

CREATED, SAVED AND GIFTED BY GOD  
WE ARE CALLED TO SEEK,  
SERVE AND SHARE JESUS CHRIST



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**THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**  
**FEBRUARY 20, 2005**  
**8:30 AM**  
GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH  
901 EAST STROOP ROAD  
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## THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

*In today's gospel, Jesus directs our attention to the font of baptism. By water and the word, the Holy Spirit gives us new birth. Freely, out of love, we are made sons and daughters of God, brothers and sisters of the Lord Jesus, messengers of the Holy Spirit. From the waters of baptism we rise as a people blessed by God. We are sent forth into the world, not to condemn but to offer mercy.*

*Today is the commemoration of Rasmus Jensen, a missionary from Denmark who became the first Lutheran pastor in North America. He died in 1619, within months of his arrival in America.*

**February 20, 2005**

**8:30 a.m. Worship**

### Late Night Catechism

Many of us experienced religious education that was based on questions and answers. That's what a catechism is. Who is God? What has God done for us? What does this mean?

Nicodemus has heard about Jesus and comes to him with questions. He comes to Jesus by night, a time of day representing mystery, ignorance, and hiding. It would be risky—even dangerous—for this religious leader to come to Jesus in the light of day with his spiritual questions.

Nicodemus thinks he is coming for information, like getting answers to questions in a catechism. What he finds is a teacher who speaks the language of symbol, spirit, and experience. While a befuddled Nicodemus tries to wrap his analytical and literal mind around Jesus' strange talk about being born from above, Jesus patiently points him toward the Spirit. Can a person so far along in life have a new beginning? Yes! In baptism we are born again of water and Spirit, a birth that shapes the rest of our lives.

Jesus' use of birth imagery suggests that sometimes we would rather stay in the warmth, darkness, and safety of the womb, than take any risks in life. The season of Lent gives us spiritual encouragement for our birthing. At times it may seem like we don't get any answers to our questions, or that nothing is clear-cut and simple anymore. But the Spirit is brooding and the wind is blowing where it will. We may not always know what is happening to us or where we are going, but we trust that God is leading us and guiding us.

Nicodemus' late night catechism leads him to a new kind of faith. In baptism we begin a lifelong journey of renewal and transformation. Jesus, our teacher, leads the way.

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We encourage worshippers to read the introductions to the Readings of the Day in preparation for listening to the Word of God. Thank you.

\*\* Stand if you are able.

GATHERING

\*\* GREETING (spoken)

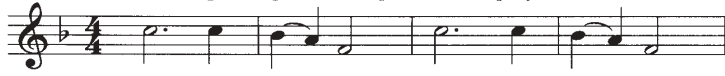
The gift of peace through our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God poured into our hearts, and the renewing grace of the Spirit of life be with you all.

And also with you.

\*\* KYRIE

(David Haas)

▣ Gathered in peace, gathered in peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy. ◻ Lord, have mer - cy.

▣ For peace from above, and for the saving power of God, let us pray.



Christ, have mer - cy. ◻ Christ, have mer - cy.

▣ For peace in the world, for the Church, for the unity of all, let us pray.



Lord, have mer - cy. ◻ Lord, have mer - cy.

▣ For this holy place, and for all who gather here for praise, let us pray.



Christ, have mer - cy. ◻ Christ, have



mer - cy. A - men.

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (spoken)

Returning again to the waters of our baptism, we begin in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Let us sing *Turn My Heart, O God* as we prepare to confess our sin before God and in the presence of one another.

Marty Haugen

**Refrain**

Turn\* my heart, O God. Turn my heart, O God.

Take my pain and bro-ken-ness; shape my life for

you. Come and turn my heart, O God.

**Verse response (3 times)**

Come and turn my heart, O God.

The musical notation is written on a single staff in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. The Refrain consists of three lines of music. The first line has a 4/4 time signature and a key signature of one flat. The second line has a 2/4 time signature. The third line has a 4/4 time signature. The Verse response is a single line of music in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat. The lyrics are placed below the notes.

*\* If desired, the first word of this phrase may be changed each time it appears.*

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Gracious and merciful God,

**We confess to you the truth of our broken lives. We have not trusted your promises or walked in your ways. We have hoarded and squandered the gifts of your creation. We have failed to welcome the stranger and the outcast, and to make room at the table for the homeless and the hungry. We have neither worked to release the oppressed nor admitted our own captivities. Forgive our sin, heal our lives, and set us free that we might live with your whole creation in the justice and joy of your promised future.**

God, who is merciful and kind, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, hears the cries of all who plead for mercy and, in these last days, has sent Christ Jesus to announce the good news of forgiveness and release to all who are bound by guilt or broken by shame, that they might praise God and serve the world with glad and generous hearts.

For freedom Christ has you free.

**Thanks be to God.**

**\*\* THE PRAYER OF THE DAY** (spoken)

God's mercy, grace, and peace be with you.

**And also with you.**

As tender as parent to child, O God, so gentle are you to the poor. As high as heaven is above earth, so vast is your love for the world. As far as east is from the west, so far you remove our sin. Remember how we are made, O God, remember we are dust, .

Heal our lives, renew our strength, and crown us with your mercy, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior.

**Amen.**

**GATHERING OF PRAYERS** / Collecting of Gold / Green Cards

Pastor Prochaska

**WORD**

**CHILDREN'S TIME**

Pastor Prochaska

Let us sing one verse of this hymn as we prepare our hearts hear God's Word:

**HYMN** 235 LBW (green hymnal) (vs. 4)

*Break Now the Bread of Life*

**FIRST READING**

**Genesis 12:1-4a**

**The first reading is from Genesis, chapter 12.**

*Genesis 1—11, often called the "primeval history," provides the background for today's reading. The repeated pattern of human rebellion and God's response ends with the Tower of Babel incident (11:1-9). In today's reading, God begins the relationship with humanity anew, starting with the person of Abram.*

The LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. <sup>2</sup>I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. <sup>3</sup>I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

<sup>4</sup>So Abram went, as the LORD had told him. (NRSV)

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM** (spoken)

**Psalms 121**

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

**<sup>2</sup>My help comes from the LORD,  
the maker of heaven and earth.**

<sup>3</sup>He will not let your foot be moved  
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.

**<sup>4</sup>Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel  
shall neither slumber nor sleep;**

<sup>5</sup>the LORD himself watches over you;  
the LORD is your shade at your right hand,  
**<sup>6</sup>so that the sun shall not strike you by day,  
nor the moon by night.**

<sup>7</sup>The LORD shall preserve you from all evil;  
it is he who shall keep you safe.

**<sup>8</sup>The LORD shall watch over your going out and your coming in,  
from this time forth forevermore.**

## SECOND READING

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

**The Second Reading is from Romans, chapter 4.**

*Paul has taught that Jews and Gentiles alike are made right with God through faith, and he insists that this has been true since Abraham, the great ancestor of the Jewish people. For this reason, people of "many nations" may share in God's promises to Abraham through faith.*

What are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? <sup>2</sup>For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. <sup>3</sup>For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness." <sup>4</sup>Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. <sup>5</sup>But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

<sup>13</sup>For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. <sup>14</sup>If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. <sup>15</sup>For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

<sup>16</sup>For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, <sup>17</sup>as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations")—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. (NRSV)

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## \*\* LENTEN GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

(Haas)

Assistant: Return, return to the Lord your God.



**C** or **III** Re - turn, re - turn to the Lord, your God.

Assistant: Who is gracious and merciful, and slow to anger, abounding in love. Return, return to the Lord your God.



**\*\* GOSPEL**

**John 3:1-17**

**The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 3rd chapter.**

*The ministry of Jesus drew ambiguous responses from the religious leaders of his day. Some were offended by his challenge to their traditions and rejected him. Others, like Nicodemus, recognized the work of God in him, but needed his teaching to understand how to respond to him and God.*

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. <sup>2</sup>He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.”

<sup>3</sup>Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” <sup>4</sup>Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” <sup>5</sup>Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. <sup>6</sup>What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup>Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ <sup>8</sup>The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” <sup>9</sup>Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” <sup>10</sup>Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

<sup>11</sup>“Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. <sup>12</sup>If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? <sup>13</sup>No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup>And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

<sup>16</sup>“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

<sup>17</sup>“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.” (NRSV)

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

Pastor Prochaska

\*\* **HYMN** 771 WOV (blue hymnal)

*Great is Thy Faithfulness*

\*\* **LITANY** (spoken)

Abraham was called by God to make a move to a new place.

**And we are called by God to make a move as well.**

God has called us to spread the Good News of God's salvation.

**Move us, O Lord, to share the Gospel with those around us.**

God has called us to live a life filled with blessing.

**Move us, O Lord, to bless others with the blessings you have given us.**

God has called us to become a great nation of believers.

**Move us, O Lord, to praise and worship you as the greatest King of all.**

\*\* **PRAYERS** (spoken)

*Prayers are included for the whole Church, the nations, those in need, the parish and special concerns. The minister gives thanks for the faithful departed, especially for those who recently have died.*

The Lenten journey leads us to repentance and new life. Let us turn our hearts to God, who is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.

We pray: **Lord have mercy.**

Merciful and gracious God, hear our prayers, restore us to the joy of your salvation, and uphold us with your Holy Spirit, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## **MEAL**

\*\* **PEACE** (spoken)

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

*The ministers and congregation may greet one another with a gesture of peace, using these or similar words: **Peace be with you.***

## **PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS**

*The Offering is received as the Lord's Table is prepared.*

## **OFFERTORY**

\*\* **OFFERTORY PRAYER** (spoken)

Holy God,

**you provide us with every gift of creation, and you quench our thirst with living water. Receive these tokens of your goodness to us. May our lives be bread for the hungry and streams in the wilderness, signs of the abundance of your grace in Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**\*\* THE GREAT THANKSGIVING** (spoken)

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

**PROPER PREFACE FOR LENT** (spoken by the Pastor)

Pastor prays... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**HOLY** (sung)

(by Marty Haugen; based on Argentine folk melody)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and  
might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is  
he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. ho - san - na in the high - est.

Pastor prays...

Blessed are you, Holy God, the First and Last, life's Beginning and its End. You called us to live as your people and promised to be our God. When time and again we failed to trust your promise and refused to walk in your ways, you sent your Word made flesh, the root and offspring of David, to dwell among us and draw us back to you.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and give it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Together as the body of Christ, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

### MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION



Dy - ing you de - stroyed our death, ris - ing you re -  
stored our life. Lord Je - sus, come in glo - ry, Lord  
Je - sus, come in glo - ry.

Send now your Holy Spirit upon this bread and wine and all who gather at your table. By your Spirit strengthen and enliven us that we might serve all in hunger and want; and make of us the body of your Son, through whom all glory and honor is yours, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, now and forever.

### AMEN



A - men, Al - le - lu - ia, all praise to you for - ev - er. A -  
(Praise to you, Lord,) men, A - men, to you, O God, now and ev - er - more.

**\*\* LORD'S PRAYER** (spoken) (Personal option - holding hands)

Made bold by the Holy Spirit, we pray as Jesus taught:

**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.**

**\*\* INVITATION TO COMMUNION** (spoken)

God has prepared a table before you. Goodness and mercy are yours this day.  
**Amen.**

**\*\* LAMB OF GOD** (sung as communion assistants come forward)

*Cantor*



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
Bread of Life,  
Sav - ing Cup,

*To Repeat All*



world: have mer-cy on us, have mer - cy on us.

*Last time All*



world: grant us your peace, grant us your peace.

**HOLY COMMUNION --** Receiving the Lord's tangible presence

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you. The communicant may say: **Amen.**

*We invite everyone to come to the Communion Rail and kneel if you are able. Children who have not been instructed are encouraged to join their family for a blessing. The Pastor or Communion Assistant will place the communion wafer in the communicant's "cupped hands". Choice of chalice with wine or individual glasses with wine or apple juice are available. Communicants desiring apple juice will need to "gesture" to the innermost circle of glasses in the communion tray where glasses of apple juice are available. The Communion Assistant will hand you the proper small communion cup. After receiving Holy Communion and private prayer at the Altar we encourage communicants to return to their pew for additional prayer, meditation or participation in singing the communion hymns. God bless you.*

## **MUSIC DURING COMMUNION**

40 (purple songbook)

111 (purple songbook)

18 (purple songbook)

*For God So Loved the World  
One Bread One Body  
Bind Us Together*

## **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER** (spoken)

Let us pray.

We bless you, O God, for the free gift of righteousness and peace in Jesus Christ, whose body and blood have nourished us here. Lead us out from this house of prayer to the places you will show us, so that we will be a blessing to others in the name of Christ, our redeemer.

**Amen.**

## **SENDING**

### **THIS WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERD**

- \* Brief Announcements
- \* Birthdays & Anniversaries
- \* Joys & Concerns
- \* Special Matters

### \*\* **BLESSING** (spoken)

May God restore in you the joy of salvation, strengthen your love for your neighbor, and grant you to live in harmony with all creation; and the blessing of almighty God, the Father, + the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you forever.

**Amen.**

### \*\* **HYMN** 479 LBW (green hymnal)

*My Faith Looks Up to Thee*

### **DISMISSAL** (spoken)

Go in peace. Remember the poor.

**Thanks be to God.**

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It's time again for ordering Easter Lilies. Price is \$8 each. Please fill out the order form below – indicating the number of plants you are ordering.

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**O LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER**

Praise & Thanksgiving to God For

The people and friends of Good Shepherd

Cathy & Dan Smith, missionaries in Tanzania

Bishop Mark S. Hanson, Presiding Bishop, ELCA, Chicago

Bishop Callon W. Halloway Jr., Bishop Southern Ohio Synod, ELCA, Columbus

Companion Synods: East of Lake Victoria Diocese, Tanzania, East Africa

and Evangelical Church of Mecklenburg, Germany

**GOD'S PRESENCE & STRENGTH FOR**

Milan Filcik	Roberta
Hazel Reel	New members received
Dick Caton	First Communion class
Ruth Lackey	Nicholas Sauer, grandson of Mary Ann & Bob Sauer,
Hannah Pressnell & Captive Free West Lakes Team	born 2/12, hospitalized at Children's in Cincinnati with
Tami Miozzi	breathing problems
Darren	Sharon
Lygia Harrison	Terry
Roberta, friend of Bill Fahle	The John Burris family
Ferne Neeb	Peg Potter
Tsunami Relief efforts	Floyd Seim
David Curry	Becky Cook
Quintos Koth – brother-in-law of Al Sessler	Laura & Matt Stroud on the birth of Jason Michael on
Mary Thieman	February 7
Charlotte Nelson – who has cancer	John Heyl
Christy	Sandy & Dick Moore, on the death of Sandy's father in
Ann Mess – who had a heart attack, Bambi Higgins	Florida, burial this week in Medina, Ohio
mother-in-law	The Jennings family, on the death of their son and Mr.
Jim Harrold	Jennings parents in a car crash
Kim, a young mother, who has brain cancer	Scott Strohming, hospitalized at Miami Valley Hospital

**February 20, 2005 – The Second Sunday of Lent**  
**Prayers Received February 13, 2005 – The First Sunday of Lent**

**Please take this home and use it daily to remember in prayer  
those who are near and dear to the Good Shepherd Community of Faith**

Please email Sheila or Jeff Stutrud with your prayer requests at [prayers@goodshepherdkettering.com](mailto:prayers@goodshepherdkettering.com)