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## SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

### Setting Eight

#### GATHERING

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

#### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS...*Confession*

Leader I confess to you, O Lord, that I have sinned.  
I confess to you, O Lord, all my sin within.  
I have failed to live for you  
In the things I say and do,  
And have fallen short of living in your love.

*Refrain*

**ALL (Congregation)**

**Lord, have mercy on me.**

**Lord, have mercy, set me free.**

**O forgive me, Lord, I pray**

**And take my sin away,**

**By the cross and empty grave for my soul.**

Leader I confess to you, O Lord, that I have sinned.  
I confess to you, O Lord, all my sin within.  
I have placed myself above,  
And have hurt the ones I love,  
And I know that only you can set me free.

*(Refrain 1)*

Leader Take us back to the water.  
Wash away our sins.  
Welcome us, O Father,  
Back to Your home again.  
Bless Your sons and daughters,  
And let the feast begin,  
Let it begin! *(Refrain 1)*

Absolution: (Spoken over chorus chords.)

P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the (†)Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Leader You take us back to the water.  
You wash away our sins.  
You welcome us, O Father,  
Back to Your home again.  
You bless Your sons and daughters.  
Now let the feast begin,  
Let it begin!

**ALL (Congregation)**

**Lord, Your mercy covers me.  
Lord, Your mercy has set me free.  
You've forgiven me today,  
And my sins are washed away  
By the cross and empty grave for my soul.**

*(repeat)*

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## GATHERING HYMN ...ELW 796

### How Firm a Foundation



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,  
2 "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dis - mayed,  
3 "When through fi - ry tri - als your path - way shall lie,  
4 "Through - out all their life - time my peo - ple shall prove



is laid for your faith in Christ Je - sus, the Word!  
for I am your God and will still give you aid;  
my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply;  
my sov - reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;



What more can he say than to you he has said  
I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
The flames shall not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign  
and then, when gray hairs shall their tem - ples a - dorn,



who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?  
up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand?"  
your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine."  
like lambs they shall still in my bo - som be borne."

## 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.

## KYRIE *Kyrie (Gillespie)*

### Kyrie

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

Lord, have mer - cy; have mer - cy, O Lord.

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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** 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.

**C** Amen.

## WORD

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

## FIRST READING: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

**A** A Reading from Genesis.

<sup>1</sup>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. <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, but your name shall be Abraham; 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 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."

**A** The word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**PSALM: Psalm 22:23-31**

A We will read the Psalm responsively, please read the bold print.

<sup>23</sup>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.

**<sup>24</sup>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.**

<sup>25</sup>From you comes my praise in the great assembly; I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the LORD.

**<sup>26</sup>The poor shall eat and be satisfied,  
Let those who seek the LORD give praise!  
May your hearts live forever!**

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

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

<sup>29</sup>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.

**<sup>30</sup>Their descendants shall serve the LORD,  
whom they shall proclaim to generations to come.**

<sup>31</sup>They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying to them, "The LORD has acted!"

**SECOND READING: Romans 4:13-25**

A A Reading from Romans.

<sup>13</sup>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 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 "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.

A The word of the Lord. C **Thanks be to God.** 7

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION...ELW 176  
Lenten Acclamation

Let your stead - fast love come to us, O Lord.  
Save us as you prom-ised; we will trust your word.

Text: *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*  
Music: Robert Buckley Farlee, b. 1950  
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**GOSPEL: Mark 8:31-38**

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.

**C** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>31</sup>[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. <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."

<sup>34</sup>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."

**P** The Gospel of the Lord. **C** **Praise to you, O Christ.** 8

SERMON...Reverend Adam B. Sornchai

HYMN OF THE DAY...ELW 325

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

1 I want Je - sus to walk with me;  
2 In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me; walk with  
3 When I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;

me; I want Je - sus to walk with me;  
in my tri - als, Lord, walk with me; walk with  
when I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;

me: all a - long my pil - grim jour - ney,  
when my heart is al - most break - ing,  
when my head is bowed in sor - row,

Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.  
Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me. walk with me.  
Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.

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Text: African American spiritual  
Music: SOJOURNER, African American spiritual; arr. hymnal version  
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## APOSTLES' CREED

A Let us say what we believe in the words of the Apostles' 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 INTERCESSION

A Relying on the promises of God, we pray boldly for the church, the world, and all in need. *A brief silence.*

Your gift of grace is for all people. Give confident faith to all the baptized, that they may follow you wholeheartedly. Give new believers joy in your promises; give hope and courage to those who suffer for their faith. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

A We pray for Daniel our bishop, Elizabeth our presiding bishop, Sarah our Dean, Adam our pastor, for all pastors, deacons, and all who minister in Christ, and for all the holy people of God. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

A All the ends of the earth worship you. Teach humanity to wonder at your works and to join you in tending to creation's well-being. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

A You rule over the nations. Raise up servants for peace and justice within and between nations. Give life where hope seems dead; call into existence new realities we cannot even imagine. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

A In Jesus you joined humanity in suffering and death. Reveal to all the depth of your love shown on the cross. Accompany all who suffer in body, mind, and spirit. Restore all who are sick or grieving, especially we prayer for...*Kylie, Matt Breshears, Tracy, Susie Carroll, Tim Chiles, Wilma Dummitt, Vincent Fisher Sr., Pat Gantner, Dena Glass, Candace Grimm, Ellie Handa, Stan Heacock, Marlene Heimlich & Family, Ken Hull, Blaine Hunkins, Robin Kaufman,*

*Michelle Klein, Rhonda Nemeth, Randy Oaklief, Diane Rodman, John Rule, Gloria Smith, Meagan Taylor, Rob Utley, Leah Vanderpool, Lori Walter, and Our homebound.* Bring vindication for victims of injustice, exploitation, and oppression. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

A You made Abraham and Sarah the ancestors of a multitude of nations. Bless grandparents, parents, and foster parents, and the children who look to them for care and guidance. Console those who deal with infertility, parents who have entrusted their children to adoption, and children longing to be adopted. Equip ministries and services to families. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

A For those in our *Armed Services and their Chaplains*. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

A We await the day of Christ's coming in glory. Lead us by the example of all the saints whom you have called to take up their cross and follow you, that together we may find our lives in you. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

P We entrust ourselves and all our prayers to you, O faithful God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C Amen.**

## MEAL

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

### DIALOGUE

P The Lord be with you. **C And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts. **C We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### PREFACE

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that, renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

### HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, 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, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P Blessed are you, O God of the universe.  
Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.

Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.

Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.

Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey.

Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.

Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.

Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

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.

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**C Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.**

P O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.

**C Come, Holy Spirit.**

P Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

**C Come, Holy Spirit.**

P With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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.**

## COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

*Distribution of Holy Communion will take place as you now exit, using the west drive. You will receive the Sacrament and be sent forth with a Dismissal and Final Blessing by Pastor Adam.*

SENDING HYMN... ELW 324

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tow'r - ing  
 2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, hopes de -  
 3 When the sun of bliss is beam - ing light and  
 4 Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure, by the

o'er the wrecks of time. All the light of  
 ceive, and fears an - noy, nev - er shall the  
 love up - on my way, from the cross the  
 cross are sanc - ti - fied; peace is there that

sa - cred sto - ry gath - ers round its head sub - lime.  
 cross for - sake me; lo, it glows with peace and joy.  
 ra - diancance stream - ing adds more lus - ter to the day.  
 knows no mea - sure, joys that through all time a - bide.

Text: John Bowring, 1792-1872  
 Music: RATHBUN, Ithamar Conkey, 1815-1867

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WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT ST. JOHN LUTHERAN.....

Brothers and sisters in Christ, grace and peace be to you as we join in worship. Welcome.

PLEASE TUNE YOUR RADIO.....into 100.1 FM for our

Worship Service as you are parked in our parking lot. You may listen to a recording of our Service on St. John website: [www.stjohnwindfall.church](http://www.stjohnwindfall.church) midweek after the Service.

MID WEEK LENTEN SERVICES.....Pastor Adam will

conduct Lenten services and post them to YouTube in much the same fashion as Advent services were celebrated.

CAUSE OF THE MONTH FOR FEBRUARY..... is Royal

Family Kids, Marion. A short video on this Cause of the Month can be viewed at <https://youtu.be/1MpyQabLYHM>. Please place your extra gift in either your regular or pew envelope, marked COM with your name or # for your record.

CHURCH CANCELLATIONS.....When we have bad

weather, please listen to WMRN on Sunday morning to find out if church has been cancelled. If we have a Level 3 Snow Emergency for Marion County, where all vehicles are not allowed on the roads, we will not be having church.

WOULD YOU LIKE A COOKS NIGHT OFF? Come join us

for our Free Community Meals served "drive thru style" on Wednesday evenings from 5:30-6:30 PM here at St. John. Everyone is invited to pick up a meal to take to your home to enjoy. Drive up to the main entrance on the north side of the church, you remain in your car, the meal will be delivered to you. This Wednesday, March 3, we will be serving Hamburgers, Chips, Applesauce.

**THRIVENT ACTION TEAMS.....** Thrivent Members, whether you apply for an action team for a project for our parish or for a project to support other efforts in the community, please let us know by reporting it to the church [windfallchurch@live.com](mailto:windfallchurch@live.com). We want to track how many "Action Teams" are used throughout the year.

**What is a Thrivent Action Team?** The Thrivent "Action Teams" program is an opportunity for Thrivent members to lead projects that provide service and outreach to the community. Thrivent Financial will provide funds of **\$250** for each project to get started and pay for associated expenses.

**I am a Thrivent Member but do not know how to apply**  
Pastor Adam will be happy to help you apply for a Thrivent Action Team and you can contact him at (419) 210-3582 or email at [asornchai@gmail.com](mailto:asornchai@gmail.com)

**BOUNTIFUL BACKPACK PROGRAM.....** We are preparing food bags for 7 families for a total of 30 people. We are collecting the following items (**items in bold print are in need for next Sunday, March 7**): Poptarts, Rice Sides, Canned Corn, Flour Tortillas (8 in.), Pepperoni (6 oz), Canned Tomato Sauce (15 oz), Canned Peaches, Microwave Popcorn, Pudding Cups, **Pancake Mix, Pancake Syrup**, Chicken Helper, Canned Chicken (12.5 oz), Canned Carrots, **Canned Pasta, Canned Pineapple, Jello Cups (non-refrigerated), Sandwich Crackers (pkg of 6)**, Jelly (no glass), Mac & Cheese, Ramen Noodles, Canned Fruit Cocktail, Pringles, Oatmeal (boxes of 10 pkg.), Spaghetti Noodles, Spaghetti Sauce (cans only), Canned Soup, Canned Mixed Vegetables, Canned Mandarin Oranges, Fruit Snacks (boxes of 28), Granola Bars. Thank you!

**Items needed March 14: Boxed Cereal, Jelly (plastic only), Canned Green Beans, Canned Fruit Cocktail, Pringles, Applesauce Cups**

**NEXT ZOOM BIBLE STUDY...MARCH 8...7 PM...** Our next Bible study will speak of comforting angels. We will begin gathering at 6:45 with the study beginning at 7 PM. If you have not joined us for the previous 2 sessions, you can jump right into this one. You are welcome to invite a friend. The Bible references for this month will be: Genesis 16:1-13; Genesis 21:9-10; Genesis 21:14-19; Daniel chapter 3; Daniel 6:19-22; Psalm 91:1-4 and 9-12; Matthew 4:1-7; Matthew 4:11; Luke 22:39-44; and Matthew 26:53-54. We will begin by sharing any thoughts you may have had about "angels. The link for this zoom meeting will be sent the Friday before our meeting.

Here's something you can try:  
**The Comfort of Angels Pasta Dish**  
1 stick (8T.) butter or margarine  
8 oz. angel hair pasta  
3 cups hot chicken stock  
1 t. freshly ground pepper  
juice of 3-4 lemons

Melt a stick of butter in a 2 1/2 quart or larger pan on your stovetop. Break up the angel hair pasta and stir it into the melted butter. Add chicken stock and pepper. Cover and let simmer on low for 10 minutes until the liquids are nearly gone. Finally, add lemon juice.--a comfort food classic. You can add other ingredients at the end such as veggies or herbs if you choose.

**CARDINGTON COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY.....** We will be collecting band-aids for the month of March.

**OFFERINGS MAY BE MAILED IN OR YOU MAY ENROLL FOR "AUTOGIVE".....Go to our church website:**

<http://www.stjohnwindfall.church/give.html>click on the "Electronic Giving" button.

*Currently you can allocate your donation to the following five funds: Current, Benevolence, Building, Cause of Month, or Capital Campaign. Should you want to give to other funds, such as World Hunger or Endowment, etc, you will need to mail or drop off the donation to the church address or members can use their regular Sunday envelopes to give.*

**Sat., Feb 20...Att.-19**

**Sun., Feb 21...Att.-40**

**JANUARY, 2021**

**Current**

<b>Total January Giving</b>	<b>12,998.99</b>
<b>Total January Expenses</b>	<b>11,080.47</b>
<b>Total 2021 Current Giving through January</b>	<b>12,998.99</b>
<b>Total 2021 Expenses through January</b>	<b>11,080.47</b>

**Benevolence**

<b>Total January Ben. Giving</b>	<b>1,505</b>
<b>Total 2021 Ben. Giving through January</b>	<b>1,505</b>

**Current Fund Balance**

**January 1, 2021...\$23,127**

**January 31, 2021.....\$25,056.02**

**Capital Campaign Balance... January 31, 2021...\$18,095**

**Building Fund Balance... January 31, 2021...\$37,325.51**