

the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen

Offering *(The children's offering basket will be on the front steps of the church,
so that they can in yet another way feel involved in Sunday worship)*

Offertory Hymn

We Are an Offering



ELW #692

Prayers of the Church

Lord's Prayer

Benediction

Closing Hymn

Go Light Your World

Insert

Sending:

P: Go in Peace, Serve the Lord

C: Thanks Be to God!

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Welcome! We are glad you are with us today!!

*"If you do not have a church home, you are welcome here. If you would like to become
a member, contact any member or the church office."*

Sunday, February 25, 2024; 9:30 am

Second Sunday in Lent

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements

Sharing of the Peace/Invocation

Call to Worship

L: There are some journeys for which we long.

P: But the journey to the cross looks as though it will be difficult.

L: The way of discipleship and faith is difficult.

P: We would prefer something easier. We are not ready for this trip.

L: Put your hearts at ease. You are not traveling alone.

P: Perhaps we can accomplish this trip. At least we will try the first step.

Opening Hymn

Amazing Grace, My Chains Are Gone

Insert

Prayer of the Day (All)

**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.**

First Lesson

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

Sylvia Benson

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.”

Special Music

Jesus Loves The Little Children

Sunday School Choir

Second Lesson

Romans 4:13-25

¹³The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

¹⁶For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, ¹⁷as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”)—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. ¹⁸Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become “the father of many nations,” according to what was said, “So numerous shall your descendants be.” ¹⁹He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah’s womb. ²⁰No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, ²¹being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. ²²Therefore his faith “was reckoned to him as righteousness.” ²³Now the words, “it was reckoned to him,” were written not for his sake alone, ²⁴but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, ²⁵who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

Gospel Acclamation

Lord, Let Me Heart Be Good Soil

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Gospel

Mark 8:31-38

(Response after the announcement: Glory to you, O Lord.)

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.”
(Response after the conclusion: Praise to you, O Christ.)

Children’s Sermon

Brittany Gerovac

Sermon

“Sunday Benedictions”

Pastor Greg Johnson

Hymn of the Day

Make Me a Servant

Insert

Church Council Installation

Ann Beesley, Shelly Berg, Rick Bonander, Dan Feeken, Brittany Gerovac, Scott Hansel, Mary Lee, Jason Haak, Alan Schmidt, Dave Schnabel, David Vanden Hull, and Kelly Wright

Darcie Johnson (Treasurer)

Apostles Creed

**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 Pilate,
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,