

# SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

February 25, 2018 - 10:45 AM



*The second covenant in this year's Lenten readings is the one made with Abraham and Sarah: God's promise to make them the ancestors of many, with whom God will remain in everlasting covenant. Paul says this promise comes to all who share Abraham's faith in the God who brings life into being where there was no life. We receive this baptismal promise of resurrection life in faith. Sarah and Abraham receive new names as a sign of the covenant, and we too get new identities in baptism, as we put on Christ.*

## **G.I.F.T. Zone Opportunity For Parents & Young Children**

We introduce our kid-friendly worship experience, located in the left-hand transept area of the main sanctuary. For families who wish to take advantage of the G.I.F.T. Zone, there is child-friendly worship furniture plus adult chairs for parents. Feel free to sit in the special area throughout the service with your child - or come to the area with your child following the Children's Message. During this middle section of the service, Deacon Lexanne Graves will be in the area to guide parents and children through activities to help our youngest worshipers follow the readings, sermon, hymn, creed, and prayers. This is an awesome way to keep children engaged in worship with the whole congregation - and learn the liturgy until they are able to worship in the pews for the entire service. We offer the G.I.F.T. Zone so that parents may share the worship experience with their children in a meaningful, stress-free way. At the 10:45 service, our nursery is also available for ages 0 - 3 (for those yet unable to benefit from the G.I.F.T. Zone activities.)



*Kid Friendly Worship Experience*



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# GATHERING MUSIC

## "10,000 Reasons"

As we gather, we remain seated and join in singing to prepare our hearts and minds for worship.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul;  
Worship His Holy name Sing like  
ne - ver be - fore, O my soul, I'll  
worship your ho - ly name

1. *The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning;  
It's time to sing Your song again.  
Whatever may pass, and whatever comes before me,  
let me be singing when the evening comes (to Chorus)*

2. *You're rich in love and you're slow to anger,  
Your name is great and Your heart is kind.  
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing  
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find (to Chorus)*

3. *And on that day, when my strength is failing,  
the end draws near, and my time has come;  
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending;  
ten thousand years and then forevermore! (Repeat Chorus 2x)*

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*Baptismal Anniversaries: Alice Renaud (3/1)*

*(Individuals meet the Pastor at the font for a special blessing in recognition of their anniversary.)*



## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ENTERING CONFIRMATION FAITH MILESTONE

#### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Pastor: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

Pastor: God of heaven and earth, you come in close and make us yours. Equip us by your Spirit to confess our sin, embrace your forgiveness, and seek the way you set before us in your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**People: Amen.**

Pastor: With honesty of heart, let us confess our sin.  
*(Silence for reflection - we kneel as able)*

Pastor: Merciful God,

**People: Our will is handcuffed to sin, and we cannot break free. We have spoken when we should have kept quiet. We were silent when we should have said something. We acted when we knew better. We were still when we know we should have moved. For the wrong we have done, for the good we have failed to do, have mercy on us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Pastor: People of God, look to the + Son, given to heal you and set you free because God loved the world so much. Take hold of life—eternal life!

**People: Amen.**

#### ENTRANCE SONG

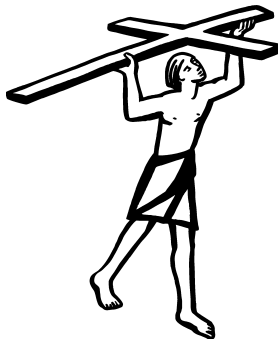
*"In the Cross of Christ I Glory"*

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#### APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

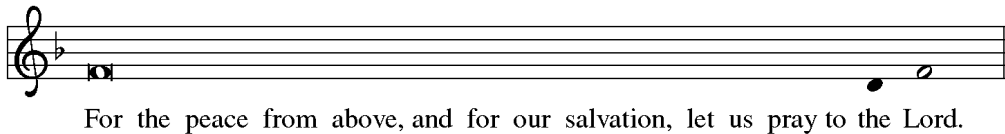
**People: And also with you.**



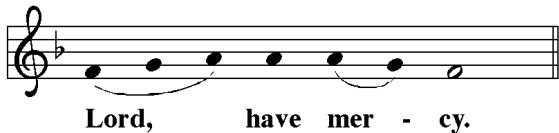
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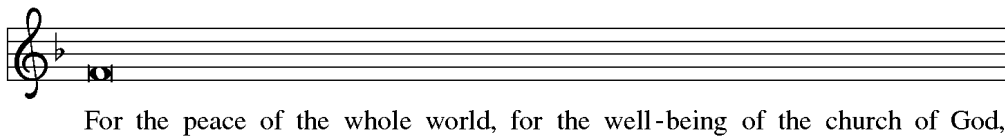
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



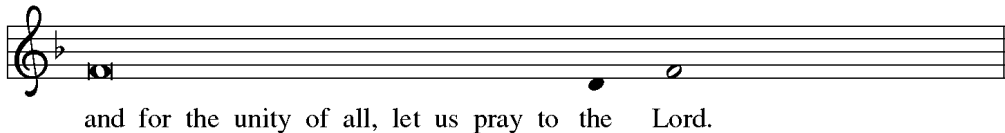
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



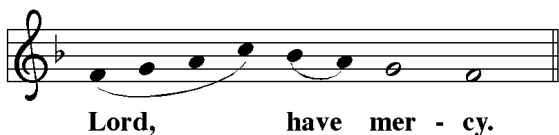
**Lord, have mer - cy.**



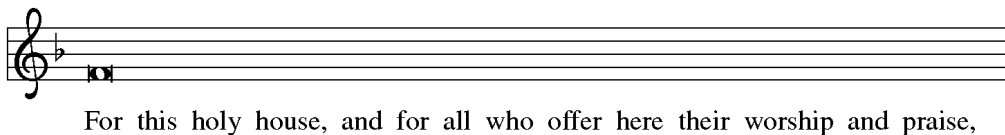
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



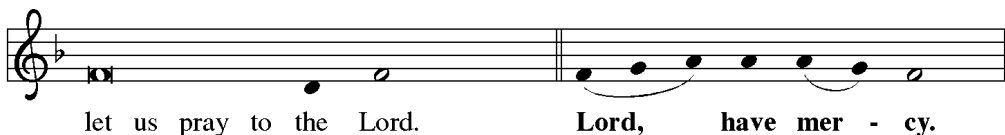
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



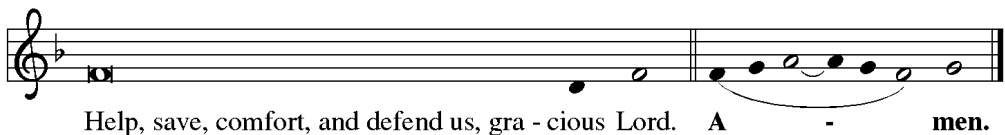
**Lord, have mer - cy.**



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **A - men.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: 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.

**People: Amen.**

*We are seated*

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Seminarian Christopher Girardeau

*Children and young people gather on the steps. Toddlers may be accompanied by parents. All may bring forward coins or dollars for the Lenten bucket collection (Harvest Hope Food Bank). Following the message, young children and parent(s) are invited to the G.I.F.T. Zone for special activities that help young ones participate in worship through the middle portion of the service. As the children gather, we sing:*

*Jesus loves me! this I know, for the Bible tells me so;  
little ones to him belong, they are weak, but he is strong.  
Yes, Jesus loves me, yes, Jesus loves me,  
yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.*

*(Text by Anna B. Warner, ELW 595)*

## FIRST READING

Lector: A reading from Genesis.

When 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. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous." Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, "As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. 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 after you." God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. 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." *(Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16)*

Lector: Word of God, Word of life.

**People: Thanks be to God.**



## PSALM 22:23-31

Lector: You who fear the LORD, give praise! All you of Jacob's line, give glory.  
Stand in awe of the LORD, all you offspring of Israel.

**People: For the LORD does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;  
neither is the LORD's face hidden from them;  
but when they cry out, the LORD hears them.**

Lector: From you comes my praise in the great assembly;  
I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the LORD.

**People: The poor shall eat and be satisfied,  
Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts live forever!**

Lector: All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD;  
all the families of nations shall bow before God.

**People: For dominion belongs to the LORD,  
who rules over the nations.**

Lector: Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow down in worship;  
all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel before the LORD.

**People: Their descendants shall serve the LORD,  
whom they shall proclaim to generations to come.**

Lector: They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people yet unborn,

**People: saying to them, "The LORD has acted!"**

## SECOND READING

Lector: A reading from Romans.

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. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. 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, 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. 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." He 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. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will

be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification. *(Romans 4:13-25)*

Lector: Word of God, Word of life.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

*We stand for the reading of the Gospel*

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



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, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

### **GOSPEL LESSON**

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to Mark.

**People: Glory to you, O Lord.**

Pastor: [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. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. 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." 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. 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. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? 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."  
*(Mark 8:31-38)*

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to you, O Christ.**

*We are seated*

## SERMON

Rev. Eric Fink

*At the sounding of the chime, we kneel as able.*

## CALL TO PRAYER

The musical score consists of two systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The first system's vocal line reads: "O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: when I call, an - swer me." The second system's vocal line reads: "O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: come and lis - ten to me." The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords in the right hand.

Text: Psalm 102:1-2; Taizé community, adapt.; Music: Hear My Prayer, Jacques Berthier  
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*We are seated*

## SILENT PRAYER

*During the time of silent prayer, you are invited to come place a prayer slip in the prayer basket (at the center of the praying congregation). As the chime sounds again, the prayer basket is taken to the prayer station beneath the Lenten cross (formed from wood of the Cross-Oak that once stood at LS entrance). We then continue with the spoken prayers.*

*We kneel as able*

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

**Pastor:** Renewed in the promises of baptism, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

**Pastor:** We pray for this assembly gathered in prayer. We lift up the petitions of prayer placed at the cross of your Son this day, as well as all Lenten Prayer Partners. Receive our prayers with your power and love. God of mercy,

**People:** **Thy will be done.**

**Assist:** We pray for the church. Make us bold to proclaim your love. Give us courage to carry the cross that confronts us each day and follow Christ. Strengthen all who minister in your name. Bless those preparing for baptism or confirmation. God of mercy,

**People:** **Thy will be done.**



Assist: We pray for the world. For flowing streams and still waters. For urban parks and wilderness reserves. For pastures and forests. Instill within us a reverence for the earth as your creation and our fragile home. God of mercy,

**People: Thy will be done.**

Assist: We pray for the nations. Teach us to honor our common humanity within diversity. Turn enemies into friends. Lead us away from hatred, fear, and misunderstanding. Show our hearts the way to peace and fill us with compassion. God of mercy,

**People: Thy will be done.**

Assist: We pray for those in need. For people whose struggles we fail to acknowledge. For those who leave their homes and families in search of safety or employment. For those who grieve, and for all who are ill. We pray especially for: *Maria Sorial; Janet Bate; Colleen Franks; Stephanie Joyner; Ruth Pollard; Anita Gabbard; Bunie Talbert; Sam Gordon; Dennis Daye; Norval Kranz; Christopher Duncan; Megan Gabbard; Shannon Woodard; Roger Smith; Tristan Groscost; the family of John Goiser; and those we name before you now, either silently or aloud....* Bless every ministry of care and all who provide support for those in need. God of mercy,

**People: Thy will be done.**

Assist: We remember with thanksgiving those who have gone before us in the faith, *especially Elizabeth Fedde, deaconess, whom we commemorate today.* Bring them to the fullness of their inheritance in Christ and into the joy of eternal life with you. God of mercy,

**People: Thy will be done.**

Assist: Trusting in your covenant of mercy, O God, we lift our prayers to you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**People: Amen.**

## **PEACE IS SHARED**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

**People: And also with you.**

*We greet one another, with the words that the risen Jesus spoke to his disciples: "Peace be with you."*

## **MUSIC FOR REFLECTION "Come, Let Us Eat"**

Billema Kwillia, arr. Robert Rhein

*We are seated*

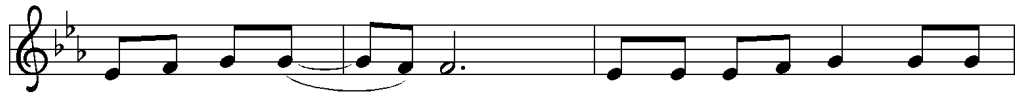
## **OFFERINGS ARE GIVEN**



## OFFERTORY RESPONSE



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. Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God,



and re - new a right spir - it with - in me.

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

**Assist:** Let us pray.

**People:** **Merciful God, receive the sacrifice of our praise and thanksgiving and the offering of our lives, that following in the way of the cross, we may know the joy of the resurrection; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

**Pastor:** The Lord be with you.

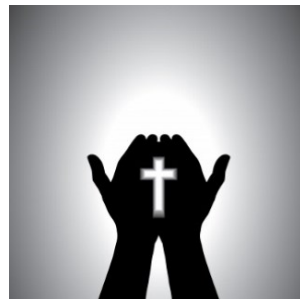
**People:** **And also with you.**

**Pastor:** Lift up your hearts.

**People:** **We lift them to the Lord.**

**Pastor:** Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

**People:** **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**



Pastor: *It is indeed right, our duty and our joy ...we praise Your name and join their unending hymn:*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -



san-na. 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.

## **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

Pastor: Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth. In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son, that all those who believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life. We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his holy supper.

**People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Pastor: In the night in which He was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of Me."

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of Me. "

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

Pastor: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**People: 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.**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Pastor: Return to God with all your heart. Receive bread for the journey, drink for the desert.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*We are seated*

### LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the



world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us peace.

## DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

*This meal is the Lord's Supper of grace and is open to ALL Christians of any background or denomination. As Lutheran Christians, we believe in **Christ's true presence** in, with, and under the elements. We invite you to have your name tag visible so that the ministers may include **your name** as they offer you the elements. Communion at Living Springs is by **intinction** (bread is dipped into the wine or grape juice). In response to the words, "Body of Christ, given for you. Blood of Christ, shed for you," each worshipper may respond with, "**Amen.**" If you require a **gluten free wafer**, please let your worship assistant know so they can accommodate you. Each chalice contains two compartments: wine is located in the larger compartment, while **alcohol-free grape juice** is located in the smaller compartment for those who require it. After receiving the elements, you are welcome to remain kneeling at the rail for meditation and prayer (others may simply fill in the open spaces). **Children** who have not received communion instruction are invited to come forward for a special blessing. Simply fold your hands to indicate you would like to receive the blessing.*



## **DISTRIBUTION HYMN**     *"Jesus Messiah"*

1.     *He became sin who knew no sin  
That we might become His righteousness  
He humbled Himself and carried the cross  
Love so amazing love so amazing*

*Chorus: Jesus Messiah Name above all names  
Blessed Redeemer Emmanuel  
The Rescue for sinners  
The Ransom from heaven  
Jesus Messiah Lord of all*

2.     *His body the bread His blood the wine  
Broken and poured out all for love  
The whole earth trembled and the veil was torn  
Love so amazing love so amazing (To Chorus)*

<i>Bridge: All our hope is in You</i>	<i>Ending: Jesus Messiah</i>
<i>All our hope is in You</i>	<i>Lord of all</i>
<i>All the glory to You God</i>	<i>The Lord of all</i>
<i>The Light of the world (To Chorus)</i>	<i>The Lord of all</i>

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*We stand after all have received communion*

## **EUCCHARISTIC BLESSING & PRAYER**

**Pastor:**     The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and keep you in his grace.

**People:**     **Amen**

**Assist:**     Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice, our alms, a making of peace, and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts; through Christ our Lord.

**People:**     **Amen**

## **BENEDICTION**

**Pastor:**     May God who has called us forth from the dust of the earth, and claimed us as children of the light, strengthen you on your journey into life renewed. The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you ✝ peace.

**People:**     **Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN**     *"Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song"*

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*(While we sing, we turn and face the processional cross as it is carried out the center aisle.)*

## **DISMISSAL**

**Assist:**     Do Justice! Love Kindness! Walk Humbly with God!  
Marked with the cross of Christ, go forth to love and serve the Lord.

**People:**     **Thanks be to God.**

## SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT:

### *Handling the Truth*

At the climax of the movie *A Few Good Men*, Jack Nicholson's character utters the now famous line: "You want the truth? You can't handle the truth." Perhaps the line has become so popular because we all recognize that hiding unpleasant truths is something we all do. Sometimes that takes the form of so-called white lies we tell to protect those we love. But sometimes we avoid the hardest truths in our lives, our families, our businesses, and our congregations because we fear what will happen when everyone stares in the face something we have been avoiding.

In today's gospel, Jesus challenges his disciples by naming his fate out loud: suffering, rejection, and death. These are truths his disciples may have wondered about as opposition to Jesus' ministry mounted, but Peter's reaction shows us that they were not ready to face them head on. In the season of Lent, Jesus' death in Jerusalem always looms on the horizon. For us now, facing Jesus' death is no longer a question for the future. We all know how the story ends. But we still struggle with the truth of a God who chose to reveal God's own nature through servanthood, humiliation, and weakness. We still struggle with the call to pick up our own crosses and name the hard truths about our own lives and failings.

We enter Christian community by first having the truth of a promise made over us. In baptism, God declares faithfulness, grace, and mercy over our lives and deaths. It is with confidence in this truth that we gather together to name hard truths in our lives and our world, knowing that in love God can receive and heal it all. Led by faith in Christ and following in his footsteps, we can handle the truth.



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### ✠ COMMEMORATIONS FOR TODAY ✠

#### **Elizabeth Fedde, deaconess, died 1921**

Born in Norway and trained there as a deaconess, Fedde was asked to come and minister to the poor and to seamen in New York City. She established the Deaconess House in Brooklyn as well as Deaconess Hospital in Minneapolis.

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## Lent Seasonal Emphasis

Going a little farther, Jesus threw himself on the ground and prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet not what I want but what you want."  
- Matthew 26:39

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## **WELCOME TO ALL WHO WORSHIP THIS DAY!**

*We greet all who worship in the name of the Risen Savior!*

*May the Spirit speak to your heart the message of God's redeeming love for everyone,  
through the grace shown to the world in Jesus.*

*We gather as a community of disciples. Our center is Jesus Christ,  
and we are here to know and share the blessing of his forgiving, healing hand.*

*If you have any questions about our congregation, please call 736-0661,  
drop by our office (M - F 8:30-4:30) or visit our website at [www.livingspringscolumbia.org](http://www.livingspringscolumbia.org).*

**WELCOME GUESTS!** – We are especially blessed by your presence today and look forward to worshipping with you again. Please take time to fill out the blue slip in your bulletin and/or sign the welcome book in the narthex. New members are always welcome into our congregation. To learn more about becoming part of Christ's family of faith here at Living Springs, please contact the office (736-0661) or Pastor Eric (917-2749).

**BULLETIN BLUE SLIPS** - may be completed and placed in the offering plate for prayer requests, guest information, address/phone updates, and a record of communing. Members, please complete at least one blue slip during 2018 to ensure we have a record of your communing.

**SEASONAL NAME TAG** – In order to show hospitality, we ask everyone to stop by the table under the portico and complete a name tag with our seasonal scripture verse. The tags allow everyone to use names as we share the Peace - and allow communion ministers to speak your name (*please make sure your name is visible when you come to the altar rail*).

**RESTROOMS** – are located in the Administration Building on both levels. Greeters/ushers will be happy to show you the way. Main level restrooms are equipped with diaper changing stations. For your child's safety, please accompany them when they leave the Sanctuary to use the restrooms.

**LARGE PRINT BULLETINS** - are now available, please see an usher or greeter.

**HEARING ASSISTANCE** – The ushers have headsets which will amplify the sound for you. Please return to an usher or leave in the pew at the conclusion of the service.

**GLUTEN-FREE WAFERS & ALCOHOL-FREE GRAPE JUICE**– are available during communion, for those who desire either.

**G.I.F.T. ZONE** - is a special area in our worship space for parents and young children who wish to worship together with more child-friendly furniture and special resources to utilize during worship.

**CHILDREN'S BULLETINS** – are distributed during the children's sermon.

**NURSERY** – is available for infants-3 years old during the 10:45 Worship Service; located downstairs in the preschool in the Education Building. Greeters/Ushers will be happy to assist you.

**CHILD SAFETY** – is very important to us, so we ask at least 1 adult to accompany your child if he/she leaves the Sanctuary during worship. Please do not allow children to play on the playground without parental supervision. During the week, church doors are kept locked to maintain security for our Preschool. Please ring the intercom by the office doors to check in.

**COFFEE FELLOWSHIP TIME** – is held each week following the 8:15 service and prior to the 10:45 service, inside the education building.

**OUR PRAYER MINISTRY** – As a community of disciples, we pray for one another and others - not just in times of illness, but also for praise, thanksgiving, and forgiveness. If you have a prayer request, simply fill out the bulletin blue sheet and place in the offering plate (or call/email the office). Please indicate if your request is for public or private prayer.