

Offering

Organ Offertory

Offering Hymn No. 186 “Create in Me a Clean Heart”

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of
your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

Prayers of the Church

L: Hear us, O God,
C: Your mercy is great.

The Lord’s Prayer

C: 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.

Benediction

L: Beloved, we are God’s own people, holy, washed, renewed. God bless you and keep you, shower you with mercy, fill you with courage, and give you peace.
C: Amen.

Closing Hymn No. 668 “O Zion, Haste”

Dismissal

L: Go in Peace. Share your bread.
C: Thanks be to God.

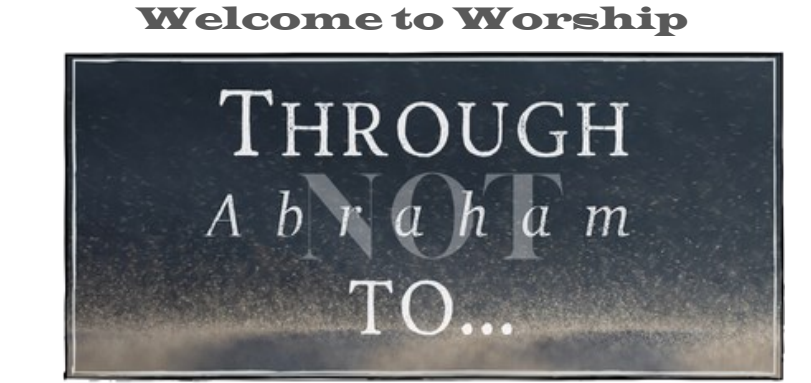
Postlude

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2nd Sunday in Lent – February 24 & 25, 2024  
Welcome! We are happy that you chose to worship with us today.

Prelude

Announcements

Peace

L: The peace of Christ be with you always.  
C: And also with you.

Confession and Forgiveness

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who writes the law on our hearts, who draws all people together through Jesus.  
C: Amen.  
L: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
C: Amen.  
L: Held in God’s mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Most merciful God...  
Silence is kept for reflection.

L: Holy God,  
C: we confess that we are caught in snares of sin and cannot break free. We hoard resources while our neighbors are hungry and cold. We speak in ways that silence others. We are silent when we should speak up. We keep score in our hearts. We let hurts grow into hatred. For all these things and for sins only you know, forgive us, Lord.  
Amen.  
L: Here is a flood of grace: Out of love for the whole world, God draws near to us, breaks every snare of sin, washes away our wrongs, and restores the promise of life through Jesus Christ.  
C: Amen.

Opening Hymn No. 660

"Lift High the Cross"


Greeting

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


C: **And also with you.**

Kyrie

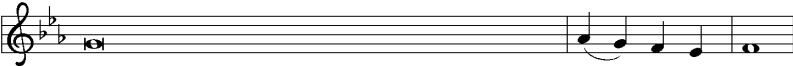
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In peace, let us pray to the Lord.




Lord, have mer - cy.




For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,




and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,




let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men, a - men.

Hymn of Praise

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Glo - ry to God in the high -



est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and



Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we



praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus



Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the



right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a -




lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most High,



Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of



God the Fa - ther. A - men.



Glo - ry to God in the high -



est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

Prayer of the Day

First Reading

Psalm Reading

Second Reading


Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16 – Pages 11-12

Psalm 22:23-31 – See Insert


Romans 4:13-25– Page 916

Lenten Verse

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Let your stead - fast love come to us, O Lord.



Save us as you prom - ised; we will trust your word.

Gospel

L: *The holy gospel according to Mark.*  
C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Mark 8:31-38– Page 820

L: *The gospel of the Lord.*  
C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Hymn No. 677

"This Little Light of Mine"

Children's Sermon

Sermon

Pastor Joel Remmers

Hymn No. 665

"Rise, Shine, You People!"

Apostles' Creed

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C: 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.