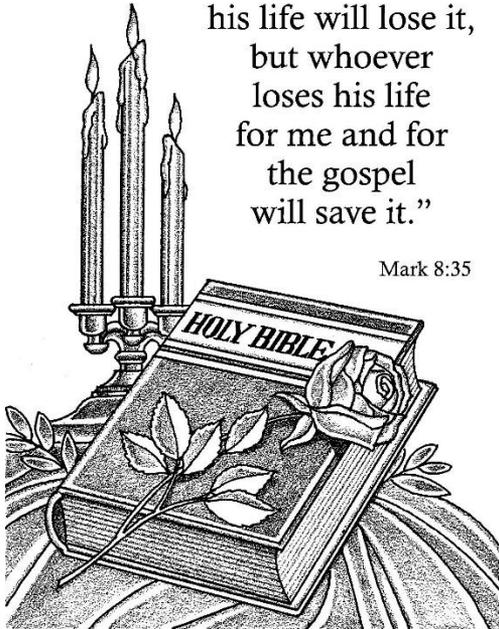


“For whoever
wants to save
his life will lose it,
but whoever
loses his life
for me and for
the gospel
will save it.”

Mark 8:35



FOR OUR 8:15 & 10:45 A.M. DIVINE WORSHIP

Second Sunday in Lent

February 28, 2021

(Please turn off cell phones in preparation for Divine Worship)

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PRELUDE

PASTORAL GREETING

INVOCATION

P: In the Name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

PRAYER

Lord Jesus Christ, whose devotion to the Father and dedication to us surpass our comprehension, let us hold You as example that we

be strong in temptation and zealous for all good works and thus call all the world to glorify Your Father and ours; who with the Father and the Holy Spirit are one God with dominion over us forever. Amen.

OPENING HYMN

TLH 409

Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

1. Let us ever walk with Jesus,
Follow His example pure,
Flee the world, which would deceive us
And to sin our souls allure.
Ever in His footsteps treading,
Body here, yet soul above,
Full of faith and hope and love,
Let us do the Father's bidding.
Faithful Lord, abide with me;
Savior, lead, I follow Thee.

2. Let us suffer here with Jesus,
To His image e'er conform;
Heaven's glory soon will please us,
Sunshine follow on the storm.
Tho' we sow in tears of sorrow,
We shall reap with heav'nly joy;
And the fears that now annoy
Shall be laughter on the morrow.
Christ, I suffer here with Thee;
There, oh, share Thy joy with me!

4. Let us gladly live with Jesus;
Since He's risen from the dead,
Death and grave must soon release us.
Jesus, Thou art now our Head,
We are truly Thine own members;

Where Thou livest, there live we.
Take and own us constantly,
Faithful Friend, as Thy dear brethren.
Jesus, here I live to Thee,
Also there eternally.

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION

P: Let us confess our sins to God our Father.

A: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy Name. Amen.

[1 John 1:8-9; 2 Corinthians 7:10; Romans 3:10]

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of the Word I therefore forgive you all your sins in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen!

[Luke 18:13; Matthew 7:21; John 20:19-32; John 1:12]

LESSONS

OLD TESTAMENT

Genesis 17:1-7,15-16; NKJV – pg. 14

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram and said to him, “I *am* Almighty God; walk before Me and be blameless. ² And I will make My covenant between Me and you, and will multiply you exceedingly.” ³ Then Abram fell on his face, and God talked with him, saying: ⁴ “As for Me, behold, My covenant is with you, and you shall be a father of many nations. ⁵ No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you a father of many nations. ⁶ I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and

kings shall come from you. ⁷ And I will establish My covenant between Me and you and your descendants after you in their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and your descendants after you. ¹⁵ Then God said to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, but Sarah *shall be* her name. ¹⁶ And I will bless her and also give you a son by her; then I will bless her, and she shall be *a mother of* nations; kings of peoples shall be from her.”

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L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE

Romans 5:1-11; NKJV – pg. 1002

Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ² through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. ³ And not only *that*, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; ⁴ and perseverance, character; and character, hope. ⁵ Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us. ⁶ For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷ For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. ⁸ But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹ Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. ¹⁰ For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life. ¹¹ And not only *that*, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation.

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L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Return to the Lord your God, for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 8:27-38; NKJV – pg. 891

Now Jesus and His disciples went out to the towns of Caesarea Philippi; and on the road He asked His disciples, saying to them, “Who do men say that I am?”²⁸ So they answered, “John the Baptist; but some *say*, Elijah; and others, one of the prophets.”²⁹ He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered and said to Him, “You are the Christ.”³⁰ Then He strictly warned them that they should tell no one about Him.³¹ And He began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things, and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again.³² He spoke this word openly. Then Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him.³³ But when He had turned around and looked at His disciples, He rebuked Peter, saying, “Get behind Me, Satan! For you are not mindful of the things of God, but the things of men.”³⁴ When He had called the people to *Himself*, with His disciples also, He said to them, “Whoever desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me.³⁵ For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel’s will save it.³⁶ For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul?³⁷ Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?³⁸ For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him the Son of Man also will be ashamed when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels.”

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P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

COLLECT *(In Unison)*

O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

HYMN OF THE DAY

TLH 408

Jesus Christ, My Pride and Glory

1. Jesus Christ, my pride and glory,
He, the true and living Light,
Strengthens me with glorious might.
Christ, revealed in sacred story,
Whom I now as Lord confess,
Teaches me true holiness.
3. Grant me, Lord, Thy Holy Spirit
That in all I follow Him
Lest the light of faith grow dim.
Let me ever trust Thy merit,
Let Thy blessing me attend,
From all evil me defend.
4. From all pain and imperfection,
Gracious Lord, deliver me,
Heaven's glory let me see.
Keep me under Thy direction
That the grace thou gavest me
I may praise eternally.

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Sermon

APOSTLES' CREED *(In Unison)*

[1 Corinthians 15:1-4; Romans 10:9]

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell, The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost, The holy Christian Church; the communion of saints; The forgiveness of sins; The resurrection of the body; And the life everlasting. Amen.

THE GIVING OF OUR TITHES and SACRIFICIAL GIFTS

OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER *(Pastor)*

THE PRAYERS

SPECIAL INTERCESSIONS *(Pastor)*

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(Chanted in Unison)*

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.

CLOSING HYMN

TLH 400

Take My Life and Let It Be

1. Take my life and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;
Take my moments and my days,
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.
2. Take my hands and let them move
At the impulse of Thy love;

Take my feet and let them be
Swift and beautiful for Thee.

3. Take my voice and let me sing
Always, only, for my King;
Take my lips and let them be
Filled with messages from Thee.

5. Take my will and make it Thine,
It shall be no longer mine;
Take my heart, it is Thine own,
It shall be Thy royal throne.

6. Take my love, my Lord, I pour
At Thy feet its treasure store;
Take myself, and I will be
Ever, only, all for Thee.

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BENEDICTION

ALL: “Amen, Amen, Amen.”

SILENT PRAYER

RECESSIONAL

POSTLUDE

Organist: Bruce Sininger

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FEBRUARY

**CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN CHURCH
GROSSE POINTE WOODS, MI 48236
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2021**



GOOD MORNING AND WELCOME to the Lord's House on this First Day of a new week! Jesus teaches us this morning in our Gospel that if we truly want to save our lives, we need to live them for Him and spend them for the gracious welfare of others. In effect, only in losing ourselves in this way can we either have or keep the life and salvation that Jesus came to bring us by His cross and open tomb. Those gifts come to us by the Means of His Word and Holy Baptism. This morning we are taught by the Holy Spirit to gain through losing, and we learn that in God's Kingdom, "Winning Means losing!" Today through God's Word, the Holy Spirit strengthens us to continue to follow the one, true way God has provided for us to gain and keep the life He gives us in Jesus. God fill you with His strength today to continue to deny yourself, take up your cross and follow Jesus!

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Mark Gade- recovering from knee replacement surgery.

Kathy Geffert- recovering from surgery.

Jean Geffert – who was injured in a fall at her home.

Julie Hingst- recovering from knee surgery and receiving physical therapy.

Pastor Fabry and Hannah Beskange- also receiving hospice care.

Ann MacDonald- aunt of Laura Bommarito, who suffered a stroke.

Dick Burt- who has been diagnosed with cancer and is seeking treatment.

Donna Noll- at home under the care of her husband Peter and her family.

The family of Gerald Pochert who was called home on Tuesday February 16th

Lisa Zimmermann- who rejoices that her cancerous tumors have been reduced, and that treatment is meeting with success.

Others battling cancer: Jennifer Gade-Dickerson, Michael Fleck, Vanessa Turnbow, Andrew Phalum, Mitchell English, Bruce Dane, Sheila Rice.

LIFE THOUGHTS “Christians are to show no partiality whatsoever. My brother in Christ who happens to have more melanin than I have in the paper-thin upper level of our skin—while all the skin below the paper is the same—is not of a different race than I. So-called ‘race’ is not even skin deep! That’s mere upper-skin coloring, not race. Varying levels of mere melanin indicate that we’re all coffee beans—some are blonde roast, some are medium or dark or espresso roast, but we’re all coffee, we’re all colored people.” *James M. Kushiner, The Fellowship of St. James – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

OPEN HOUSE Christ the King Preschool will be holding its annual Open House today, from 1-3 p.m. Please help spread the word by sharing on social media or word of mouth. Parents and children are welcome to attend. Families will see our facility, meet our staff, and engage in various activities in the classrooms. Spread the word!

LAWN SIGNS Now that we are beginning our registration for our 2021/2022 school year, I would invite everyone to put a preschool lawn sign in your yard to help us advertise. The more our name is seen throughout the Grosse Pointe and surrounding communities the better! If you need a sign or need to replace one you had, they are available in the church office. Thanks so much for helping us grow.

LITTLE CAESARS FUNDRAISER We are so excited for our upcoming fundraiser with Little Caesars! It is always such a great outcome and soooo yummy. Orders will be due no later than March 8th! Again, thank you for all your continued support!

STEWARDSHIP CORNER Thanksgiving Day is a national holiday. Most businesses are closed, and friends and family gather to enjoy a special meal together. As we gather around our Thanksgiving meal, we give thanks to God for all His blessings to us, but, as stewards, giving thanks and gratitude to God with our time, talents, and treasures throughout the year is what our faithful stewardship is all about. Through faith, we understand God's love and mercy, and, by grace, we are enabled to respond with thankful hearts to what God does for us. In essence, every day that God gives us is a day of giving thanks.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR TOPIC for next Sunday, 3/7: "A Place to Belong"
Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. A house is not a person—but, could a Person be a house, a place to belong? Dr. Michael Zeigler talks about finding that place, in Christ. (Mark 11: 1-26) Tune in to *The Lutheran Hour* every Sunday on WDFN (1130 AM) at 6:30 A.M., WRDT (560 AM) at 7:30 A.M. and at Noon, XM Satellite Family Radio Dial 170 at 1:00 P.M. or RealAudio on the internet at www.lhm.org.

ALTAR GUILD Serving with the Altar Guild for the month are Sue Mack, Jean Azar, and Lori Dane.



**ONE WEEK AGO TODAY:
8:15 Worship Service: 28
10:45 Worship Service: 17**



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FEBRUARY 2021 - FINANCIAL PROGRESS		
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Week #	2021	2020
1	\$ 8,310	\$ 5,325
2	7,297	4,590
3	3,790	6,256
4		
Month-to-Date Total	<u>\$ 19,397</u>	<u>\$ 16,171</u>
Yearly Total	<u>\$ 53,694</u>	<u>\$ 43,060</u>

1-1-1 Missions Update		
	<u>Month</u>	<u>YTD</u>
	\$ 103	\$ 270