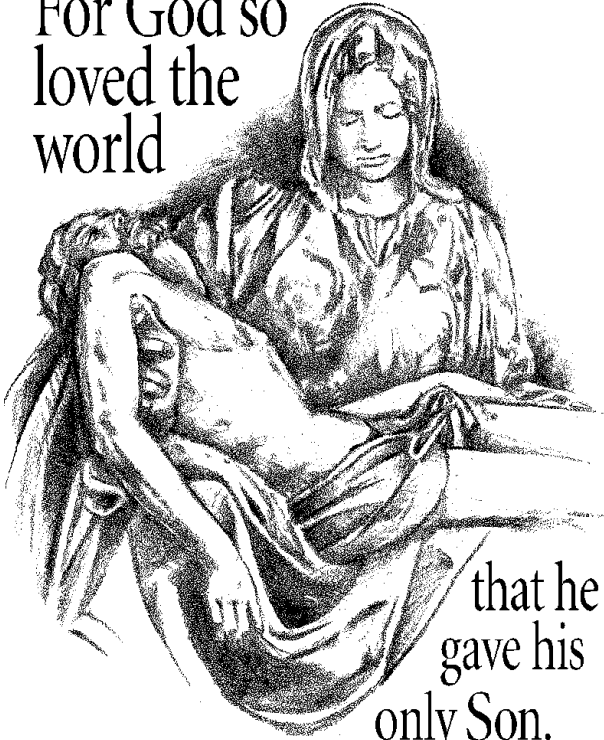


For God so  
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that he  
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John 3:16

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February 21, 2021

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent

PRESERVICE PRAYER Heavenly Father, today I am approaching Your altar where I shall receive the true body and blood of Your Son sacrificed for me and my sin upon the cross. I know and confess my sin. I am unworthy of your forgiveness and salvation, but I come to you pleading the merits of Your Son. Bless my reception of this communion that I may gain confidence that You have forgiven all my sins. Help me to live according to Your holy will, defeating temptation in my daily life, and glorifying Your name before the world in all my words and actions. In Jesus' name. Amen.

THE ORDER OF SERVICE: (p. 22 Worship Supplement 2000)

### **HYMN 358 Lamb of God, We Fall Before Thee**

1. Lamb of God, we fall before Thee, Humbly trusting in Thy Cross.  
That alone be all our glory; All things else are only dross.

2. Thee we own a perfect Savior, Only Source of all that's good.  
Ev'ry grace and ev'ry favor Comes to us thro' Jesus' blood.

3. Jesus gives us true repentance By His Spirit sent from heav'n  
Whispers this transporting sentence, "Son, thy sins are all forgiv'n.

4. Faith He grants us to believe it, grateful hearts His love to prize;  
Want we wisdom? He must give it, Hearing ears and seeing eyes.

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

**C: Amen.**

P: God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.

**C: If we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C: If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

P: Together let us pray.

**C: Almighty God, merciful Father, we are sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. But we are sorry for our transgressions and pray You, of Your bountiful mercy, to be gracious and merciful unto us. Forgive us for Jesus' sake, renew us by Your Spirit, and lead us in the way everlasting. Amen.**

P: Jesus Christ is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. We are forgiven! With boldness and confidence we may approach the throne to find grace to help in time of need. In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

**C: 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.**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Genesis 22:1-14

Now it came to pass after these things that God tested Abraham, and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am."

<sup>2</sup> Then He said, "Take now your son, your only *son* Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you."

<sup>3</sup> So Abraham rose early in the morning and saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and Isaac his son; and he split the wood for the burnt offering, and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. <sup>4</sup> Then on the third day Abraham lifted his eyes and saw the place afar off. <sup>5</sup> And Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; the lad and I will go yonder and worship, and we will come back to you."

<sup>6</sup> So Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid *it* on Isaac his son; and he took the fire in his hand, and a knife, and the two of them went together. <sup>7</sup> But Isaac spoke to Abraham his father and said, "My father!"

And he said, "Here I am, my son."

Then he said, "Look, the fire and the wood, but where *is* the lamb for a burnt offering?"

<sup>8</sup> And Abraham said, "My son, God will provide for Himself the lamb for a burnt offering." So the two of them went together.

<sup>9</sup> Then they came to the place of which God had told him. And Abraham built an altar there and placed the wood in order; and he bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, upon the wood. <sup>10</sup> And Abraham stretched out his hand and took the knife to slay his son.

<sup>11</sup> But the Angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!"

So he said, "Here I am."

<sup>12</sup> And He said, "Do not lay your hand on the lad, or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only *son*, from Me."

<sup>13</sup> Then Abraham lifted his eyes and looked, and there behind *him* was a ram caught in a thicket by its horns. So Abraham went and took the ram, and offered it up for a burnt offering instead of his son. <sup>14</sup> And Abraham called the name of the place, The-Lord-Will-Provide; as it is said to this day, "In the Mount of the LORD it shall be provided." (NKJV)

THE PASSION HISTORY LESSON: In the Upper Room (p.173 f)  
The question is asked by all, "Lord, Is it I?"

## THE APOSTLES CREED

### **HYMN 148:1-5 Lord Jesus Christ, My Life, My Light**

1. Lord Jesus Christ, my Life, my Light,  
My Strength by day, my Trust by night,  
On earth I'm but a passing guest  
And sorely with my sins opprest.

2. Far off I see my fatherland,  
Where thro' thy blood I hope to stand.  
But ere I reach that Paradise,  
A weary way before me lies.

3. My heart sinks at the journey's length,  
My wasted flesh has little strength;  
My soul alone still cries in me;  
"Lord take me home, take me to Thee!"

4. Oh, let Thy suff'rings give me pow'r  
To meet the last and darkest hour!  
Thy blood refresh and comfort me;  
Thy bonds and fetters make me free.

5. Oh, let Thy holy wounds for me  
Clefs in the rock forever be  
Where as a dove my soul can hide  
And safe from Satan's rage abide.

THE SERMON: Romans 8:31-39

Theme: He Did Not Spare His Own Son, So That:

- I. No One Can Bring a Charge Against Us
- II. Nothing Would Ever Again Separate Us from His Love

SERMON TEXT: Romans 8:31-39

What then shall we say to these things? If God *is* for us, who *can be* against us? <sup>32</sup> He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?

<sup>33</sup> Who shall bring a charge against God's elect? *It is* God who justifies.

<sup>34</sup> Who *is* he who condemns? *It is* Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us. <sup>35</sup> Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?

*Shall* tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? <sup>36</sup> As it is written:

“For Your sake we are killed all day long;

We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.”

<sup>37</sup> Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. <sup>38</sup> For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, <sup>39</sup> nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. (NKJV)

PRAYER; THE LORD'S PRAYER

**HYMN 375:1-3 If Thy Beloved Son, O God**

1. If Thy beloved Son, O God,  
Had not to earth descended  
And in our mortal flesh and blood  
Had not sin's power ended,  
Then this poor wretched soul of mine  
In hell eternally would pine  
Because of its transgression.

2. But now I find sweet peace and rest,

Despair no more reigns o'er me;  
No more am I by sin opprest,  
For Christ has borne sin for me.  
Upon the cross for me He died  
That, reconciled, I might abide  
With Thee, my God, forever.

3. I trust in Him with all my heart;  
Now all my sorrow ceases;  
His words abiding peace impart,  
His blood from guilt releases.  
Free grace thro' Him I now obtain;  
He washes me from ev'ry stain,  
And pure I stand before Him.

### THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

#### THE DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

The most wondrous assurance of His peace that God brings us is found in His coming to us in a visible way. Our Lord Jesus tells us that His body, the very body sacrificed on the cross for our sins, and His blood, the same blood that was shed for the remission of our sins, is literally present as we eat of the bread and drink of the wine in the Lord's Supper. As penitent sinners receive His body and blood we also receive His personal intimate assurance that He abides with us in peace. It is therefore important that communicants be able to examine themselves and repent of their sins before receiving the sacrament. If you are a visitor here please arrange to speak with the pastor before communing with us.

PRAYER:

**C: Amen.**

BENEDICTION;

**C: Amen.**

**Hymn 309:1 O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee**

1. O Jesus, blessed Lord, to Thee  
My heart-felt thanks forever be,  
Who hast so lovingly bestowed  
On me Thy body and Thy blood.

**CALENDAR**

TODAY: Thank you for coming to hear the Word.

Used bulletins should either be taken home or deposited in the wastepaper basket at the narthex door. Your offerings may be placed in the offering plate at the rear of the nave. Church Council is scheduled to follow the service this morning. No adult Bible class this morning

WEDNESDAY: Catechism via ZOOM beginning at 4:00p.m.

Midweek Lenten meditation begins at 7:00 p.m. This Lenten season our mediation series is entitled “**It’s All About Redemption**” reflecting Luther’s explanation to the second article of the Apostle’s Creed. Our second meditation will Be “**He Purchased and Won Me.**” Text Titus 2:13-14.

LADIES AID A brief business meeting follows immediately after the Lenten service.

NEXT SUNDAY: Worship at 9:30. Adult Bible class is scheduled to follow the service. Next Sunday’s sermon text: Mark 8:31-38.

**SERVING TODAY**

Organist: Denise Barthels

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL:

Attendance: February 14 worship – 12 Ash Wednesday - 10

Weekly Offerings Needed	\$ 1,250.00	Other offerings
Offerings Received	\$ 1175.00	
Needed for Year:	\$8,750.00	
Received for Year:	\$7,650.00	

February Church Cleaning – Barthels