couch conversations about our text and theme for worship – **Genesis 17:1-7**.

Last week we talked about covenants or promises that God made to his people. Today in our Old Testament reading we see God confirming his promise to Abram and he changed his name to Abraham. The promise of God now was in the name of Abraham and became a part of him. When God makes a promise, he will keep it.

- What does your name mean?
- Why do you think it was important for God to give Abraham a new name?
- What promises does God give us today?
- How does God still give names to people?



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