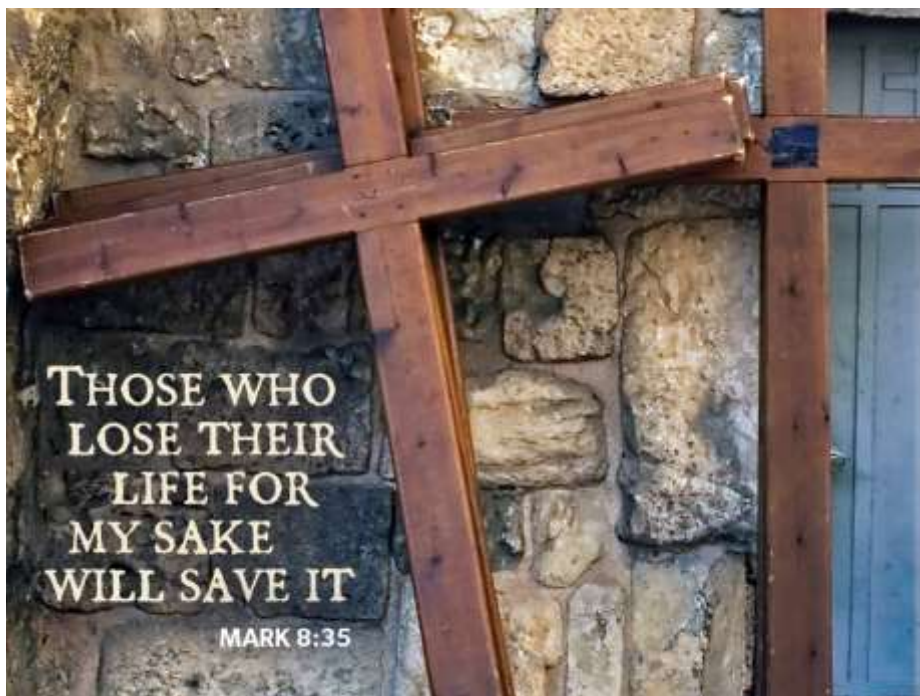


Second Sunday in Lent



February 25, 2024 | 10:30 a.m.

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308 North Third Street
Milan, Minnesota*

ORDER OF SERVICE

Welcome to Kviteseid Lutheran Church... Good morning! And welcome to worship, Christian education and fellowship among the family of faith.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" ELW #759

INTRODUCTION FOR THE DAY

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.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Romans 4

P Hear of God's promise.

C **The promise rests on grace.**

P God calls into being things that did not exist.

C **The promise rests on grace.**

P God came to us through Jesus.

C **The promise rests on grace.**

P Jesus died and rose again to save us.

C **God's grace comes to us through our faith.**

P Lent calls us to journey with God.

C **Let us worship God, who walks with us, this and every day.**

OPENING PRAYER

P God of Abraham our father, God of Sarah our mother, we remember with gratitude your covenant that undergirds our lives with certainty and gives us peace. Through the gift of your Son, you freed us from sin and death.

C **Amen.**

GREETING

2 Corinthians 13:13

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

C **And also with you.**

DIALOG

P The word is near you,

C on your lips and in your heart.

P If you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord,

C and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

P Faith comes from what is heard,

C and what is heard comes through the word of Christ.

SCRIPTURE SONG "In the Cross of Christ I Glory" (vs. 1-3) ELW #324

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

C O God, 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.

LESSON: 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.

PSALM 22:23-31

L 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.

C 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.

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

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

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

C ²⁸For dominion belongs to the LORD, who rules over the nations.

L 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.

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

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

LESSON: Romans 4:13-25

Paul presents Abraham as the example for how a person comes into a right relationship with God not through works of the law but through faith. Though Abraham and Sarah were far too old for bearing children, Abraham trusted that God would accomplish what God had promised to accomplish.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

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

GOSPEL: 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.

P The Gospel of our Lord.

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

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

ELW #597

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Ephesians 1:13-14

P In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.

C **We believe in him and are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit.**

APOSTLES' CREED

P Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilot,
was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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.**

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

P Build yourselves up on your most holy faith; *Jude 20*

C pray in the Holy Spirit.

P Keep yourselves in the love of God; *Jude 21*

C look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.

P If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: *2 Corinthians 5:17*

C Everything old has passed away; behold, everything has become new!

CONFESSION AND PROMISE OF FORGIVENESS

P Jesus calls us to deny ourselves.

C Yet we trust in our own works rather than in God's grace.

P Jesus calls each of us to take up our cross.

**C Yet rather than allow our selfishness and sin to be put to death,
we cling to what we know.**

P Jesus calls us to follow him.

C Yet we fear where faith will lead and what it might change in our lives.

P In this moment of silence, we confess the sin that separates us from one another
and from God.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P People of God, hear this good news. God's covenant with us is true. God is
faithful even when we fail. Through the Holy Spirit, God gives us the gift of
faith and makes us righteous. Believe in the good news that you are set free to
live as children of God.

C Amen. Thanks be to God!

SHARING THE PEACE

P Sisters and brothers, rejoice. Mend your ways, *2 Corinthians 13:11*
encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace.

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

“Create in Me a Clean Heart”

ELW #186

OFFERING PRAYER

P Let us pray.

P Gracious God,

C With these gifts we offer ourselves to you, and with the Church through all the ages we give thanks for your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Each portion of the prayers ends with these words:

P Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

The prayers are concluded with these words:

P Accompany us on our journey, God of grace,
and receive the prayers of our hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C Amen.

THE 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.**

BLESSING

P Place your trust in God's guidance. Go into this world that is in such need of hope and healing with the love of Christ in your hearts. Though the journey is long, God will sustain you. Go in peace, and may God's peace always go with you.

C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

“Savior, Again to Your Dear Name”

ELW #534

DISMISSAL

P Marked with the cross of Christ, go forth to love and serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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