SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

Order of Worship — 9 AM
+ Service of Holy Communion +
Divine Service, Setting One (LSB)

AS WE GATHER — Jesus weeps. His heart is broken. He longs to gather God’s children together. Like the prophets of old, He laments over the unbelief He sees in the place where saving faith should be most evident: Jerusalem. “O Jerusalem, Jerusalem . . . How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you would not!” (Luke 13:34). Both back in the day and in our own day, many people refuse to be gathered to Jesus, even as He willingly and mercifully offers His life for all. This reality breaks Jesus’ heart, and it should break ours also. Nevertheless, there is good news: the rejection of the multitudes never deters the faithfulness of our Savior. He is relentless in His pursuit of sinners, longing to see them in the place where He gathers us in grace and fills us with forgiveness. That place is right here! Right here and now, Jesus invites you to come to Him. So, we gather together as the children of God under the wings of our living and loving Savior!

PRESERVICE MUSIC “Come to Calvary’s Holy Mountain” by Lani Smith

[Please fill out prayer request cards.]

WELCOME

[ Means please stand; Means please be seated ]

OPENING HYMN

Come to Calvary’s Holy Mountain

by the fall; Here a pure and healing fountain
out, with-in; From infection and uncleanness,
tent, and blind; Here the guilty, free remission,
new-ing flood. God is faithful; God will never

(continued)
INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(Silence for meditation and reflection)

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

INTROIT

Ps. 74:1–3; antiphon: Ps. 69:9

P For zeal for your house has consumed me,

C and the reproaches of those who reproach you have fallen on me.

P O God, why do you cast us off forever?

C Why does your anger smoke against the sheep of your pasture?

P Remember your congregation, which you have purchased of old, which you have redeemed to be the tribe of your heritage!

C Remember Mount Zion, where you have dwelt.

P Direct your steps to the perpetual ruins;

C the enemy has destroyed everything in the sanctuary!

All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P For zeal for your house has consumed me,

C and the reproaches of those who reproach you have fallen on me.
KYRIE

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P 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.

C Lord, have mercy.

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

C Lord, have mercy.

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

All: O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength to come to You. By Your mighty power and glorious grace, gather us into Your presence and shield us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. Amen.

P OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

A This is the Word of the Lord. C Thanks be to God.

P PHILIPPIANS 3:17—4:1

EPISTLE LESSON

(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

A This is the Word of the Lord. C Thanks be to God.
VERSE FOR LENT

C  Return to the Lord, your God, for He is gracious and
cer-ci-ful, slow to an-ger, and a-bound-ing in
stead-fast love, and a-bound-ing in stead-fast love.

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HOLY GOSPEL

P  The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the thirteenth chapter.

C  Glor-y to You, O Lord.

(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

P  This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C  Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

[Prayer requests will be collected at this time.]

HYMN OF THE DAY

The Day Is Surely Drawing Near

1 The day is sure-ly draw-ing near When Je-sus, God's a-noint-ed,
   In all His pow-er shall ap-pear As judge whom God ap-
   Then fright shall ban-ish i-die mirth, And flames on
   flames shall rav-age earth As Scrip-ture long has warned us.

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5. My Savior paid the debt I owe
   And for my sin was smitten;
Within the Book of Life I know
   My name has now been written.
I will not doubt, for I am free,
   And Satan cannot threaten me;
There is no condemnation!

6. May Christ our intercessor be
   And through His blood and merit
Read from His book that we are free
   With all who life inherit.
Then we shall see Him face to face,
   With all His saints in that blest place
Which He has purchased for us.

7. O Jesus Christ, do not delay,
   But hasten our salvation;
We often tremble on our way
   In fear and tribulation.
O hear and grant our fervent plea:
   Come, mighty judge, and set us free
From death and ev'ry evil.

SERMON

“KILL THE PREACHER!”

Jeremiah 26:8-15

I. The people in Jeremiah's day wanted to kill him because they didn't want to hear God's Word.
II. Because God loves people and wants to save them, He continues to preach His Word today, even if people don't want to hear it.

NICE CREED

C I believe in One God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in One Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made Man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

OFFERING

“Voluntary in G”

by G. F. Broadhead

OFFERTORY

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord,
   And fill to the brim our cup of blessing.
Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown,
   That we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gather the
PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. Father in heaven, we thank You for the mercy You show us in the cross of Him who comes in Your name to save us: Jesus Christ, our Lord. Grant that our journey through this season of Lent refresh our souls and draw us close to You as You gather us together in Your eternal presence. And so we say:

C Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!
P Merciful Savior, You offer Your life as a sacrifice to take the sins of the world away. Have mercy on us, Lord Jesus. You came from heaven to earth for us all. Send us forth from our place of worship that we take Your name into the world You died to save. And so we say:

C Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!
P O Holy Spirit, You fill all Your baptized people with the sure and certain hope of eternal life, confirming in us that our citizenship is in heaven, and we await a Savior from there. He came once to die and to rise again. Now He reigns at the Father’s right hand. Soon He will come again, and we will all be gathered before Him. Keep Your Church faithful to Your Word that we may be defended from all attacks of the evil one and strengthened in our journey of faith toward You and love toward one another. And so we say:

C Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!
P Great Physician, work mightily for the mending of the broken, the renewal of the sorrowful, and the healing of the sick that we now name before You [especially...]. And so we say:

C Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!
P Author and giver of life, we thank and praise You for giving us the gifts to sustain and defend Your creation. Open our eyes to see Your hand at work through the vocations into which You have placed us. Especially bless all those whose work is difficult and dangerous, all those in positions of leadership and authority over us, and all those who feel weary in their daily labors. Grant that all Your children come to You in faith and be renewed for the important tasks by which they give You honor and praise. And so we say:

C Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!
P Triune God, You work together for the building up of Your people and for the eternal glory of Your name. Hear these prayers of our lips, along with the unspoken prayers of our hearts, that we place our confidence in Your eternal care and Your promise to always answer prayer. And so we say:

C Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! We pray in the name of Him who gathers us together and saves us by His grace—Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.
PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

C Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might:

Heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross. Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, so that we be renewed as Your sons and daughters. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. C Amen.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION
PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST
P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.  C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.
P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
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.

SHARING OF THE PEACE
P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C And also with you.
P Let us share this peace with one another.
(People greet one another saying: "Peace be with you. And also with you.")

[Remain standing]
AGNUS DEI
Lamb of God

Reminder: gluten free wafer (by holding up an index finger to the elder), and non-alcoholic wine (the white grape juice in the center) are also available.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS
Wide Open Stand the Gates

1 Wide o - pen stand the gates a - dorned with pearl, While
2 He speaks the Word the bread and wine to bless: "This
3 The cher - u - bim, their fac-es veiled from light, While

(continued)
round God's gold - en throne The choirs of saints in
is My flesh and blood!" He bids us eat and
saints in won - der kneel, Sing praise to Him whose
end - less cir - cles curl, And joy - ous praise the Son!
drink with thank - ful - ness This gift of ho - ly food.
face with glo - ry bright No earth - ly masks con - ceal.

They watch Him now de - scend - ing To vis - it wait - ing earth.
All hu - man thought must fal - ter-- Our God stoops low to heal,
This sac - ra - ment God gives us Binds us in u - ni - ty.
The Lord of Life un - end - ing Brings dy - ing hope new birth!
Now pres - ent on the al - tar, For us both host and meal!
Joins earth with heav'n be - yond us, Time with e - ter - ni - ty!

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I'm But A Stranger Here

1 I'm but a stran - ger here, Heav'n is my home;
2 What though the tem - pest rage, Heav'n is my home;
3 There - fore I mur - mur not, Heav'n is my home;

Earth is a des - ert drear, Heav'n is my home.
Short is my pil - grim - age, Heav'n is my home;
What - e'er my earth - ly lot, Heav'n is my home;

Dan - ger and sor - row stand Round me on ev - 'ry hand;
And time's wild win - try blast Soon shall be o - ver - past;
And I shall sure - ly stand There at my Lord's right hand;

Heav'n is my fa - ther - land, Heav'n is my home.
I shall reach home at last, Heav'n is my home.
Heav'n is my fa - ther - land, Heav'n is my home.

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O Savior, Precious Savior

1 O Savior, precious Savior, Whom yet unseen we love;
2 O bringer of salvation, Who wondrously hast wrought
3 In Thee all fullness dwelleth, All grace and pow’r divine;
4 O grant the consummation Of this our song above.

O name of might and favor, All other names above,
Thy self the revelation Of love beyond our thought,
The glory that excelleth, O Son of God, is Thine.
In endless adoration And everlasting love.

We worship Thee, we bless Thee, To Thee, O Christ, we sing;
We worship Thee, we bless Thee, To Thee, O Christ, we sing;
We worship Thee, we bless Thee, To Thee, O Christ, we sing;
Then shall we praise and bless Thee Where perfect prais es ring.

We praise Thee and confess Thee, Our holy Lord and King.
We praise Thee and confess Thee, Our gracious Lord and King.
We praise Thee and confess Thee, Our glorious Lord and King.
And evermore confess Thee, Our Savior and our King!

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

Thank the Lord

Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev’ry-one what He has done.

Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.

He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy

with shouts of thanks-giving. Alleluia, alleluia.

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Let us pray. O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh to gather Your wandering children together, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus
Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever.

C A m e n.

BENEDICTION
Psalm 4:6; Numbers 6:24–26
P There are many who say, “Who will show us some good?
C Lift up the light of Your face upon us, O Lord!”
P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you His peace.

C A m e n.

CLOSING HYMN

Rise, Shine, You People

1 Rise, shine, you people! Christ the Lord has entered
2 See how He sends the pow’rs of evil reeling;
3 Come, cele brate, your banners high unfurling,
4 Tell how the Father sent His Son to save us.

Our human story; God in Him is centered.
He brings us freedom, light and life and healing.
Your songs and prayers against the darkness hurling.
Tell of the Son, who life and freedom gave us.

He comes to us, by death and sin sur rounded,
All men and women, who by guilt are
To all the world go out and tell the
Tell how the Spirit calls from ev’ry

round, ed, With grace un bound ed.
driven, Now are for given.
story Of Jesus’ glory.
nation His new cre a tion.


PANNOUNCEMENTS

[Birthday: Ryan White]

POSTLUDE

“Processional” by E. Batiste

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