

Deny

yourself,

take up
your
cross,

and
follow
Jesus.

Mark 8:34

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT
BLENDED WORSHIP SERVICE
“TAKE UP THE CROSS”

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FOCUS The old Latin name for this, the Second Sunday in Lent, is Reminisce, because the Introit pleads, “Remember Your mercy, O Lord.” Confidently, it continues by encouraging us to trust Him because “He has remembered us; He will bless us.” Indeed, God’s promises to Abram in today’s Old Testament Reading were kept as Jesus moved unswervingly toward the cross, as He does in today’s Gospel. As a result, we can be sure, Paul reminds us in the Epistle, that we have peace with God. Even in suffering, we know that hope will not disappoint us, for we remember that “while we were still sinners, Christ died for us” (Romans 5:8).

WELCOME

OPENING SONG

“Your Grace is Enough”

Maher

Great is Your faithfulness, O God; You wrestle with the sinner's restless heart.
You lead us by still waters into mercy and nothing can keep us apart.

Chorus: So remember Your people, Remember Your children,
Remember Your promise O God.

Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough Your grace is enough for me.

Great is Your love and justice, God of Jacob; You use the weak to lead the strong.
You lead us in the song of Your salvation, and all Your people sing along. (*Chorus*)

Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough Your grace is enough for me. (*Chorus*)

Yeah Your grace is enough, Heaven reaches out to us Your grace is enough for me
God, I sing Your grace is enough, I'm covered in Your love
Your grace is enough for me For me

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INVOCATION

L In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

PRAISE THE LORD!

Psalms 22:23-31

- L** You who fear the LORD, praise him!
- C** **All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him, and stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!**
- L** For he has not despised or abhorred the affliction of the afflicted,
- C** **and he has not hidden his face from him, but has heard, when he cried to him.**
- L** From you comes my praise in the great congregation;
- C** **my vows I will perform before those who fear him.**
- L** The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied;
- C** **those who seek him shall praise the LORD! May your hearts live forever!**
- L** All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD,
- C** **and all the families of the nations shall worship before you.**
- L** For kingship belongs to the LORD,
- C** **and he rules over the nations.**
- L** All the prosperous of the earth eat and worship;
- C** **before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, even the one who could not keep himself alive.**
- L** Posterity shall serve him; it shall be told of the Lord to the coming generation;
- C** **they shall come and proclaim his righteousness to a people yet unborn, that he has done it.**

PRAYER

SONG

“Saviour of the World”

Cantelon

God so loved, that He gave His Son, To lay down His life for the sake of us.
He bore the weight of our sin and shame. With a cry He said, "It is finished."
Christ the Lord overcame the darkness; He's alive: Death has been defeated.

Chorus: For He made us a way, By which we have been saved.
He's the Saviour of the world.
So, we lift up a shout for His fame and renown.
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord: Jesus, Saviour of the world.

We must spread the word of His soon return To reclaim the world for His glory.
Let the church now sing of this coming King, Crowned with majesty: our Redeemer.
And He reigns, ruler of the heavens. And His name is Jesus, the Messiah. (*Chorus*)

(*Interlude*) Oh.

Bridge: Christ the Lord overcame the darkness; He's alive: Death has been defeated.
And He reigns, ruler of the heavens. And His name is Jesus, the Messiah.

(Chorus)

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OLD TESTAMENT

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

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,² that I may make my covenant between me and you, and may multiply you greatly.”³ Then Abram fell on his face. And God said to him,⁴ “Behold, my covenant is with you, and you shall be the father of a multitude of nations.⁵ No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham, for I have made you the father of a multitude of nations.⁶ I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make you into nations, and kings shall come from you.⁷ And 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. ...¹⁵ And God said to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name.¹⁶ I will bless her, and moreover, I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall become nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.”

EPISTLE

Romans 5:1-11

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.² Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.³ Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance,⁴ and endurance produces character, and character produces hope,⁵ and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.⁶ For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.⁷ For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die—⁸ but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.⁹ Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God.¹⁰ For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life.¹¹ More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 8:27-38

And Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi. And on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" ²⁸ And they told him, "John the Baptist; and others say, Elijah; and others, one of the prophets." ²⁹ And he asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Christ." ³⁰ And he strictly charged them to tell no one about him. ³¹ And he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³² And he said this plainly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³ But turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man." ³⁴ And calling the crowd to him with his disciples, he said to them, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. ³⁵ For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. ³⁶ For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? ³⁷ For what can a man give in return for his soul? ³⁸ For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

APOSTLES' CREED

C 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 thence 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.

A SPECIAL MESSAGE for the CHILDREN

SONG

“How Deep the Father’s Love for Us”

Townend

How deep the Father’s love for us, How vast beyond all measure,
That He should give His only Son To make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss; The Father turns His face away,
As wounds which mar the Chosen One Bring many sons to glory.

Behold the Man upon the cross, My sin upon His shoulders;
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice Call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there Until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life- I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything, No gifts, no pow’r, no wisdom;
But I will boast in Jesus Christ, His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer.
But this I know with all my heart: His wounds have paid my ransom.

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Confession and Forgiveness

(Psalm 103:8; 1 Peter 1:18-19)

- L** God established an everlasting covenant with Abraham,
- C** **but our faith has waxed and waned. O Lord, forgive our forgetfulness of Your unchanging grace.**
- L** David wrote, “All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD,”
- C** **but we have failed to remind one another of God’s mercy and love. O Lord, forgive our hesitancy to share the news of Your gracious presence.**
- L** Paul wrote that because Christ died for the ungodly, we are justified by His blood,
- C** **but we have tried to hide our sinfulness. O Lord, forgive our blindness to the necessary sacrifice of our Savior. Amen.**
- L** God sent His Son into the world with one purpose: to save us from the wrath of God. “For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of His Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by His life.” As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**

PRAYERS of the CHURCH

L Let us pray for the Church here and around the world and for all people in their various circumstances.

For the Church around the world, all people who join Peter in professing that Jesus is the Christ, that they trust God's purpose for their lives, take up their crosses, and follow, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

L For all who spend their lives serving the physical, mental, social, and emotional needs of the people around them, that God bless and guide them according to His gracious purpose, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

L For those who lead the governments of the world, that they find purpose in their positions, using every means to increase harvests, combat global health crises, minimize conflict between nations, and ensure equal justice for all their citizens, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

L For those near and dear to us, [*especially . . .*], that God bring about the healing, comfort, freedom, and dignity for which they send requests to our gracious Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

L These and any other things You would have us ask of You, heavenly Father, grant to us for the sake of the bitter sufferings and death of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, in whose name we pray.

C **Amen.**

The LORD'S PRAYER

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.

SONG

“Follow You Anywhere”

*Younker/Ingram/
Stanfill/Wickham*

You make it easy to love You
You are good and You are kind, You bring joy into my life
You make it easy to trust You
You have never left my side, You've been faithful ev'ry time
All I want is You Jesus, All I want is You

Chorus: You are the refuge I run to
You are the fire that leads me through the night I'll follow You anywhere
There's a million reasons to trust You
Nothing to fear for You are by my side I'll follow You anywhere

O Jesus You came to my rescue
Took my place upon that cross, You redeemed what I had lost
Now my whole world revolving around You
You're the center of my life, You're the treasure You're the prize
All I want is You Jesus, All I want is You (*Chorus*)

Follow You anywhere oh; I'll follow You anywhere oh

Wherever You lead me, Whatever it costs me
All I want is You, Jesus all I want is You (3x) (*Chorus*)

Follow You anywhere oh; I'll follow You anywhere oh Follow You anywhere

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SERMON

“Take Up the Cross”

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CLOSING PRAYER

BENEDICTION

DISMISSAL

L Go in peace and serve the Lord.

G Thanks be to God!

CLOSING SONG

"You Never Let Go"

Redman/Redman

Even though I walk Through the valley of the shadow of death,
Your perfect love is casting out fear,
And even when I'm caught In the middle of the storms of this life,
I won't turn back, I know You are near.

Pre-Chorus: And I will fear no evil, For my God is with me,
And if my God is with me, Whom then shall I fear?
Whom then shall I fear?

Chorus: Oh no, You never let go, Through the calm and through the storm.
Oh no, You never let go In ev'ry high and ev'ry low.
Oh no, You never let go, Lord, You never let go of me.

And I can see a light that is coming For the heart that holds on,
A glorious light beyond all compare,
And there will be an end to these troubles, But until that day comes,
We'll live to know You here on the earth.

(Pre-Chorus, Chorus)

You keep on runnin' and You never let go. Singin' *(Chorus)*

Yes, I can see a light That is coming for the heart that holds on,
And there will be an end to these troubles, But until that day comes,
Still I will praise You, Still I will praise You. *(Chorus)*

Lord, You never let go of me.

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LITURGIST: *Rev. Zach J. Holdorf, Senior Pastor*

ELDERS: *5pm—Seth Sneider; 11am—Skyler Lynn*

WELCOME TO TRINITY!

Your presence is very special to us. May your faith be strengthened and your life enriched as you join us in worship to God!

BLENDDED WORSHIP SERVICES IN THE UPPER SANCTUARY—

5pm Saturday & 11am Sunday

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICES IN THE UPPER SANCTUARY—

8am & 9:30am Sunday

WORSHIP SCHEDULE—Holy Communion is celebrated on the 1st, 3rd, & 5th Sundays of the month in the Upper Sanctuary. We invite those who have been instructed in the teachings of the Evangelical Lutheran Church to receive the Sacrament of the Altar. Others are asked to speak with a pastor before receiving the Sacrament. *Gluten free wafers are available upon request.*

LARGE PRINT—large print copies of the bulletin are available on the table in the Narthex or you may ask the usher for one.

CHILDREN'S BULLETINS—for ages 3-6 years & 7-12 years old, are available on the table in the Narthex.

NURSERY—for children ages 3 & under. The upper level nursery located near the Narthex will be available for parent use on Sunday mornings. *Please Note: The upper level nursery will be unstaffed unless volunteers are available.*

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION—Sunday School is available for children 4 years old through 6th Grade at 9:30am on Sunday mornings during the school year. Christian Education courses for adults and young adults are held at 9:30am on Sunday mornings & various times throughout the week during the school year. Trinity is committed to Christian Education through the 4K-8 School, our Childcare (*infant—13 years*), and through our association with Wisconsin Valley Lutheran High School.

RESTROOMS—Narthex level across from the Library, lower level next to the elevator.

JOINING TRINITY—We invite you to become part of this Christian community! If interested in membership, please speak with an elder or pastor, and we will contact you.

MISSION STATEMENT:

To gather people who grow in faith and share Jesus with all.

VISION STATEMENT:

To strive to be a mature and faithful congregation that is focused on our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.



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