

*Take up your cross and
follow Me.*



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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).

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

“Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart”

Costello

“Christ, the Life of All the Living”

Krebs

RINGING of the BELLS

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

“Christ, the Life of All the Living”

LSB 420, v.1,6,7



1 Christ, the life of all the liv - ing, Christ, the death of
6 Thou hast suf - fered great af - flic - tion And hast borne it
7 Then, for all that wrought my par - don, For Thy sor - rows



death, our foe, Who, Thy - self for me once giv - ing
pa - tient - ly, E - ven death by cru - ci - fix - ion,
deep and sore, For Thine an - guish in the Gar - den,



To the dark - est depths of woe: Through Thy suf - f'ings,
Ful - ly to a - tone for me; Thou didst choose to
I will thank Thee ev - er - more, Thank Thee for Thy

death, and mer - it I e - ter - nal life in - her - it.
 be tor - ment - ed That my doom should be pre - vent - ed.
 groan - ing, sigh - ing, For Thy bleed - ing and Thy dy - ing,
 Thou-sand, thou - sand thanks shall be, Dear - est Je - sus, un - to Thee.
 Thou-sand, thou - sand thanks shall be, Dear - est Je - sus, un - to Thee.
 For that last tri - um - phant cry, And shall praise Thee, Lord, on high.

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INVOCATION

- L** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

9:30am

Baptism

Rev. Timothy D. Smith

"Maizy Gallagher Johnson"

Daughter of Mitchel & Mackenzie Johnson

APOSTLES' CREED (All)

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.

BAPTISMAL WELCOME

(The newly baptized is welcomed with the following after a reading from the Elder.)

- C** Amen. We welcome you in the name of the Lord.

Confession and Absolution

(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.**

INTROIT

Psalm 115:11–13; antiphon: Psalm 25:6

- L** Remember Your mercy, O LORD, and Your steadfast love,
for they have been from of old.
You who fear the LORD, trust in the LORD! He is their help and their shield.
C **The LORD has remembered us; He will bless us;
He will bless the house of Israel; He will bless the house of Aaron;**
L He will bless those who fear the LORD, both the small and the great.
C **We will bless the LORD from this time forth and forevermore.
Praise the LORD!**

**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.**

**Remember Your mercy, O LORD, and Your steadfast love,
for they have been from of old.**

KYRIE

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

The image shows a musical score for a Kyrie. It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: 'Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.' and 'Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.' The piano accompaniment features chords and moving lines that support the vocal melody.

SALUTATION and PRAYER of the DAY

L The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

L Let us pray. 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.

C Amen.

Service of the Word

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."

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 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.

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.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 8:27-38

L The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the eighth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

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.”

L This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

A SPECIAL MESSAGE for the CHILDREN

HYMN of the DAY

“Come, Follow Me,’ the Savior Spake”

LSB 688



1 “Come, fol - low Me,” the Sav - ior spake, “All in My
2 “I am the light, I light the way, A god - ly
3 “My heart a - bounds in low - li - ness, My soul with
4 “I teach you how to shun and flee What harms your



way a - bid - ing; De - ny your - selves, the world for - sake,
life dis - play - ing; I bid you walk as in the day;
love is glow - ing; And gra - cious words My lips ex - press,
soul’s sal - va - tion, Your heart from ev - ’ry guile to free,



O - bey My call and guid - ing. O bear the cross, what -
I keep your feet from stray - ing. I am the way, and
With meek - ness o - ver - flow - ing. My heart, My mind, My
From sin and its temp - ta - tion. I am the ref - uge



e’er be - tide, Take My ex - am - ple for your guide.
well I show How you must so - journ here be - low.
strength, My all, To God I yield, on Him I call.
of the soul And lead you to your heav’n - ly goal.”

5. Then let us follow Christ, our Lord, And take the cross appointed
And, firmly clinging to His Word, In suff’ring be undaunted.
For those who bear the battle’s strain The crown of heav’nly life obtain.

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SERMON


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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.

PRAYER 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.

BENEDICTION

- L** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.
- C** Amen.

DISMISSAL


- L** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

CLOSING HYMN


"Lift High the Cross"

LSB 837, v.1,3,4,6


Refrain



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro-claim Till



all the world a - dore His sa - cred name.



1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our Cap - tain trod,
3 All new - born sol - diers of the Cru - ci - fied
4 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
6 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:



Our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
Bear on their brows the seal of Him who died.
As Thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to Thee.
Praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

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POSTLUDE

“Lift High the Cross”

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ELDERS: *8am—Todd Hauer; 9:30am—Michael Hase*

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!

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICES IN THE UPPER SANCTUARY—

8am & 9:30am Sunday

BLENDED WORSHIP SERVICES IN THE UPPER SANCTUARY—

5pm Saturday & 11am 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 & 7-12 years, are available on the table in the Narthex.
- **NURSERY**—for children ages 3 & under. The upper level nursery is located near the Church Lounge on Sundays. *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-8th grade School, our Childcare (infant through 13 years), and through our association with Wisconsin Valley Lutheran High School.
- **ELEVATOR**—is located next to the nursery on the upper level. On the lower level the elevator is located across from Classroom #101, which is past the offices. Use as needed.
- **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.