

“Abraham
believed God,
and it was
accounted to
him for
righteousness”



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2nd Sunday in Lent

March 13, 2011

Pre-service Meditation

Psalm 57; pg. 135

Opening Hymn 245

“God Loved the World So that He Gave”

Our Order of Worship: **Lutheran Hymnal pg. 5**

PSALM OF THE DAY:

(Psalm 121)

P: I lift up my eyes to the hills.
C: From where does my help come?
P: My help comes from the LORD,
C: who made heaven and earth.
P: He will not let your foot be moved;
C: he who keeps you will not slumber.
P: Behold, he who keeps Israel
C: will neither slumber nor sleep.
P: The LORD is your keeper;
C: the LORD is your shade on your right hand.
P: The sun shall not strike you by day,
C: nor the moon by night.
P: The LORD will keep you from all evil;
C: he will keep your life.
P: The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in
C: from this time forth and forevermore.
P: Glory be to God!
ALL: ♪ “Glory be to the Father...”

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- THE COLLECT -

P: Let us pray - Almighty God, You see that we have no power to defend ourselves. Guard and keep us both outwardly and inwardly from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

ALL: ♪ "A- - men"

Scripture Readings

"These are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name." - John 20:31

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON ~ ROMANS 4:1-4, 13-17

What shall we say then that Abraham our father, as pertaining to the flesh, hath found? 2 For if Abraham were justified by works, he hath whereof to glory; but not before God. 3 For what saith the scripture? Abraham believed God, and it was counted unto him for righteousness. 4 Now to him that worketh is the reward not reckoned of grace, but of debt. 5 But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness.

For the promise, that he should be the heir of the world, was not to Abraham, or to his seed, through the law, but through the righteousness of faith. 14 For if they which are of the law be heirs, faith is made void, and the promise made of none effect: 15 Because the law worketh wrath: for where no law is, there is no transgression. 16 Therefore it is of faith, that it might be by grace; to the end the promise might be sure to all the seed; not to that only which is of the law, but to that also which is of the faith of Abraham; who is the father of us all, 17 (As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations,) before him whom he believed, even God, who quickeneth the dead, and calleth those things which be not as though they were.

P: (Jesus) humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross. (Phil 2:8)

ALL: ♪ **Foes most fierce Thy life did seek
In that solemn Holy Week,
Binding Thee with ropes most fast,
Crucifying Thee at last. Lord have mercy.**

(Text: Wm. G. Kennell, 1948; Tune: TLH #190)

P: Our Gospel lesson for today is from Gospel according to John, chapter four, beginning with the fifth verse.

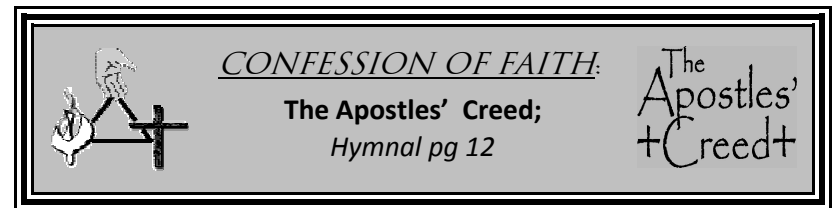
C: ♪ **Glory be to Thee, O Lord!**

GOSPEL LESSON ~ JOHN 4:5-26

Then cometh he to a city of Samaria, which is called Sychar, near to the parcel of ground that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. 6 Now Jacob's well was there. Jesus therefore, being wearied with his journey, sat thus on the well: and it was about the sixth hour. 7 There cometh a woman of Samaria to draw water: Jesus saith unto her, Give me to drink. 8 (For his disciples were gone away unto the city to buy meat.) 9 Then saith the woman of Samaria unto him, How is it that thou, being a Jew, askest drink of me, which am a woman of Samaria? for the Jews have no dealings with the Samaritans. 10 Jesus answered and said unto her, If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water. 11 The woman saith unto him, Sir, thou hast nothing to draw with, and the well is deep: from whence then hast thou that living water? 12 Art thou greater than our father Jacob, which gave us the well, and drank thereof himself, and his children, and his cattle? 13 Jesus answered and said unto her, Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again: 14 But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life. 15 The woman saith unto him, Sir, give me this water, that I thirst not, neither come hither to draw. 16 Jesus saith unto her, Go, call thy husband, and come hither. 17 The woman answered and said, I have no husband. Jesus said unto her, Thou hast well said, I have no husband: 18 For thou hast had five husbands; and he whom thou now hast is not thy husband: in that saidst thou truly. 19 The woman saith unto him, Sir, I perceive that thou art a prophet. 20 Our fathers worshipped in this mountain; and ye say, that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship. 21 Jesus saith unto her, Woman, believe me, the hour cometh, when ye shall neither in this mountain, nor yet at Jerusalem, worship the Father. 22 Ye worship ye know not what: we know what we worship: for salvation is of the Jews. 23 But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. 24 God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth. 25 The woman saith unto him, I know that Messias cometh, which is called Christ: when he is come, he will tell us all things. 26 Jesus saith unto her, I that speak unto thee am he.

P: So far our Gospel lesson.

C: ♪ **Praise be to Thee, O Christ!**



~ THE SERMON ~

GENESIS 12:1-8 Now the LORD had said to Abram: "Get out of your country, From your family And from your father's house, To a land that I will show you. 2 I will make you a great nation; I will bless you And make your name great; And you shall be a blessing. 3 I will bless those who bless you, And I will curse him who curses you; And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." 4 So Abram departed as the LORD had spoken to him, and Lot went with him. And Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. 5 Then Abram took Sarai his wife and Lot his brother's son, and all their possessions that they had gathered, and the people whom they had acquired in Haran, and they departed to go to the land of Canaan. So they came to the land of Canaan. 6 Abram passed through the land to the place of Shechem, as far as the terebinth tree of Moreh. And the Canaanites were then in the land. 7 Then the LORD appeared to Abram and said, "To your descendants I will give this land." And there he built an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him. 8 And he moved from there to the mountain east of Bethel, and he pitched his tent with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; there he built an altar to the LORD and called on the name of the LORD.

GOD SPEAKS - FAITH RESPONDS

- *Cheerfully obeying His commands*
- *Worshiping Him for His promises*

~ THE OFFERTORY ~

♫ *"Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me..."*

Hymn 40

"The God of Abraham Praise"

~ *Offering of Thankful Hearts* ~
 ~ *Prayers and Lord's Prayer* ~
 ~ *The Benediction* ~

Hymn of the Month 723

"What Wondrous Love Is This"

WELCOME TO YOU ALL! We rejoice at the opportunity to share with you the hope that is within us. We pray that you might ever desire to learn more about the glorious Son of God, our Savior from sin, Jesus Christ. If you are visiting and would like to learn more about our church, our teachings, or today's service please speak with the pastor. We hope you may be able to join us again! We ask that our visitors record their visit by signing our guest register.

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICES? During Holy Week, there are four days that are very special to Christians. On Palm Sunday we see our humble Savior and King riding into Jerusalem. On Maundy Thursday we mark the night that Jesus instituted the Sacrament of the Altar. On Good Friday we are reminded of our Savior's suffering and death to earn for us the forgiveness of sins and eternal life. On Easter Sunday we rejoice to see our Savior's victory over sin, death, and the devil as He rises from the dead.

This Tuesday, as our Board of Elders will be setting the calendar for the 2nd Quarter, we will be discussing the possibility of holding Good Friday services. It has been our tradition in the past to hold only Maundy Thursday service during Holy Week. We could maintain this tradition, add a Good Friday service, alternate between the two every other year, or have only a Good Friday service during Holy Week. **Your feedback on this matter is essential. Please share your thoughts with Pastor or one of the members of the Board of Elders.** The Elders suggestion will then be brought to the Voters for their consideration on April 3.

HYMN OF THE MONTH As we examine the second verse of our hymn of the month, hymn 723, we hear the author of the hymn speak of our spiritual condition as *"sinking down beneath God's righteous frown."* These words remind one of what the psalmist wrote in Psalm 42 - **"All Your waves and billows have gone over me."** (Ps 42:7) It is though we were drowning under a tsunami of God's wrath on account of our sin. Yet, as Jesus rescued sinking Peter, so too Jesus has rescued us. The author continues, *"Christ laid aside His crown for my soul."* These words remind us of what Paul wrote in Philippians 2, **"who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men."** (Phil 2:7-8) Praise be to Jesus that He was willing to go to such great lengths to rescue us sinking sinners!

CLC NEWS Trinity Lutheran Church (Spokane, WA) has called Pastor Dave Fuerstenau (Holy Truth, Ketchikan, AK). † Ascension Lutheran Church (Batavia [Chicago], IL) has called Pastor Caleb Schaller (Redemption, Lynnwood, WA). Please pray that the Lord would soon send the men that He has chosen to fill these vacancies!

This Week @ Prince of Peace...

Today	10:15	Bible Class (<i>Daniel</i>) and Sunday School (L4-3 - NT13; L2 - NT49; Pre - NT36)
	11:00	Adult Choir Practice
Tuesday		Board of Elder's Meeting (<i>setting agenda for quarterly meetings on April 3</i>)
Wednesday	5:00	Confirmation Class
	7:00	Mid-Week Lenten Service (Profiles of the Passion - Peter: A Profile of Denial)
Thursday	7:30	Aberdeen Bible Class (Study of the Passion) (<i>Attendance: 3/10 - 7; 3/17 - 11</i>)
Sunday, March 27, 2011 - 3rd Sunday in Lent		
	9:00	Worship Service
	10:15	Bible Class (<i>Daniel</i>) and Sunday School (L4-3 - NT14; L2 - NT50; Pre - NT37)
	11:00	Adult Choir practice

"The Bread of Life"

Daily Bible readings for home devotions.

	Scripture:	Hymn:
Mon -- 21	<u>Hebrews 4:14-16</u> Jesus, please get me through this crisis!	531
Tues -- 22	<u>James 1:12-15</u> Satan weakens us; God strengthens us.	532
Wed -- 23	<u>Genesis 32:24-29</u> Life was never again the same for Jacob.	434
Thur - 24	<u>Matthew 15:21-28</u> She brought Jesus to the rescue.	348
Fri -- 25	<u>Mark 9:14-32</u> Many problems are beyond our personal skills.	345
Sat -- 26	<u>Luke 7:36-50</u> God's forgiveness precedes our thankfulness.	379