

Welcome to Pilgrim Lutheran Church

Pastor Don Short

Second Sunday in Lent

February 28, 2021

## **GATHERING AND WELCOME**

### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the Holy Trinity, + one God,  
The keeper of the covenant,  
The source of steadfast love,  
Our rock and our redeemer

**Amen.**

God hears us when we cry, and draws us close in Jesus Christ. Let us return to the one who is full of compassion.

*(Silence for reflection and self-examination.)*

Fountain of living water,

**Pour out your mercy over us.**

**Our sin is heavy, and we long to be free.**

**Rebuild what we have ruined  
and mend what we have torn.**

**Wash us in your cleansing flood.**

**Make us alive in the Spirit**

**to follow in the way of Jesus,**

**as healers and restorers of the world you love.**

**Amen.**

How vast is God's grace! Through the power and promise of Jesus Christ, our sins are washed away and we are claimed as God's own beloved. Indeed, we are forgiven. In the wake of God's forgiveness, we are called to be the beloved community living out Christ's justice and the Spirit's reconciling peace.

**Amen**

## Gathering Hymn~~I Want Jesus to Walk With Me~~ELW #325

I want Jesus to walk with me;  
I want Jesus to walk with me;  
all along my pilgrim journey,  
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

In my trials, Lord, walk with me;  
in my trials, Lord, walk with me;  
when my heart is almost breaking,  
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me;  
when I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me;  
when my head is bowed in sorrow,  
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

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## CHILDREN'S SERMON

### THE 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~~~~ELW #147

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy**

For the peace from above, and for our salvation,  
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.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**O God, by the passion of your blessed Son you made an instrument of shameful death to be for us the mean 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.**

## READINGS

### **A reading from Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16**

<sup>1</sup>When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said to him, ‘I am God Almighty;<sup>2</sup> walk before me, and be blameless. <sup>2</sup>And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous.’ <sup>3</sup>Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, <sup>4</sup>‘As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. <sup>5</sup>No longer shall your name be Abram,<sup>6</sup> but your name shall be Abraham;<sup>7</sup> for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. <sup>6</sup>I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. <sup>7</sup>I 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<sup>8</sup> after you.

<sup>15</sup> God said to Abraham, ‘As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. <sup>16</sup>I 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.’

### **The Word of the Lord.**

Thanks be to God.

### **Let us read Psalm 22:23-31**

<sup>23</sup> **You who fear the LORD, praise him! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him; stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!**

<sup>24</sup> For he did not despise or abhor the affliction of the afflicted; he did not hide his face from me, but heard when I cried to him.

<sup>25</sup> **From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will pay before those who fear him.**

<sup>26</sup> The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the LORD. May your hearts live forever!

<sup>27</sup> **All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD; and all the families of the nations shall worship before him.**

<sup>28</sup> For dominion belongs to the LORD, and he rules over the nations.

<sup>29</sup> **To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, and I shall live for him.**

<sup>30</sup> Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the Lord,

<sup>31</sup> **and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying that he has done it.**

### *A reading from Romans 4:13-25*

<sup>13</sup> For the 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. <sup>14</sup>If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. <sup>15</sup>For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

<sup>16</sup> For 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, <sup>17</sup>as 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. <sup>18</sup>Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become ‘the father of many nations’, according to what was said, ‘So numerous shall your descendants be.’ <sup>19</sup>He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already<sup>2</sup> as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah’s womb. <sup>20</sup>No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, <sup>21</sup>being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. <sup>22</sup>Therefore his faith<sup>2</sup> ‘was reckoned to him as righteousness.’ <sup>23</sup>Now the words, ‘it was reckoned to him’, were written not for his sake alone, <sup>24</sup>but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, <sup>25</sup>who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**OR**  
During Lent:

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.

The Holy Gospel according to *Mark 8:31-38*  
**Glory to you O Lord**

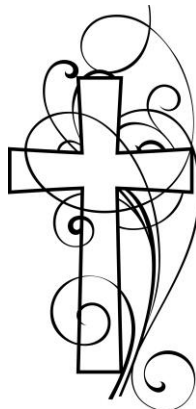
**31** Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. <sup>32</sup>He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. <sup>33</sup>But 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.’

**34** He 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. <sup>35</sup>For 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. <sup>36</sup>For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? <sup>37</sup>Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? <sup>38</sup>Those 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.’

This is the Gospel of our Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON



## ***Hymn of the Day~~When I Survey The Wondrous Cross~~ELW #803***

When I sur-vey the won-drous cross  
on which the prince of glory died;  
my rich-est gain I count but loss  
and pour con-tempt on all my pride.

For-bid it, Lord, that I should boast  
save in the death of Christ, my God;  
all the vain things that charm me most,  
I sac-ri-fice them to his blood.

See, from his head, his hands, his feet,  
sor-row and love flow min-gled down.  
Did e'er such love and sor-row meet,  
or thorns com-pose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of na-ture mine,  
that were a pres-ent far too small;  
love so a-maz-ing, so di-vine,  
de-mands my soul, my life, my all.

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### **APOSTLE'S 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,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

**Hear us O God ....**

Your mercy is great.

## **SHARING OF THE PEACE**

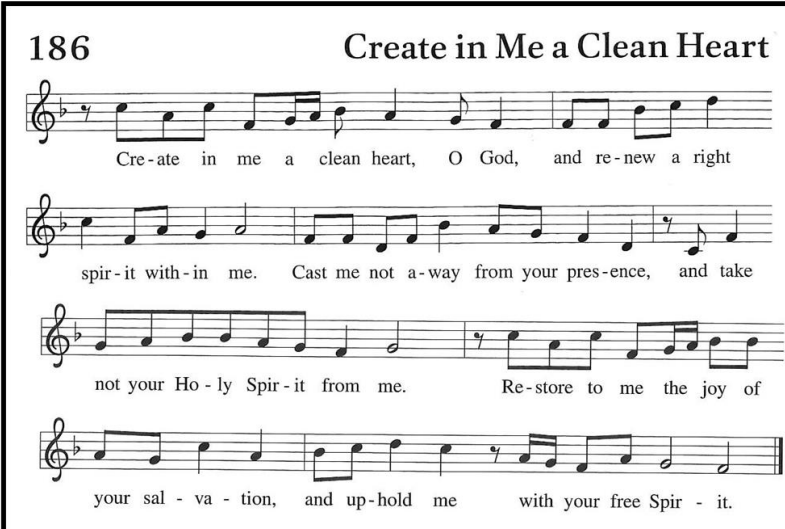
**The peace of the Lord be with you always.**

And also with you.

## **GATHERING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

### **OFFERTORY HYMN**

186                      Create in Me a Clean Heart



The musical score is written on four staves in a single system. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a 7/8 time signature. The melody is written in a simple, hymn-like style. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right  
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take  
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of  
your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

### **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**Faithful God,  
You walk beside us in desert places,  
And meet us in our hunger with bread from heaven.  
Accompany us in this meal,  
That we may pass over from death to life  
With Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
Amen.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING~~ELW pg 152

**The Lord be with you.**

And also with you.

**Lift up your hearts.**


We lift them to the Lord.

**Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.**

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

**... We praise your name and join their unending hymn:**

### *Hymn of Thanksgiving*



S 153

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
Ho - san-na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san-na in the high - est.

## WORDS OF INSITUATION

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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**



## ***DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION***

### **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

God of steadfast love,  
At this table you gather your people into one body for the sake of the world.  
Send us in the power of your Spirit,  
That our lives bear witness to the love that has made us new in Jesus Christ, our Savior  
and Lord.  
Amen.

### ***POST COMMUNION HYMN~~ Christ, The Life of All The Living~~ELW #339 v1 only***

Christ, the life of all the liv-ing, Christ, the death of death, our foe  
Christ, your-self for me once giv-ing to the dark-est depths of woe;  
through your suf-f'ing, death, and mer-it  
    life e-ter-nal I in-her-it  
Thou-sand, thou-sand thanks are due,  
    dear-est Je-sus, un-to you.

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### **BENEDICTION**

May the Lord Bless you and keep you  
May the Lord make his face to shine upon you  
May the Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.  
In the name of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
Amen.

### **SENDING HYMN~~ Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing~~ELW #807**

Come, thou Fount of ev'ry bless-ing,  
Tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
Streams of mer-cy, ne-ver ceas-ing,  
Call for songs of loud-est praise.  
While the hope of end-less glo-ry  
Fills my heart with joy and love,  
Teach me ev-er to a-dore thee;  
May I still thy good-ness prove.

See, from his head, his hands, his feet,  
sor-row and love flow min-gled down.  
Did e'er such love and sor-row meet,  
or thorns com-pose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of na-ture mine,  
that were a pres-ent far too small;  
love so a-maz-ing, so di-vine,  
de-mands my soul, my life, my all.

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Confirmation will meet March 3 at 3:30**

**Because of our support of Adams County Pet Rescue, they would like to extend an invitation to visit their facility and show us around. This will happen on March 6. We will meet at Pet Rescue at 2 pm. If you need to carpool, please talk to Ernie Summers or Anna Short.**

**All midweek Lenten message will be available online this year. Please check the church webpage each Wednesday for the midweek message. Thank you.**

**For Lent this year, we will be collecting personal care kits. There has been a plea through the ELCA for these kits. What is needed for these kits is:**

**PERSONAL CARE KITS**

**SOME IMPORTANT GUIDELINES TO REMEMBER**

- Be sure to shop for light- or medium-weight towels, which are easier for Kit recipients to hand wash and air dry, take up less storage space and are considerably less expensive than the fluffier towels we may prefer to use.
- Bath towels vary in size. The 52" X 27" size listed in the guidelines is the maximum size. 20" x 40" is a good guideline for a minimum size.
- Please give new items only.
- Please do not donate items with any religious symbols, messages or your group's name.
- Please do not donate any items decorated with a U.S. flag, patriotic or military symbols, or references to the armed forces, including camouflage.
- Do not add other items or leave out any of the items listed.
- All items should be new and in good condition.
- Do not enclose the Kit or any of its contents in plastic bags.

**INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING IN EACH PERSONAL CARE KIT**

**ONE** light-weight bath-size towel (between 20" x 40" and 52" x 27"), dark color recommended

**TWO** or three bath-size bars of soap equaling 8 to 9 oz., any brand, in original wrapping

**ONE** adult-size toothbrush in it's original packaging\*

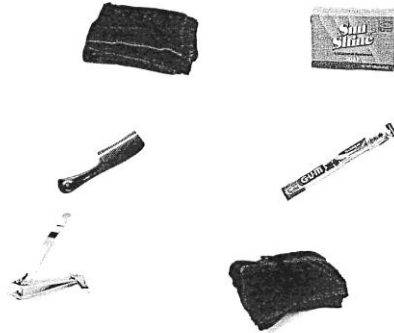
**ONE** sturdy comb, remove packaging

**ONE** metal nail clippers (attached file optional), remove packaging

\* Toothbrush multi-packs may be used by sealing an individual toothbrush in a business-size envelope; no plastic bags or wrap

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**Items for Personal Care Kits**



1. One light-weight bath-size towel (between 20 x 40" and 52 x 27"), dark color recommended.
2. Two or three bath-size bars of soap equaling 8-9 oz, any brand in original wrapping
3. One adult-size toothbrush in it's original packaging.
4. One sturdy comb, remove packaging.
5. One metal nail clippers (attached the optional), remove packaging.

Toothbrush multi-packs may be used by sealing an individual toothbrush in a business-envelope, no plastic bags or wrap.

**When we have gathered all our kits at the end, the Sunday School children will put them together and the adults will pack them in boxes and get them mailed.**

**THE DISMISSAL**

**Go in peace. Share the good news!**

Thanks be to God!

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