



Second Sunday in Lent

Immanuel Lutheran Church
Forest City, Iowa

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9:15 a.m.

Building community in the name and likeness of Jesus Christ.

Though we sometimes doubt and often resist God's desire to protect and save us, our God persists. In holy baptism, God's people have been called and gathered into a God-initiated relationship that will endure. Lent provides the church with a time and a tradition in which to seek the face of the Lord again. Lent provides another occasion to behold the God of our salvation in the face of the Blessed One who "comes in the name of the Lord."

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who gathers us in the wilderness to redeem us, anoint us, and make us new.

Amen.

In these forty days, let us be honest, confess our sin, and receive God's promise of mercy.
Silence is kept for reflection.

God at the margins,

We have wandered far from your home; again and again, we lose our way. We turn inward, afraid of the world around us. We forget that you have saved your people before and promise to do so again. Do not remember the deeds of our past, but turn our faces toward the future, where your forgiveness is sure, your welcome is clear, and your love overflows. Amen.

Like a hen who gathers her chicks, God embraces you in tender care. Like manna in the desert, God feeds you with surprising mercy. Like a loving parent, God runs to meet you again this day, forgiving your sins for the sake of † Christ, leading you from death into life.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN: **"The God of Abraham Praise"**

[vs. 1-3] #831 ELW

GREETING [congregational response] **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

FIRST READING: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18 *The covenant with Abram and his descendants*

PSALM: Psalm 27 *In the day of trouble, God will give me shelter. [Ps. 27:5]*

[cantor sings verse, assembly sings refrain]

¹The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then | shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I | be afraid?

²When evildoers close in against me to de- | vour my flesh,
they, my foes and my enemies, will stum- | ble and fall.

³Though an army encamp against me, my heart | will not fear.

Though war rise up against me, my trust will | not be shaken.

⁴One thing I ask of the LORD; one | thing I seek;

that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life; to gaze upon the
beauty of the LORD and to seek God | in the temple. **REFRAIN**

⁵For in the day of trouble God will | give me shelter,

hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary, and raise me high up- | on a rock.

⁶Even now my head is lifted up above my enemies | who surround me.

Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary, sacrifices of rejoicing; I will sing and
make music | to the LORD.

⁷Hear my voice, O LORD, | when I call; have mercy on me and | answer me.

⁸My heart speaks your message— | “Seek my face.”

Your face, O LORD, | I will seek. **REFRAIN**

⁹Hide not your face from me, turn not away from your ser- | vant in anger. Cast me
not away—you have been my helper; forsake me not, O God of | my salvation.

¹⁰Though my father and my moth- | er forsake me, the LORD will | take me in.

¹¹Teach me your | way, O LORD; lead me on a level path, because of | my oppressors.

¹²Subject me not to the will | of my foes,

for they rise up against me, false witnesses | breathing violence.

¹³This I believe—that I will see the goodness | of the LORD in the land | of the living!

¹⁴Wait for the LORD | and be strong. Take heart and wait | for the LORD! **REFRAIN**

SECOND READING: Philippians 3:17—4:1 *Our citizenship is in heaven from where we expect a Savior*

GOSPEL: Luke 13:31-35 *I have desired to gather Jerusalem as a hen gathers her brood*

Announcement: **Glory to you, O Lord.** Conclusion: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN’S SERMON / SERMON

Pastor Zech

HYMN OF THE DAY: “Thy Holy Wings”

#613

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: *L: Hear us, O God. C: Your mercy is great.*

June Anderson

family of Mark Holst

Tim Schmidt

Rolf Anderson

Melissa Kerr

Laura (Solberg) Thompson

Baby Jaylee Bartleson

Duane Moe

Missionaries Colin, Jeni, Josie & Amos Grangaard

Baby Nora Beck

Ione Nelson

Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Magallenes

Heather Davidson

Kathryn Olson

SHARING OF THE PEACE: The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

OFFERTORY: “Holy, Holy, Holy” by Franz Schubert The Choir
*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Hosanna in the highest
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest*

OFFERING PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION / LORD’ PRAYER

COMMUNION: **“Come to the Table of Mercy”** #481

“We Have a Hunger, Lord” *(sing twice)*

L: We have a hunger, Lord **C: (echo) We have a hunger, Lord**

L: Only you can fill **C: (echo) Only you can fill**

L: Fill us, Lord **C: (echo) Fill us, Lord**

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“Around You, O Lord, Jesus” #468

POST COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

SENDING HYMN: **“The Lord Now Sends Us Forth”** #538 *(sung in English)*

BLESSING / DISMISSAL: Go in peace. Remember the poor. **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

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WORSHIP LEADERS & VOLUNTEERS

Music: Ben Allaway; *Song Leaders:* Brenda Rust, Jaci Thorson

Musicians: Matt Lumley-bass, Javier Yturriaga-drums

Assisting Minister: Dave Melby

*Scripture Reader:*Carolynn Korth

Communion Set Up: Kathy Bendickson

Communion Servers: Carolynn Korth, Kay Sorensen

Ushers: Jim Lund, Jim Bowman, Paul Jensen

Altar Care: Mary Lund

Sound Techs: Bruce Mielke, Dave Midtgaard

March Coffee: Coffee Hour Service Group

Today’s worship service is broadcast at 11:00 a.m. over KIOW, 107.3 FM. **Broadcast** today is given in memory of Dale Nerdig (Mar. 20 b’day) from Elaine Nerdig.

Current Mission Emphasis: ‘Hunger near & far’ – special/noisy offerings March 20 & 24 with gifts to FC Food Bank & World Hunger.

Attendance:
Sunday, Mar. 10: 115
Wednesday, Mar. 13: 105