

**HOLY COMMUNION:** *Setting Four, February 28, 2021 - modified*

**2nd Sunday in Lent**

**GATHERING**

**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.**

**CHILDREN'S TIME**

Song:

**“Brave Believers”**

B-R-A-V-E. Brave Believers, come and see.  
B-R-A-V-E. Brave Believers, you and me.

***REFRAIN***

Come on and cheer!  
We're here to cheer each other on.  
Come Brave Believers, sing along  
To praise and celebrate God who leads on.

Lean to the left, Lean to the right.  
Trust in God with all your might.  
Lean to the left, Lean to the right.  
Trust in God with all your might. ***REFRAIN***

Clap your hands. Stomp your feet.  
Trust in God. Repeat, repeat.  
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Trust in God. Repeat, repeat. ***REFRAIN***



## CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS - *responsive*

A As we journey by faith in our world, let us acknowledge our sins and failures before God.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

A For our indifference toward His presence in our midst,

**C We confess to you, Lord.**

A For our desire to control the time and seasons of our own destinies,

**C We confess to you, Lord.**

For our injustices toward others – those we know and those we don't know,

**C We confess to you, Lord.**

A For lack of concern for those who will come after us,

**C We confess to you, Lord.**

A In the mercy of Almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all of our sins. To those of us who believe in Jesus Christ, he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on us the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

## LENTEN LITANY

**SILENT**

A LITANY FOR THE SECOND WEEK OF LENT



**There was no deceit in his mouth.**

**Isaiah 53:9**

P Jesus was despised and rejected. He was falsely accused, yet he did not speak in his own defense or answer those who condemned him. He remained silent, like a lamb led to the slaughter, and took up his cross for our sake.

P We often speak out in loveless ways, out of anger and envy.

**C Lord, forgive our loveless thoughts and words. Give us speech that glorifies you.**

P He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth.

**C Like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth. (Isaiah 53:7)**

- P Then Pilate said to him, “Do you not hear how many things they testify against you?”
- C But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed. (Matthew 27:13-14)**
- P He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth.
- C When he was reviled, he did not revile in return;**
- P When he suffered, he did not threaten.
- C But continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly.**  
(1 Peter 2:22-23)
- P Lord, lead us to walk in love as you walked, so that our words and actions will be a blessing to others.
- C Fill us with words of comfort, hope and life to share with the world.**

## GATHERING HYMN

***“O Lord, throughout These Forty Days”***  
***ELW 319***

O Lord, throughout these forty days  
You prayed and kept the fast;  
Inspire repentance for our sin,  
and free us from our past.

Be with us through this season, Lord,  
And all our earthly days,  
That when the final Easter dawns,  
We join in heaven’s praise.

***(Assisting Minister)***

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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.**

## **SPECIAL MUSIC**

## GOD'S WORD

### **HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 8:31-38**

The Holy Gospel according to Mark.

**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 reading is concluded: The Gospel of the Lord.*

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **SERMON**

### **APOSTLES' CREED**

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With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.\***

**On the third day he rose again;**

he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come 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.

*(Assisting Minister)*

### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION – February 28, 2021**

Faithful Lord, as we journey through these 40 days of Lent, help us to take time to study your Word and to grow closer to you in prayer. May our faith be strengthened as we grow in service to others, as we have been called to do. Lord, in your Mercy...**Hear our Prayer.**

Faithful God, you are the Great Physician in all of our lives. Come to our aid now, in the midst of the global spread of the corona virus, healing all who are sick with this virus. Give courage and strength to all of us through this time. Lord in Your Mercy...**Hear Our Prayer.**

Faithful God, continue to equip our church council, our church committees and the whole congregation in carrying out the ministries of Your Church. Lord in Your Mercy... **Hear Our Prayer.**

Faithful God, we pray for the sick, the homebound, those grieving loved ones who have died, those on our church prayer list and those we lift up this morning, either silently or out loud... Lord in Your Mercy...  
**Hear Our Prayer.**

Faithful God, hear the prayers of your people today and always. **Amen!**

### **THIS WEEK'S PRAYER CONCERNS**

#### **The sick & recuperating:**

Ashley Rubert (*Chris Snook's friend*)

Baby Mason (*Brenda Pedersen's friend's infant*)

Betty Shimel (*Cheryl Burck's neighbor*)

Camille Miller

Dale Teschler (*Krista's father*)

Diana Gabriel

Don Hinz  
Jackie Hicks (*Hartman's neighbor*)  
Jan Smith  
Joe Bokano (*Roger's brother*)  
Kassidy Carter (*Tinson's cousin*)  
Lind Family  
Minister Enoch  
Rachel Pedersen (*Brenda's daughter*)  
Rick Bentley (*Osborn's son-in-law*)  
Sandy Rogensues

**The homebound:** Marie Johansson

**The family of:** Brent Osborn (*Kathi Bokano's friend/neighbor's son*)  
Gerald Pingel

**Thanksgiving:** Gail Osborn, Kathy B. (*Diane Hinz's friend*)

**Other concerns:** *All Medical Professionals, All Caregivers*

## **PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

## **THE MEAL**

***(Assisting Minister)***

### **OFFERING PRAYER**

Faithful God,  
you walk beside us in desert places,  
and you meet us in our hunger with bread from heaven.  
Accompany us in this meal,  
that we may pass over from death to life  
with Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
**Amen.**

### **GREAT THANKSGIVING** (*responsive*)

A God of our ancestors, friend in our midst,  
your children come before you.  
Here is food! Here is drink!  
These things are yours before they are ours.  
A Now we are making a feast, but it is a thanksgiving:  
God, we are thanking you.

With our ancestors in faith and all the hosts in heaven,  
O God, we thank you and rejoice.  
This food - we shall eat it in your honor!  
This drink - we shall drink it in your honor!

A We thank you for giving us life.

**C We thank you!**

A We thank you for giving us freedom.

**C We thank you!**

A We thank you for bringing us peace.

**C We thank you!**

A We thank you for the one who bore our sins upon the cross.

**C We thank you!**

A We thank you for the one who brought us over from death to life.

**C We thank you!**

A Father, send the Spirit of life, The Spirit of power and fruitfulness.  
With the Spirit's breath, speak your word into these things.  
Give us who eat and drink the living body and the lifeblood of Jesus,  
life and power and fruitfulness of heart and body.  
Give us true communion with your Son.

P On the night of his suffering,  
he gave thanks for the bread that he held in his hands.  
This bread he shared among his followers, saying:  
'All of you, take this, eat this;  
it is my body, handed over for you.  
Do this and remember me.'

**C The body of Christ! Amen.**

P Then he shared drink with them, saying:  
'All of you, take this, drink this; it is my blood, the blood of the  
new covenant that begins now and lasts forever.  
This blood is poured out for you and for all people so that sins  
may be taken away. Do this and remember me.'

**C The blood of Christ! Amen.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.

### **PRAYER BEFORE COMMUNION**

These are the gifts of God for the people of God.  
Come, for all is prepared.  
Amen.

### **COMMUNION**

#### **TABLE BLESSING**

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ  
strengthen us and keep us in His grace.  
Amen.

*(Assisting Minister)*

#### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

God of steadfast love,  
at this table you gather your people  
into one body for the sake of the world.  
Send us in the power of your Spirit,  
that our lives bear witness to the love that has made us new  
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
Amen.

### **SENDING**

#### **BLESSING**

The Lord bless us and keep us. The Lord make his face to shine on us and  
be gracious to us. The Lord look upon us with great favor and give... us  
peace.  
Amen.



## SENDING HYMN

### ***“Go Now in Peace”***

by Nancy Sleeth

Go now in peace. Never be afraid.  
God will go with you each hour of every day.  
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.  
Know He will guide you in all you do.

Go now in love, and show you believe.  
Reach out to others so all the world can see.  
God will be there watching from above.  
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.



## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. The Spirit sends us forth to serve.  
**Thanks be to God.**