



## Second Sunday in Lent

**March 13, 2022**

**Welcome!**

We are glad to have you join us in the worship of Our Lord. **Please sign the guest book at the back of the sanctuary.**

**Mask wearing is optional if you are fully vaccinated.**

### Today's Altar Representatives

Leader.....Tom Hutton  
Greeters/Ushers: ..... Judie Tim  
Lector: ..... John Lyman  
Music: ..... Molly Finkbiner

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### **PRELUDE:**

Largo, from the "New World"

Symphony.....Antonin Dvorak, piano and organ duet played by Dick Merrell and Molly Finkbiner.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **Meetings**

**AA Meeting** – Tuesday & Friday at noon; Thursday at 10 am.

**Choir:** Rehearsals will begin again at 8:45 in the sanctuary.

**Bible Study:** Each Sunday morning at 7:30 am.

**Faithful Community Quilters:** Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month from 10 am to 3 pm.

#### **Lenten Bible Studies**

We will be studying Adam Hamilton's THE WALK which can be found on Amazon or in the Christian Bookstore. Lenten Dates:

**March 16, 23, 30, and April 6** . NOTE March 16 will be on

ZOOM! Check Facebook for Zoom Information or email:

[Treasurer@faithlutheranblakeslee.org](mailto:Treasurer@faithlutheranblakeslee.org) for information

There will be Soup Super at 6:15 pm and Lenten Study at 7:00 pm. For reservation, the sign-up sheets will be in the back of the church. If you would like to volunteer to bake bread and make soup for Lent, sign-up sheets are also in the back table.

**Usher and Lector Volunteers** needed, please contact Jacquie Halko or call the church to sign up. Email:

[jacquie5444@yahoo.com](mailto:jacquie5444@yahoo.com) or call (570) 646-3922.

**Pastor** has asked anyone who wants to reach him in confidence is welcomed to email him at: [Pastor@faithlutheranblakeslee.org](mailto:Pastor@faithlutheranblakeslee.org). This is a confidential site.

**Bulletin Sponsors and Flower Donations:** The 2022 Flower and Bulletin sign-up sheets are located in the foyer table entrance of the church. In-house bulletin for \$10 and \$20 towards silk flowers or you may bring your own fresh flowers.

*(Please stand as you are able.)*

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who creates us, redeems us, and calls us by name.  
**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you and your beloved children. We have turned our faces away from your glory when it did not appear as we expected. We have rejected your word when it made us confront ourselves. We have failed to show hospitality to those you called us to welcome. Accept our repentance for the things we have done and the things we have left undone. For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us and lead us, that we may bathe in the glory of your Son born among us, and reflect your love for all creation. Amen.**

Rejoice in this good news: In † Christ Jesus, your sins are forgiven. You are descendants of the Most High, adopted into the household of Christ, and inheritors of eternal life. Live as freed and forgiven children of God. **Amen.**

**ENTRANCE HYMN – GATHER US IN! WOV 718**

## **GREETING**

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

## **KYRIE**

In Peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the Peace from above and for the well-being of all, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord. **AMEN**

## HYMN OF PRAISE: Glory to God



Ⓐ Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth.



Ⓑ Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa-ther:



We wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A - men

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

God of the covenant, in the mystery of the cross you promise everlasting life to the world. Gather all peoples into your arms, and shelter us with your mercy, that we may rejoice in the life we share in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

*(Please be seated)*

### **FIRST LESSON: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18**

After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, “Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.” But Abram said, “O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” And Abram said, “You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.” But the word of the LORD came to him, “This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.” He brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your descendants be.” And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Then he said to him, “I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess.” But he said, “O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?” He said to him, “Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon.” He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away. As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him. When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, “To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates.”

Word of God, Word of Life, **Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 27**

<sup>1</sup>The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

<sup>2</sup>**When evildoers close in against me to devour my flesh, they,  
my foes and my enemies, will stumble and fall.**

<sup>3</sup>Though an army encamp against me, my heart will not fear.

Though war rise up against me, my trust will not be shaken.

**<sup>4</sup>One thing I ask of the LORD; one thing I seek; that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life; to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to seek God in the temple. R**

<sup>5</sup>For in the day of trouble God will give me shelter,           hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary, and raise me high up- on a rock.

**<sup>6</sup>Even now my head is lifted up above my enemies who surround me.**

**Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary, sacrifices of rejoicing; I will sing and make music to the LORD.**

<sup>7</sup>Hear my voice, O LORD, when I call; have mercy on me and answer me.

**<sup>8</sup>My heart speaks your message—"Seek my face." Your face, O LORD, <sup>1</sup>I will seek. R**

<sup>9</sup>Hide not your face from me, turn not away from your servant in anger.

Cast me not away—you have been my helper; forsake me not, O God of my salvation.

**<sup>10</sup>Though my father and my mother forsake me, the LORD will take me in.**

<sup>11</sup>Teach me your way, O LORD; lead me on a level path, because of my oppressors.

**<sup>12</sup>Subject me not to the will of my foes, for they rise up against me, false witnesses breathing violence.**

<sup>13</sup>This I believe—that I will see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living! <sup>14</sup>**Wait for the LORD<sup>1</sup> and be strong. Take heart and wait for the LORD!**

## **SECOND LESSON:**

### **Philippians 3:17--4:1**

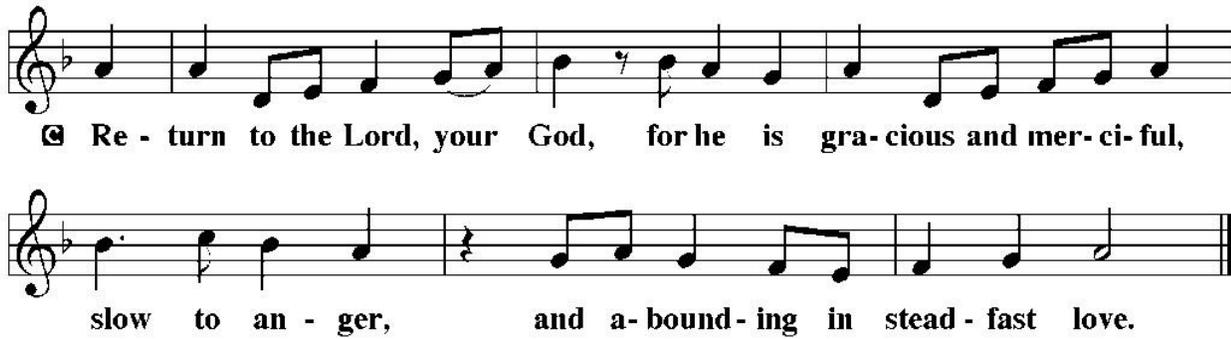
<sup>17</sup>Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. <sup>18</sup>For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. <sup>19</sup>Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. <sup>20</sup>But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>21</sup>He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself.

<sup>4:1</sup>Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God!**

*(Please stand as you are able)*

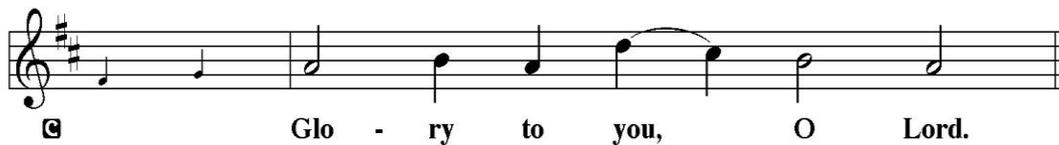
## VERSE / GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: "Return to the Lord"



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra-cious and mer-ci-ful,  
slow to an - ger, and a-bound-ing in stead - fast love.

## GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel according to Luke Chapter 13.



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

## Luke 13:31-35

<sup>31</sup>At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to [Jesus,] "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." <sup>32</sup>He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. <sup>33</sup>Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' <sup>34</sup>Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! <sup>35</sup>See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.' "

The Gospel of the Lord.



Praise to you, O Christ.

*(Please be seated)*

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

## SERMON

*(Please stand as you are able after the Sermon)*

**HYMN OF THE DAY:**      *“Jerusalem, My Happy Home”*

**LBW 331**

## APOSTLES CREED

**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 to the dead. 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**

## THE PEACE

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

*(Please share Christ’s peace in social and acceptable ways.) (Please be seated)*

**OFFERING HYMN:** This Little Light of Mine...Faith Lutheran Boomwhacker and Bell Choir.

*Please stand as you are able)*



## OFFERTORY SONG: "Let the Vineyards be fruitful, Lord"



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of  
bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be  
fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all; u -  
nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your  
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

## OFFERATORY PRAYER

Let us pray. Merciful Father,

**we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

## PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

Drawn close to the heart of God, we offer these prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need. (*A brief silence*)

You gather the church into a community of mercy and grace. Unify Christians around the globe in efforts to proclaim good news even in the face of opposition and to protect those whose lives are imperiled by the gospel. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You create the entire universe and call it good. Hinder those who would cause further destruction to our planet's fragile ecosystems, and augment the calls of those who advocate for thoughtful stewardship of the earth's resources. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You raise up leaders committed to love and justice. Nurture in those who govern patience to receive criticism, openness to new ideas, and courage to change course when needed for the sake of the common good. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You hear us when we cry to you. Attend to those expecting a child, and console those who have experienced miscarriage. Comfort veterans enduring post-traumatic stress. Shield those endangered by domestic violence. Uphold those who are ill or grieving (*especially*). Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You kindle faith that moves us into action. Guide children and adults preparing for baptism or confirmation. Empower Sunday school teachers, confirmation leaders, and parents who share their faith with younger generations. Give us all a renewed sense of vocation. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

#### ***PRAYER LIST***

*Barbara S., George A, Susan, Matt G, Swatzell Family, Bobbies family: Denise P., Bob Jr, and Brent P. Jason R., Robert F., RC, Mike and Brenda G., Rich, Erik C, Sabrina, Tracey E., Drew D., Margery B, Barbara M, Kevin D, Sherry K, Walt D, Adam C. and Family, Megan, Jim, Roberta R., Judi O'D, Diana, Wolcott, Jeanine, Allen B., Tom and Valerie M. and Ed.*

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

You welcome us into your heavenly realm. We give thanks for those whose labors on earth are ended and who now rest with you. On the final day, gather all of us, with them, in your loving arms. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Accept the prayers we bring, O God, on behalf of a world in need, for the sake of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

**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**

God, who leads you in pathways of righteousness, who rejoices over you, and who calls you by name, ✠ bless your going out and your coming in, today and forever. **Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN:** “Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me” LBW 327

**SENDING:** Go in peace, Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*Thank you for coming in and  
joining us in today's service.*

## **About our Lessons for today:**

Though we sometimes doubt and often resist God's desire to protect and save us, our God persists. In holy baptism, God's people have been called and gathered into a God-initiated relationship that will endure. Lent provides the church with a time and a tradition in which to seek God's face again. Lent provides another occasion to behold the God of our salvation in the face of the Blessed One who “comes in the name of the Lord.”

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