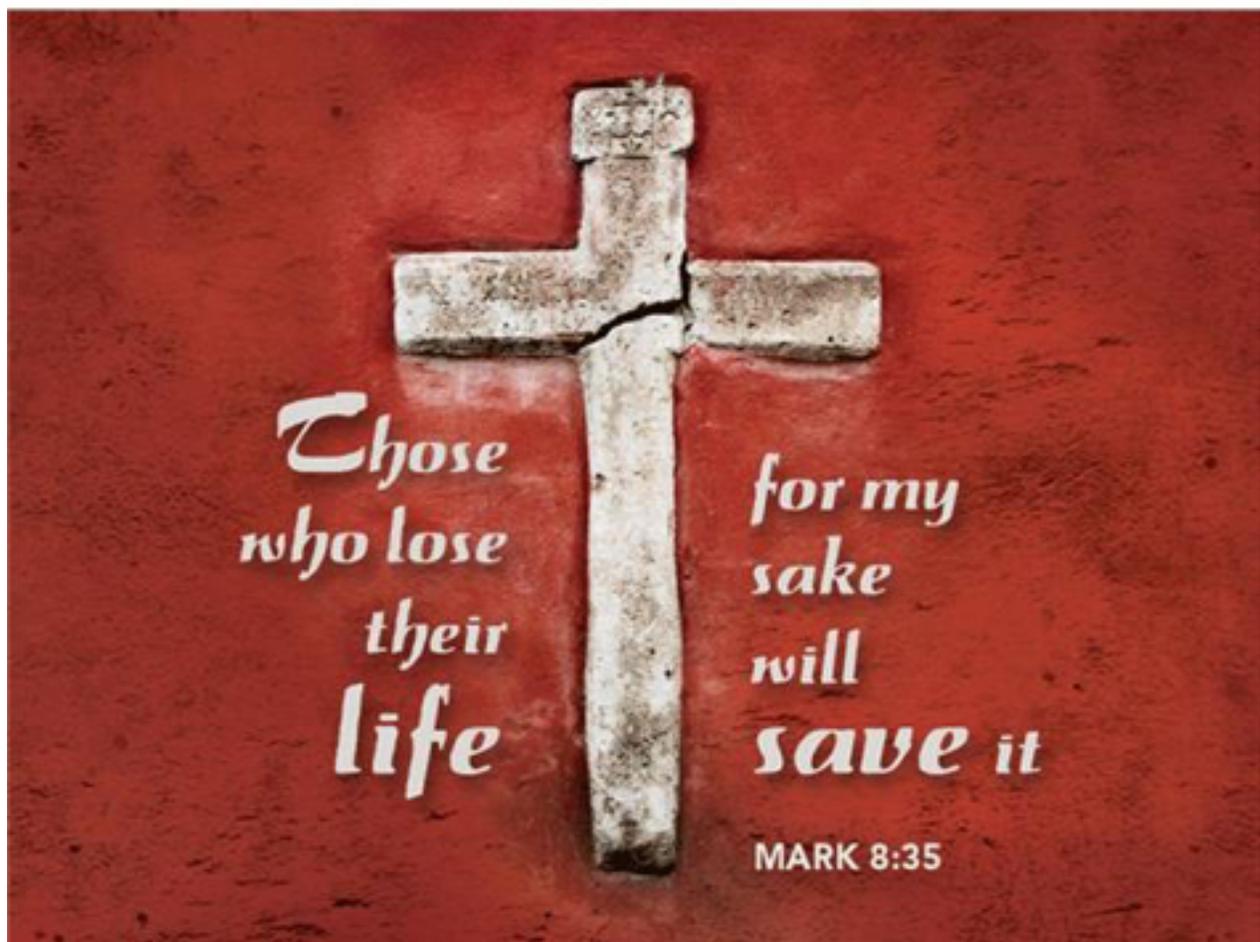


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Second Sunday in Lent

Welcome to worship at Joy Lutheran Church

We extend a special welcome to those who are single, divorced, married, widowed, or if your relationship status is “complicated.”

We are glad you are here if you come every Sunday or if this is your first time at our church or any church at all. You’re welcome if you know the Bible backwards and forwards, or have never really read it, if you know Jesus or are just curious to hear what He is all about.

We welcome you if you have doubts about “organized religion” or are a “cradle Christian.” We welcome liberals, conservatives, moderates, and undecided. If you cheer for the right team, or don’t like sports, you are welcome here.

We especially welcome those who could use a prayer right now, or an assurance that God loves them, those who are struggling, and those who are doing okay.

Whoever you are, whatever your past or present – God welcomes you and so do we!

Children are always welcome here. We are used to the joyful sounds of our youngest sisters and brothers. We do have some activity bags near the main entrance, to keep restless hands busy. Due to COVID-19 we discourage use of our Family Room right now.

Offering: Our offering plates are set at the entrance doors of the sanctuary. Thank you for giving of your resources to sustain the ministries here at Joy Lutheran Church.

Introduction

The second covenant in this year's Lenten readings is the one made with Abraham and Sarah: God's promise to make them the ancestors of many, with whom God will remain in everlasting covenant. Paul says this promise comes to all who share Abraham's faith in the God who brings life into being where there was no life. We receive this baptismal promise of resurrection life in faith. Sarah and Abraham receive new names as a sign of the covenant, and we too get new identities in baptism, as we put on Christ.

Welcome

L: The Lord be with you!

C: And also with you!

Confession and Forgiveness

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

L: Most merciful God,

**C: we confess that we have sinned against you,
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done
and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
For the sake of Jesus Christ
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may live and serve you in newness of life
to the glory of your holy Name. Amen.**

L: Almighty God have mercy on us,
forgive us all your sins,
through our Lord Jesus Christ,
strengthen us in all goodness,
and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us
in eternal life.

C: Amen.

Apostolic Greeting

L: The grace of our Lord Christ Jesus, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all,

C: And also with you.

Kyrie

Musical score for Kyrie. The top system shows the Cantor's part with the lyrics "In peace, in peace, to you, oh Lord, we pray." and the Congregation's part with the lyrics "Lord". The bottom system shows the Congregation's part with the lyrics "have mercy.".

Cantor: For broken lives and broken hearts we pray

Cong: **Lord have mercy.**

Cantor: For the unity of your church everywhere we pray

Cong: **Lord have mercy.**

Cantor: That we might know the forgiveness you promise we pray

Cong: **Lord have mercy.**

Cantor: For your parting gift of peace, oh Lord we pray

Cong: **A----men.**

Hymn of Praise

Musical score for Hymn of Praise. The score includes a Refrain: "Glo-ry to God in the high - est and peace, peace to God's people. Glory to God in the high - est and peace, peace on earth." and two verses: "1. Let ev'-ry moun-tain shout the glo - ry of the Lord." and "2. Praise to the Fath - er, we sing praise un-to the Son." The score also includes the lyrics "All creatures lift their hearts and praise God's ho - ly name. (to Refrain)" and "Praise to the Spir - it, ev - er liv - ing, pre-sent One. (to Refrain)".

Prayer of the Day

L: Let us pray. O God,

C: by the passion of your blessed Son you made an instrument of shameful death to be for us the means of life. Grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ that we may gladly suffer shame and loss for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Reading

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

As with Noah, God makes an everlasting covenant with Abraham and Sarah. God promises this old couple that they will be the ancestors of nations, though they have no child together. God will miraculously bring forth new life from Sarah's womb. The name changes emphasize the firmness of God's promise.

¹When 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. ²And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous." ³Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, ⁴"As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ⁵No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ⁶I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. ⁷I 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."

¹⁵God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. ¹⁶I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

Psalms

Psalms 22:23-31

²³You who fear the Lord, give praise! All you of Jacob's line, give glory.
Stand in awe of the Lord, all you offspring of Israel.

**²⁴For the Lord does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;
neither is the Lord's face hidden from them;**
but when they cry out, the Lord hears them.

²⁵From you comes my praise in the great assembly;
I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the Lord.

**²⁶The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
Let those who seek the Lord give praise! May your hearts live forever!**

²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord;
all the families of nations shall bow before God.

**²⁸For dominion belongs to the Lord,
who rules over the nations.**

²⁹Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow down in worship;
all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel before the Lord.

**³⁰Their descendants shall serve the Lord,
whom they shall proclaim to generations to come.**

³¹They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people yet unborn,
saying to them, "The Lord has acted!"

Gospel Reading

Mark 8:31-38

After Peter confesses his belief that Jesus is the Messiah, Jesus tells his disciples for the first time what is to come. Peter's response indicates that he does not yet understand the way of the cross that Jesus will travel.

³¹[Jesus] began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

³⁴He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

Sermon

Henry Huntington



1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to
 2 I want to see . . . the bright-ness of God. I want to
 3 I'm look - ing for . . . the com - ing of Christ. I want to



fol - low Je - sus. God set the stars to give
 look at Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ - teous-ness,
 be with Je - sus. When we have run . . . with



light to the world. The star of my life is Je - sus.
 shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa - ther.
 pa - tience the race, we shall know the joy of Je - sus.

Refrain



In him there is no dark-ness at all. The night and the



day are both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the



cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

Prayers of the Church (*brief silence, then various petitions, response said after each petition*)

L: Lord, in your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, in heaven,

hallowed be your name, your kingdom come,

your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins,

as we forgive those who sin against us;

Save us from the time of trial

and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory

are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Peace

L: The peace of Christ be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

(please exchange Christ's peace with a smile, nod, wave, or other non-contact sign)

Benediction

P: May Good bless us and keep us. May God's face shine upon us and be gracious to us. May God look on us with favor and give us peace.

C: **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

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1 Come, thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
2 Here I raise my Eb-en - e - zer: "Hith-er by thy help I've come";
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be;



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud-est praise.
and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home,
let that grace now like a fet - ter bind my wan-d'ring heart to thee.



While the hope of end-less glo - ry fills my heart with joy and love,
Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan-d'ring from the fold of God;
Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.



teach me ev - er to a - dore thee; may I still thy good-ness prove.
he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Dismissal

L: Go in peace. Share the good news.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Worship Assistants for Today			
Pianist: Kathy Huntington	Readers: Scooter Bentson & Noah Oistad	Acolyte: Hazel Simasko	Lay Assisant: Mona Mitton

Many thanks to our worship leaders today, our readers, pianist, and especially our preacher Henry Huntington and Lay Leader Mona Mitton!