



St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church  
February 28, 2021

**ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
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In-Person/Parking Lot 9:00 a.m. Zoom Worship 10:30 a.m.

**Stacy Lauer-Scovanner, Pastor**

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**February 28, 2021 Second Sunday in Lent**

**In the church parking lot, please turn your car  
radio to 101.7 FM to listen to our worship service at 9 AM.**

**This signal is only 1500 feet.**

**You can also join us on Zoom for worship at 10:30 AM.**

Welcome to Worship. The second covenant in this year's Lenten readings is the one made with Abraham and Sarah: God's promise to make them the ancestors of many, with whom God will remain in everlasting covenant. Paul says this promise comes to all who share Abraham's faith in the God who brings life into being where there was no life. We receive this baptismal promise of resurrection life in faith. Sarah and Abraham receive new names as a sign of the covenant, and we too get new identities in baptism, as we put on Christ.

**Gathering Hymn**

*"Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song"*

**Cranberry Hymnal 808**

Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey;  
I'll tell ev'rybody about you wherever I go:  
you alone are our life and our peace and our love.  
Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey.

I fear in the dark and the doubt of my journey;  
but courage will come with the sound of your steps by my side.  
And with all of the family you saved by your love,  
we'll sing to your dawn at the end of our journey.

**Greeting**

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

*2 Corinthians 13:13*

**And also with you.**

The word is near you,  
**on your lips and in your heart.**

If you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord,  
**and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.**

Faith comes from what is heard.  
**and what is heard come through the word of Christ.**

*Romans 10*

### **Scripture Song**

Salvation belongs to our God and to Christ the Lamb forever and ever.

Great and wonderful are your deeds, O God of the universe;  
just and true are your ways, O Ruler of all the nations.

Who can fail to honor you, Lord, and sing the glory of your name?

Salvation belongs to our God and to Christ the Lamb forever and ever.

For you alone are the Holy One.

All nations will draw near and worship before you,  
for your just and holy works have been revealed.

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### **Prayer of the Day**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

**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. Amen**

### **Psalm 22:23-31**

<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 off-spring 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! R**

<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 Lesson: Romans 4:13-25**

*Paul presents Abraham as the example for how a person comes into a right relationship with God not through works of the law but through faith. Though Abraham and Sarah were far too old for bearing children, Abraham trusted that God would accomplish what God had promised to accomplish.*

<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.

## Gospel Acclamation



**☩ Word of life, Je- sus Christ, all glo - ry to you!**



**Word of life, Je- sus Christ, all praise to you!**



**Our hearts burn with - in us while you o - pen to us the Scrip- tures.**



**Word of life, Je- sus Christ, all glo - ry to you!**



**Word of life, Je- sus Christ, all praise to you!**

## Gospel: Mark 8:31-38

**Pastor:** The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the eighth chapter.

**Cong:** Glory to you, O Lord.

*After Peter confesses his belief that Jesus is the Messiah, Jesus tells his disciples for the first time what is to come. Peter's response indicates that he does not yet understand the way of the cross that Jesus will travel.*

<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."

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

## Sermon

**Hymn of the Day**     *"Come, Follow Me, the Savior Spake"*     Cranberry Hymnal 799

"Come, follow me," the Savior spake,  
"all in my way abiding;  
deny yourselves, the world forsake,  
obey my call and guiding.  
Oh, bear the cross, whate'er betide;  
take my example for your guide."

Then let us follow Christ, our Lord,  
and take the cross appointed,  
and, firmly clinging to his word,  
in suffering be undaunted.  
For those who bear the battle's strain  
the crown of heav'nly life obtain.

## Response to the Word

In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.

**We believe in him and are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit.**

*Ephesians 1:13-14*

Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**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**

*\*Or, He descended to the dead.*

Build yourselves up on your most holy faith;  
**pray in the Holy Spirit.**

*Jude 20*

Keep yourselves in the love of God;  
**look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

*Jude 21*

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:

**Everything old has passed away; behold, everything has become new!**

*2 Corinthians 5:17*

God has given us the ministry of reconciliation. Therefore, let us be reconciled to God  
and to one another.

Gracious God,

**have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins,  
known and unknown, things done and left undone.**

**Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to  
the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

The almighty and merciful Lord grant us pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all our  
sins.

**Amen**

**Peace**

Sisters and brothers, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one  
another, live in peace.

*2 Corinthians 13:11*

The peace of the Lord be with you always

**And also with you.**

**Offering**

We give back to God what God first gives us. Offering can be mailed in to the church at  
106 Scheid Road, Sandusky OH 44870, by texting give to 614-389-9681, or given on our  
church website.

## Offertory Hymn

*“I Love You, Lord”*

I Love you, Lord, and I lift my voice to worship you; O my soul, rejoice.  
Take joy, my King, in what you hear; may it be a sweet, sweet sound in your ear.

## Offertory Prayer

Let us pray.

Gracious God,  
**in the abundance of your steadfast love, you call us from death to life, from  
silence to speech, from idleness to action. With these gifts we offer ourselves to  
you, and with the Church through all the ages we give thanks for your saving love  
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

## The Prayers of the People

Hear us O, God.  
**Your mercy is great.**

## The Lord’s Prayer

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**

## Blessing

Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.  
**Amen.**

## Sending Hymn

*“Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus”*

Cranberry Hymnal 802

Let us ever walk with Jesus,  
follow his example pure,  
through a world that would deceive us  
and to sin our spirits lure.

Onward in his footsteps treading,  
trav'lers here, our home above,  
full of faith and hope and love,  
let us do our Savior's bidding.  
Faithful Lord, with me abide;  
I shall follow where you guide.

**Dismissal**

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

Let us also live with Jesus.  
He has risen from the dead  
that to life we may awaken.  
Jesus, you are now our head,  
we are your own living members;  
where you live, there we shall be  
in your presence constantly,  
living there with you forever.  
Jesus, let me faithful be;  
life eternal grant to me.

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**February Announcements:**

February 24<sup>th</sup>: Book of Faith discussion at 7 PM—no need to read ahead to participate!  
Bring your snacks, your drinks, or just yourselves. We meet on Zoom.

February 28<sup>th</sup>: Worship at 9 AM in parking lot and 10:30 on Zoom

March 3<sup>rd</sup>: Book of Faith discussion at 7 PM—no need to read ahead to participate!  
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### **March Birthdays**

Mar. 1 —Kassidy Burdue  
8 —Keith Schlessman  
16 —Marcia Giordano  
18 —Brian Wilson  
19 —Bonny Ambos  
21 —David Young  
24 —Todd Ross  
    Lauryn Tommas  
25 —Kathleen Rudiger  
31 —Heather Ruggles

### **Anniversaries**

Mar. 3—Ann and Ray Witt.

### **Church Council and Team Leaders**

We are blessed to have the following leaders in place for 2021:

President: Kevin Young  
VP: Heather Ruggles  
Secretary: Melinda Zorn  
Treasurer: Ron Zorn  
Worship Team Rep: Sandy Thompson  
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