



Second Sunday of Lent

UNFINISHED

DISCOVERING GOD'S CALL
IN THE NOT YET

CALLED TO OPENNESS

Immanuel Lutheran Church, Forest City, Iowa

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Building community in the name and likeness of Jesus Christ.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: I lift up my eyes to the hills.

C: From where will my help come?

L: God so loved the world that he gave his only Son

C: My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

L: Everyone who believes in him will not perish but may have eternal life.

C: My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

L: God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world.

C: My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

L: But in order that the world might be saved through him.

C: My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

GATHERING HYMN: “All Earth is Hopeful”

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CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

L: Gracious God,

C: we confess that we fail to be open to your vision for the world. In our confusion and all that is unfinished in our lives we close ourselves off from where and how your Spirit calls. Forgive us, and open our hearts and minds so that cross-marked and Spirit-sealed, we may live into the new life you have bestowed upon us, for the sake of the Gospel, for the sake of the world. Through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

L: God who is rich in mercy, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love has come to us in Jesus, who by his holy cross has redeemed the world. Buried with Christ by baptism into death, your sins are forgiven in + Jesus’ name. Cross-marked and Spirit-sealed, you are raised to new life.

GREETING

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Open the eyes of our hearts to the mysteries of your saving love, O God, that we might grasp the hope to which you have called us. Give us a bold understanding of your unfolding vision for us and for your world. Accompany us on our seeking journey, and lead us to where you would have us go. In the name of Jesus, **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Genesis 12:1-4a *The blessing of God upon Abram*

PSALM: Psalm 121 [read responsively]

¹I lift up my eyes to the hills; from where is my help to come?

²**My help comes from the LORD, the maker of heaven and earth.**

³The LORD will not let your foot be moved

nor will the one who watches over you fall asleep.

⁴**Behold, the keeper of Israel will neither slumber nor sleep;**

⁵the LORD watches over you; the LORD is your shade at your right hand;

⁶**the sun will not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.**

⁷The LORD will preserve you from all evil and will keep your life.

⁸**The LORD will watch over your going out and your coming in,
from this time forth forevermore.**

SECOND READING: Romans 4:1-5, 13-17 *The promise to those who share Abraham's faith*

GOSPEL: John 3:1-17 *The mission of Christ to save the world*

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

*Conclusion: **Praise to you, O Christ.***

CHILDREN'S SERMON / SERMON

Pastor Rod

HYMN OF THE DAY: **"God the Sculpture of the Mountains"**

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: *L: Merciful God, C: receive our prayer.*

Ruby Sue Albertsen

Sonja Johnson

Ashley Rayhons

Liam Bartleson

Ken Melby

Tim Schmidt

Hazel Barloon

Jill (Lewison) Nedved

Marge Solberg

Hayden Despenas

Lisa Overlie

Jennie Spencer

Clara Eisenmann

Carolyn Price

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Bill Hamm

Missionary Karen Anderson

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

OFFERING: "God So Loved the World"

Choir

OFFERTORY: **"Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us"**

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OFFERING PRAYER

HOLY COMMUNION

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"Holy, Holy, Holy"

Eucharistic Prayer / Lord's Prayer

"Lamb of God"

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