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And SPREAD the Good News of Jesus Christ to all people.*

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SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

Order of Worship –9:00 AM

AS WE GATHER – *The theme of Lent is repentance. Today, we are given a prophet's story of warning against a people who refused His mercy. But it is not the only story. The Lord still invites us to find a refuge in the wings of His mercy and, to all who will receive Him and believe on His name, there is no limit to His grace. The Lord is determined to go to the cross for us and to bestow upon us all the treasures of His grace, but the path that leads to Christ is the way of repentance and faith. We pray that the Holy Spirit will work in our hearts so that we may not refuse the Lord's invitation and may rejoice in the wings of His mercy forevermore.*

PRESERVICE MUSIC

"Wondrous Love"

by David Paxton

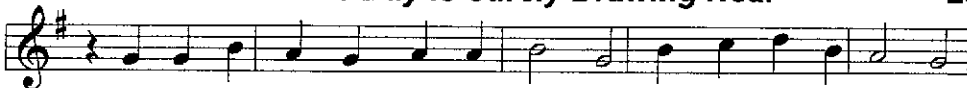
WELCOME

[♫Means please stand; ♪Means please be seated]

♫OPENING HYMN

The Day Is Surely Drawing Near

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1 The day is sure - ly draw - ing near When Je - sus, God's a - noint - ed,
2 The fi - nal trum - pet then shall sound And all the earth be shak - en,
3 The books are o - pened then to all, A rec - ord tru - ly tell - ing
4 Then woe to those who scorned the Lord And sought but car - nal plea - sures,



In all His pow - er shall ap - pear As judge whom God ap -
And all who rest be - neath the ground Shall from their sleep a -
What each has done, both great and small, When he on earth was
Who here de - spised His pre - cious Word And loved their earth - ly

(continued)



point - ed. Then fright shall ban - ish i - dle mirth, And flames on
 wak - en. But all who live will in that hour, By God's al-
 dwell - ing, And ev - 'ry heart be clear - ly seen, And all be
 trea - sures! With shame and trem - bling they will stand And at the



flames shall rav - age earth As Scrip - ture long has warned us.
 might - y, bound - less pow'r, Be changed at His com - mand - ing.
 known as they have been In thoughts and words and ac - tions.
 judg - e's stern com - mand To Sa - tan be de - liv - ered.

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.

Text: Bartholomäus Ringwaldt, 1532–99; tr. Philip A. Peter, 1832–1919, all.; Tune: Geistliche Lieder aufs new gebessert, 1535, Wittenberg, ed. Joseph Klug; Text and tune: Public domain

INVOCATION

- P** *In the name of the Father and of the ~~F~~ Son and of the Holy Spirit.*
C Amen.

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Psalm 74:1

- P** *O God, why do You cast us off forever?*
C **Why does Your anger smoke against the sheep of Your pasture?**
P *May the Lord direct us to the ruins of our righteousness*
C **that we may learn repentance.**

[Silence for meditation and reflection.]

- P** *O Lord,*
C **we poor sinners cry to You and beg Your mercy. We confess that we have lived as if You did not matter and as if we mattered most of all. Our Lord's name we have not honored as we should; our worship and prayers have faltered. We have not loved God above all**

things, and we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not done the good Your Word desires and have done the evil Your Word forbids. May God be merciful to us, forgive us all our sins, and strengthen our faith for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. 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.

P *May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

C Amen.

INTROIT

Psalm 74:1–3; antiphon: Psalm 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.**

LITANY

P *O God, the Father in heaven,*

C **have mercy upon us.**

P *O God, the Son, Redeemer of the world,*

C **have mercy upon us.**

P *O God, the Holy Spirit, sanctifier of the faithful,*

C **have mercy upon us.**

P *Remember not our offenses, but forgive us, O Lord,*

C **whom You have redeemed with Your most | precious blood.**

P *From all blindness, hardness of heart, and impenitence,*

C **good Lord, deliver us.**

P *From all pride, hypocrisy, anger, hatred, and greed,*

C **good Lord, deliver us.**

P *From the deceit of the devil, from the lure of the world, and | our own flesh,*

C **good Lord, deliver us.**

P *In time of danger, in the hour of trial, and in the day of judgment,*

C **good Lord, deliver us.**

P *Lord, have mercy upon us.*

C **Christ, have mercy upon us.**

P *Lord, have mercy upon us.*

G **Save us, O Lord, for the sake of Your name. Amen.**

SALUTATION & COLLECT OF THE DAY

P *The Lord be with you.*

G **And also with you.**

P *Let us pray.*

All: **O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend 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.**

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE DAY

P *On this Second Sunday in Lent, we are reminded that the Lord is rich in mercy and willing to forgive our sins and save us by His grace, but we are not always ready to approach Him in the humility of faith and with a heart of repentance. From the prophet Jeremiah comes the story of how the Word of the Lord was met with rejection, anger, and rebellion. In Philippians, a sorrowful Paul recounts the story of those who once believed but now walk as enemies of the Lord. In the Gospel, we hear the lament of the Lord who wanted to gather His people under the arms of His mercy, but they would not.*

✠ OLD TESTAMENT READING

Jeremiah 26:8–15

(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

L *This is the Word of the Lord.*

G **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE

Philippians 3:17—4:1

(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

L *This is the Word of the Lord.*

G **Thanks be to God.**

✠ VERSE

Luke 13:35

All: **Behold, your house is forsaken. And I tell you, you will not see Me until you say, "Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!"**

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 13:31–35

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

G **Glory to You, O Lord.**

(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

P *This is the Gospel of the Lord.*

G **Praise to You, O Christ.**



1 I'm but a strang - er 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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SERMON “SAINTS ARE CITIZENS OF HEAVEN” *Philippians 3:17–4:1*

- I. It's easy to focus on our earthly cares and worries and forget that our ultimate future lies in heaven.
- II. Paul reminds us today that our true citizenship lies in heaven, not on this earth.

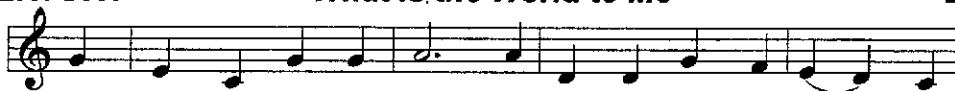
⦿ APOSTLE'S CREED

⦿ I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

⦿ OFFERING

“Voluntary”

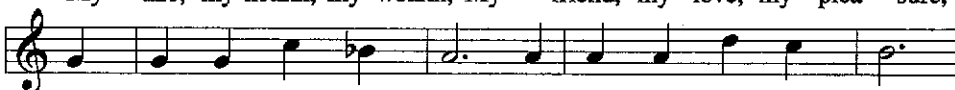
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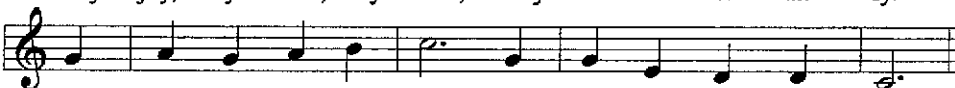
1 What is the world to me With all its vaunt - ed plea - sure
 2 The world seeks to be praised And hon - ored by the might - y
 3 The world seeks af - ter wealth And all that mam - mon of - fers
 4 What is the world to me! My Je - sus is my trea - sure,



When You, and You a - lone, Lord Je - sus, are my trea - sure!
 Yet nev - er once re - flects That they are frail and flight - y.
 Yet nev - er is con - tent Though gold should fill its cof - fers.
 My life, my health, my wealth, My friend, my love, my plea - sure,



You on - ly, dear - est Lord, My soul's de - light shall be;
 But what I tru - ly prize A - bove all things is He,
 I have a high - er good, Con - tent with it I'll be:
 My joy, my crown, my all, My bliss e - ter - nal - ly.



You are my peace, my rest. What is the world to me!
 My Je - sus, He a - lone. What is the world to me!
 My Je - sus is my wealth. What is the world to me!
 Once more, then, I de - clare: What is the world to me!

Text: Georg Michael Pfefferkorn, 1645–1732; tr. August Crull, 1845–1923, alt.; Tune: Ahasverus Fritsch, 1629–1701; Text and tune: Public domain

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P *Bidden by Your mercy, O Lord, we come in prayer to petition Your aid for the Church, the nation, the sick, and all people who have requested our prayers. O Lord, as once You warned Your people to mend their ways and their deeds and heed the voice of Your Word, so grant us grace that we mend our sinful ways, repent of all the things we have done wrong, and heed the voice of Your Word. Bring us to the obedience of faith that we may enjoy Your mercy and tender compassion. Lord, in Your mercy,*

C **hear our prayer.**

P *Grant grace to Your Church and those who preach and teach Your Word, that they be faithful to Your Word and truth and that Your Church may prosper and many be brought to faith. Lord, in Your mercy,*

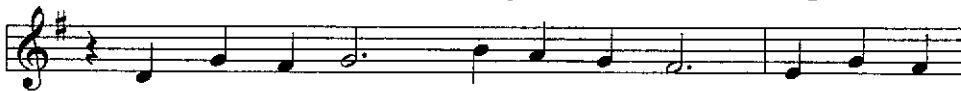
C **hear our prayer.**

P *Guide and prosper our nation in paths of goodness and virtue. Bless our president, governor, and all elected and appointed government officials, that we may be free to worship You in spirit and truth and live as godly citizens while on earth. Lord, in Your mercy,*

C **hear our prayer.**



seeks your o - ver - throw; Dread not his rage and pow'r.
 can a - venge your wrongs; Leave it to Him, our Lord.
 hell's sa - tan - ic crew A - gainst us shall pre - vail.
 now Thine arm make bare, Fight for us once a - gain!



And though your cour - age some-times faints, His seem - ing
 Though hid - den yet from mor - tal eyes, His Gid - eon
 Their might? A joke, a mere fa - cade! God is with
 So shall Thy saints and mar - tyrs raise A might - y



tri - umph o'er God's saints Lasts but a lit - tle hour.
 shall for you a - rise, Up - hold you and His Word.
 us and we with God— Our vic - t'ry can - not fail.
 cho - rus to Thy praise For - ev - er - more. A - men.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

“Trumpet Melody”

by Gilbert M. Martin

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WE WISH TO THANK the following for their participation in our worship service this morning:

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 Counters..... Mike Gilbert & Brian Albee
 Elder on Duty Doug Harder
 Greeter Linda Monasmith
 Lay Reader..... Renee Ortado
 Organist / Music Director Beth Buss
 Service Web Recorder Robert Showalter
 Service Live Streaming Renee Ortado
 Ushers **Phil Vandre, *Naomi Kettner, Cameron Hatton

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