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Second Sunday in Lent — February 21, 2016

LBW—Lutheran Book of Worship WOV—With One Voice

*** Please stand as you are able**

PRELUDE *Hold Us Together* - Living Spirit

(10:30) *The King of Love* -Bell Choir

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*** CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who brings us safely through the sea, who gives us water from the rock, who leads us into the land of milk and honey.

C Amen.

P Let us come home to God, confessing our sin. Merciful Father,

C we have sinned against heaven and before you. We do not fully live as your sons and daughters. We use your gifts to our own ends. Forgive us and restore us, that we may resist all that draws us away from you, and be at peace with one another. Amen.

P We are reconciled to God through Christ; for his sake, God does not count our trespasses against us. Once dead in sin, we are now alive to God. Once lost, we now are found. God clothes you in the finest robe of all, the righteousness of Jesus Christ, forgiving you all your sins and making of you a new creation.

C Amen

*** HYMN WOV # 743** *Stay with Us*

*** GREETING**

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

C And also with you.

*** PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P God of the covenant, in the mystery of the cross you promise everlasting life to the world. Gather all peoples into your arms, and shelter us with your mercy, that we may rejoice in the life we share in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen

(10:30) **Special Music:** *Love Song for a Savior* -Living Spirit

FIRST LESSON: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

¹After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." ²But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." ⁴But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." ⁵He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." ⁶And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

⁷Then he said to him, "I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." ⁸But he said, "O Lord GOD, how

am I to know that I shall possess it?" ⁹He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." ¹⁰He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. ¹¹And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

¹²As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him. ¹⁷When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. ¹⁸On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates.

A The Word of the Lord
C Thanks be to God.

SECOND LESSON: Philippians 3:17-4:1

¹⁷Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. ¹⁸For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. ¹⁹Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. ²⁰But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. ²¹He will transform the body of our

humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself.
^{4:1}Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

A The Word of the Lord
C **Thanks be to God.**

* **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** (Living Spirit will sing once; congregation sings once)

*** GOSPEL: Luke 13:31-35**

³¹At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to [Jesus], "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." ³²He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. ³³Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' ³⁴Jerusalem,

Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! ³⁵See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

CHILDREN'S SERMON

HYMN WOV # 798 *Bless the Lord, O My Soul* (sing twice)

SERMON

* **HYMN WOV # 660** *I Want Jesus to Walk with Me* (Tom Jenny, trumpet)

*** APOSTLES' CREED**

C I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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

TITHES AND OFFERINGS (8:00) *Love Song for A Savior* -Living Spirit
(10:30) *O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus* -Bell Choir

OFFERTORY (please remain seated)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION (please remain seated)

A Hearing the call to return to the Lord, let us join the whole people of God in prayer for all who cry out in pain and in hope.

A brief silence.

A For an end to killings because of faith, we turn to you, O Lord. Protect all those who risk their lives each time they worship you. Give new vision to the intolerant. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A For the beauty of the stars, we turn to you in thanksgiving, O Lord. By their vast number and light, remind us of your covenant with Abram and deep love for all creation. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A For peace and justice in our neighborhoods, we turn to you, O Lord. Where gangs, domestic violence, or kidnappings cause your children to live in fear, give courage and wisdom to those in authority. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A For older adults with no family to care for them, we turn to you, O Lord. Surround them with social workers, medical professionals, and neighbors to support them. Embrace them with compassion and quell any fear. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A For the prophets and all the faithful departed, we turn to you in thanks, O Lord. Empowered by their witness, may we stand firm in you until the day we see you face-to-face. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P For the sick in our congregation and our community, we turn to you, O Lord. Gather all who live with illness under your wings (*especially*). Make us instruments of your healing. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P To you, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your boundless mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C Amen

*** LORD'S PRAYER**

P Lord, 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

*** BENEDICTION**

*** HYMN WOV # 773** *Send Me, Jesus*
(Living Spirit will sing once, congregation will sing once)

POSTLUDE *This Little Light of Mine*

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Altar flowers

Flowers are given to the glory of God by Virginia Dillon in loving memory of Jacob & Mary Hahn.

Rosebud

The rosebud announces the birth of Madelyn Mae to Matt & Jill Schwab! Proud grandparents are Dave & Nanette Schwab; great grandmother, Denelda Rohrs.

Caring Corner for February — Food Pantry at St. John’s Episcopal

Please think in terms of complete meals for this small, but important, food pantry: spaghetti & sauce; canned chicken/tuna with broth/cream soup & noodles; canned stews & meat; canned fruits (in juice, not syrup); peanut butter, cereals. Please check expiration dates!

Hunger Calendars

“40 Days of Giving” flip calendars are available for your Lenten devotion. “Providing voice to the needs of our neighbors who are hungry...This resource provides devotions, reflections, prayers, and poems to encourage you in your call to action – action to create a world in which all are fed and none go hungry.” What do you think? What can you do?

Statistics

2/10 Ash Wed (154) Offerings \$1,063.00
2/14 67+112 (179) communed 102 Offerings \$6,016.96 (\$418 Bldg Fd; \$194 Wrld Hngr; \$18 Sun Sch; \$151.95 Good Sam; \$243.51 Catech Bake Sale)
2/8-2/14 Simply Giving \$130 Gen; \$45 Bldg Fd; \$25 Wrld Hngr; \$25 Good Sam Fd

Volunteers needed

We need sound board operators for our Wednesday Lenten services, Maundy Thursday, and Good Friday. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex or talk to Peggy Snyder or Holly Mohring. Thank you for your willingness to help!

Chicken Barbecue

Together We Can Make A Difference Initiatives is sponsoring a Chicken and Rib BBQ tomorrow, February 22, from 12 noon to 6 p.m. in the parking lot (please use the Scott Street entrance). Cost is \$7 for either Chicken or Ribs with a bag of chips, applesauce, and a dinner roll. Feel free to contact Kelli Burkhardt, Carol Castello, or Terri Sedam. Meat prepared by Port-A-Pit BBQ from Edgerton Ohio.

Serving Today

Pastor James L. Castello
Worship & Music Coordinator & Organist - Angela Tonjes
Bell Choir Director - Bill Panning
Readers - 8:00 Tom & Barb Hoffman 10:30 Ronnie Rohrs
Sound Board - 8:00 Alexandria Biederstedt 10:30 Larry Ashbaugh
Acolytes - 8:00 Nate Brubaker & Jayce Brubaker
10:30 Jennifer Canfield & Morgan Ashbaugh
Ushers - 8:00 Leonard Sonnenberg, Kevin Gerken, Tiffany Biederstedt, Ed Biederstedt
10:30 Bob Ivancso, Bill Panning, Tom Schroeder, Denny Ehlers
Altar Guild - Julie Mt.Castle & Wendy Schroeder
Prayer Chain Co-ordinator - Carol Castello (419-592-0847) or cecast@yahoo.com

This Week

Today 4:00 p.m. 4-H
Monday 12-6 p.m. Chicken & Rib BBQ
Wednesday 9:00 a.m. Sewing
3:15 p.m. After School Club
5:00 p.m. Soul Food
5:30 p.m. Emanubells
6:15 p.m. Choir in basement
7:00 p.m. Worship
8:00 p.m. Living Spirit
Thursday 9:00 a.m. Bible Study