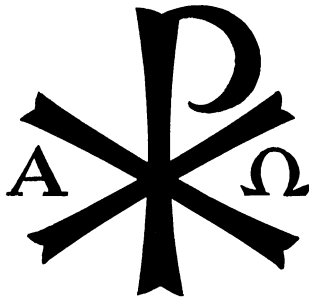


The Second Sunday in Lent

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*Upon entering the sanctuary please maintain silence for
the sake of the congregation's preparation for worship, and please make
sure all electronic devices are turned off or set to silent mode.*

-DRAWING NEAR TO GOD-

Welcome and Silent Prayer

Lord of all power and might, Author and Giver of all good things: As we gather in your presence, graft in our hearts the love of your Name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and by your great mercy keep us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 66.1-5

***Prayer of Adoration**

***Song of Praise to God**

Hymn No. 77

PRAISE, MY SOUL, THE KING OF HEAVEN

-HAVING OUR HEARTS CLEANSED-

Confession of Sin

Almighty God, to know you is the fulfillment of our deepest longings and the satisfaction of our most fervent desires. Yet foolishly we have sought our pleasures elsewhere. We have put the seeking of idols, which are bound to leave us empty, above seeking you. We have failed to love you with our whole heart, soul, and mind. We have failed to love our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us our sins for the sake of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. And grant that we might from this time forth serve you in newness of life. Amen.

Silently Add Your Own Confession of Sin

*Song of Praise to Christ

Glory, Glory, to Our King!

words Thomas Kelly, 1804
music Eileen Davis, 2008

1. Glo - ry glo - ry, to our King! Crowns un - fad - ing wreath His head;
 2. Je - sus is gone up on high: An - gels come to meet their King;
 3. Now be-hold Him high en-throned! Glo - ry beam-ing from His face;
 4. Je - sus, on Thy peo-ple shine; Warm our hearts and tune our tongues,

Je - sus is the name we sing; Je - sus ris - en from the dead;
 Shouts tri-umphant rend the sky, While the Vic-tor's praise they sing;
 By a - dor-ing an - gels own'd, Lord of hol - i ness and grace:
 That with an - gels we may join, Share their bliss and swell their songs:

Je - sus, spoil - er of the grave; Je - sus, might - y now to save.
 "O - pen now, ye heav'n - ly gates! 'Tis the King of glo - ry waits."
 Oh for hearts and tongues to sing, "Glo - ry, glo - ry to our King."
 Glo-ry, hon - or, praise, and pow'r, Lord, be Thine for - ev - er - more.

Congregational Petitions and the Lord's Prayer

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 debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

-ATTENDING TO THE WORD-

Scripture Lesson

Psalm 14.1-7

Sermon

“What’s Wrong with the World?”

Rev. Ron Gonzales

***Song of Response**

Hymn No. 455

AND CAN IT BE THAT I SHOULD GAIN

Worship of God with Tithes and Offerings

**DOXOLOGY*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heav’nly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

words Thomas Ken, 1709; music Genevan Psalter, 1551; Public Domain

Confession of Faith

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there 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.

—The Apostles' Creed

-OBSERVING THE SACRAMENT-

The Lord's Supper

We celebrate the Lord's Supper by coming forward and partaking of the bread and the cup. Wine is served in the inner ring of each tray; grape juice in the outer ring. We warmly invite to the Table all baptized Christians, who are living under the authority of Christ and his Church. By eating the bread and drinking of the cup, you are admitting that you are a sinner, without hope except in the sovereign mercy of God, and that you are trusting in Christ alone for salvation.

***Song of Thanksgiving**

Hymn No. 642

BE THOU MY VISION

-GOING FORTH TO SERVE-

***Benediction**

2 Corinthians 13.14

Postlude and Silent Prayer

Grant us, O Lord, we pray, to think and do what is right; so that we, who cannot do anything good without you, may be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*Please stand if able

Our Nursery Helpers

Worship

Today: Samantha Schroeder & Jackson Leinweber

Next Week: Erika & Katie Leinweber

Gatherings

Kids' Quest is a catechism class for children, ages 5 through elementary grades, taught by Pastor Ron. It meets on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month (September through May), from 3:30 to 4:45 PM, at the church.

The Leinweber Home Fellowship Group, led by Chad, meets at the Leinweber's (60 Cranbrook Ln) on the second and fourth Sundays of each month, from 4:00 to 6:00 PM. They are considering the Bible's teaching on parenting and all (including children) are welcome.

The Martin Home Fellowship Group, led by Pastor Ron, meets at Kathy Martin's (213 Chapra St), the first and third Tuesdays of each month, from 7:00 to 8:30 PM, for fellowship, prayer, and Bible study. They are studying the Psalms and all are welcome.

The Men's Group meets Wednesdays, from 6:00 to 7:30 AM, at Pastor Ron's office, for fellowship, prayer, and Bible study. They are studying Proverbs and all men are invited.

The Women's Group, led by Cherry Gonzales, meets Saturdays, from 9:30 to 11:00 AM, for fellowship, prayer, and Bible study. They are studying Romans and all women are invited. Please talk to Cherry for more information.

Prayer Meeting: We meet the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month, at 7:00 PM in the sanctuary, to pray for one another, the kingdom, and our world. Please join us.

Sermon Notes: "What's Wrong with the World?" (Psalm 14.1-7)

1. The Fool Speaks about God (v. 1)
2. God Speaks about the Fool (vv. 2-3)
3. The Way of the Fool (vv. 4-6)
4. A Prayer for Deliverance (v. 7)

Prayer Concerns

Andrew Allen (Soldotna, AK) was approved to receive Tarceva, a drug that has helped extend the lives of many who have battled the sort of cancer he has. Pray that it does. Pray for complete healing. And pray that he and Amy and Kathrine know God's peace during this time.

The Christian Aid Center cares for many in our community who are hurting and in need. Pray God uses its staff and volunteers to convey his love and grace to many.

Vickie Myers continues to struggle keeping food down. Pray for strength as she waits until May to see the surgeon, and that as she waits she knows God's presence and grace.

Announcements

Birthdays this Week:

March 14 Jacob Leinweber

Christian Aid Dinner: We are serving dinner at the Christian Aid Center tomorrow night. If you would like to help prepare or serve, please let Heidi Leinweber know.

Directory Update: We will soon update our church directory. If you would like to be in it or if something has changed since its last printing, please let the church office know.

Session Meeting: The elders are meeting this Thursday, at 5:30 PM, at Pastor Ron's office, to pray for and conduct the business of the church. Please pray for them as they do, and be sure to let them know how they can pray for you.

Sunday School is on break this month. Classes for all ages resume April 2.

Visitors: Welcome to Covenant! Please join us downstairs, following the service, for refreshments and a time of fellowship.

Explanation of Cover Symbol

The Chi Rho symbol is one of the most ancient Christian symbols. XP, the first two letters of the Greek "Christ," is an abbreviation of the name of the Lord. This symbol is often, as here, accompanied with other symbols, in this case "Alpha" and "Omega," the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet. The symbol originates from Revelation 22.13: "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End" (cf. Revelation 1.8, 17; 21.6). This particular symbol dates from the first few centuries of the Christian era and is often found on tombs.