

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

FIRST LUTHERAN

February 28, 2010
10:30 a.m.

Page numbers are in the front of the red hymnal.

Hymns are in the back of the hymnal.

Words in italics are instructions or are statements made by the leader.

Words in bold type are assembly responses.

† GATHERING †

Prelude

A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth (J. S. Bach)

Confession and Forgiveness (page 94)

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.

Gathering Hymn

“Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer” (Hymn #618)

Prayer of the Day

Amen.

Gathering Announcements

† WORD †

First Reading: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, “Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.”

Please remember to turn off your cell phones and pagers.
Thank you.

me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." ⁴But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." ⁵He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." ⁶And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

⁷Then he said to him, "I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." ⁸But he said, "O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" ⁹He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." ¹⁰He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. ¹¹And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away. ¹²As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

¹⁷When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. ¹⁸On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 27



¹*The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?
The LORD is the stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?*

²**When evildoers close in against me to devour my flesh,
they, my foes and my enemies, will stumble and fall.**

³*Though an army encamp against me, my heart will not fear.
Though war rise up against me, my trust will not be shaken.*

⁴**One thing I ask of the LORD; one thing I seek;
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my
life; to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to seek God in
the temple.**

⁵*For in the day of trouble God will give me¹ shelter,
hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary,
and raise me high up-¹ on a rock.*

⁶**Even now my head is lifted up above
my enemies who sur-¹ round me.**

**Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary, sacrifices of
rejoicing; I will sing and make mu-¹ sic to the LORD.**

⁷*Hear my voice, O LORD, when¹ I call;
have mercy on me¹ and answer me.*

⁸**My heart speaks your message – “Seek¹ my face.”
Your face, O LORD,¹ I will seek.**

⁹*Hide not your face from me,
turn not away from your servant in¹ anger.
Cast me not away – you have been my helper;
forsake me not, O God of my¹ salvation.*

¹⁰**Though my father and my mother for-¹ sake me,
the LORD¹ will take me in.**

¹¹*Teach me your¹ way, O LORD;
lead me on a level path, because of my¹ oppressors.*

¹²**Subject me not to the will of¹ my foes,
for they rise up against me,
false witnesses breath-¹ ing violence.**

¹³*This I believe – that I will see the goodness¹ of the LORD
in the land of¹ the living!*

¹⁴**Wait for the LORD and¹ be strong.
Take heart and wait¹ for the LORD!**

Second Reading: Philippians 3:17-4:1

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. ¹⁸For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. ¹⁹Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. ²⁰But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. ²¹He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself.

^{4:1}Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation (page 160)

Gospel: Luke 13:31-35

The holy gospel according to St. Luke.



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to [Jesus,] “Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.” ³²He said to them, “Go and tell that fox for me, ‘Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. ³³Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.’ ³⁴Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! ³⁵See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, ‘Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.’ ”

The gospel of the Lord.



Praise to you, O Christ.

Children’s Story Time

Sermon: “Battle of Wills” Pastor Woody

Hymn of the Day

“A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth” (Hymn #340)

Verse 1: Choir Verse 2: All

Verse 3: Choir Verse 4: All

Apostles’ Creed (inside front cover of hymnal)

Prayers of Intercession

Lamb of God,

have mercy on us.

Peace



Offering

Offering Music: *Just As I Am* (arr L. Lamb)

Response: "Create in Me a Clean Heart" (Hymn #188)

Mission Statement (inside back cover of hymnal)

Great Thanksgiving

Dialog (music on page 161)

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 our thanks and praise.

Preface

"Holy, Holy, Holy Lord" (music on page 162)

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Thanksgiving at the Table

... we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

... Grace our table with your presence.

Come, Holy Spirit.

... burning with justice, peace, and love.

Come, Holy Spirit.

... now and forever. Amen.

Lord's Prayer (sung; music on page 163)

Communion

Lamb of God (arr. F. M. Christiansen, sung by choir)

"Thy Holy Wings" (Hymn #613)

Song after Communion
“Now, Lord” (Hymn #201)

Prayer after Communion
Amen.



Sending Announcements

Blessing
Amen.

Dismissal
Thanks be to God.

Postlude
A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth (J. Pachelbel)

Worship Leaders	Today (2/28)	Next Week (3/7)
Acolytes	Megan Gercak Holly Chesnick	Anthony Smith Hailey Dalton
Anointer		Faye Freeman
Assisting Ministers	Barry Jensen	Bill Scott
Communion Assistants	Larry Yeamans	Ken Abkemeier
Mission Statement	Doug Krucinski	
Musicians	Adult and Handbell Choirs	Chamber and Children's Choirs
Readers	Michael Gercak	Martha Zook
Sacristy	Pat Adams Linda Hinshaw	Sharon Kopronica Shari Webb
Ushers	Bill Scott Frank & Joyce Bailey Shermane Smith	The Jensen Family

THE FLOWERS FOR THIS WEEK are given to the Glory of God
in celebration of John & Kim Bremke's 20th wedding anniversary.

Bulletins for this Sunday were donated in memory of Henry & Olive Forsberg.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

VISITORS, WELCOME to worship at First Lutheran Church. Please commune with us. Believing in the real presence of Christ, we practice Eucharistic hospitality. All who have been admitted to communion in any Christian church are welcome to join us.

A FORUM ON THE WALLACE ESTATE will be held today at 9:15 a.m. in the social room. The study on Galatians will return next week.

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDIES during Lent are at 8:00 a.m. in the lounge. We will be studying the Lord's Prayer.

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS (7:00 p.m.) DURING LENT will focus on Bible stories we learned as children but need to explore as adults. (David and Goliath, Jonah and the Whale, The Creation, Noah and the Ark, Daniel and the Lions' Den). Join us for the 45 minutes of study and then conclude the evening with a brief service of Compline/Night Prayer that you can use at home.

A STEAK FRY hosted by our *Luminators for Life* group will be held Saturday, March 6 at **St. John Lutheran Church** (1120 W. River Rd. in Elyria) from 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. The cost is \$15 and children's meals will be \$3. The evening also includes a DJ/dancing and entertainment. Proceeds benefit the American Cancer Society. Call Marla at 440-309-0586 or Tiffany at 440-714-1251.

THINKING ABOUT JOINING FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH? Beginning March 7 and continuing through March 28, we will have a four week series of classes called "*Lutheranism 101*." During this time we will explore the major tenets of the Lutheran faith and the practices of First Lutheran Church. Attending class does not mean you have to join; it is a way to ask questions and learn about our faith.

KIDS OF THE KINGDOM will have a bowling adventure on Sunday, March 7, but **reservations are required and needed today**. Please see the main bulletin board for more information and a sign-up sheet.

A FISH FRY will be prepared by our Men's Group on Friday, March 12. The freewill donations will go toward the cost of buying a defibrillator for the church. Come from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

More information about announcements is on the bulletin board by the church office.

Last Week's Attendance		Offerings From 7-1-09 thru 1-31-09	
8:15 a.m.	63	Offerings:	\$ 183,887
10:30 a.m.	<u>107</u>	From Memorial Fund	+ \$ 9,100
TOTAL	170	Expenses:	- (<u>\$ 201,037</u>)
Y-T-D Avg.	169	Balance:	- (\$ 8,050)

Second Sunday in



Weekly Schedules

Bible Study	Mon.	6:00 p.m.	AlAnon	Wed.	8:00 p.m.
AA	Wed.	7:30 p.m.	TOPS Group	Thurs.	9:00 a.m.
Boy Scouts	Thurs.	7:00 p.m.	Narcotics Anon.	Friday	8:00 p.m.

Also This Week (2/28)

DAY/DATE	TIME	EVENT
Today	2/28	8:15 ;10:30 a.m. Worship Services 9:15 a.m. Congregational Discussion/Sunday School 11:30 a.m. Mentor Meeting 11:45 a.m. Children's Choir 6:00 p.m. Huddle at Sutz's
Tuesday	3/2	8:00 a.m. Lenten Bible Study @ Church in Lounge 9:30 a.m.. Co-Op Meeting
Wednesday	3/3	7:00 p.m. Guitar Group 7:00 p.m. Lenten Bible Study & Compline
Thursday	3/4	Choir Rehearsals
Saturday	3/6	6:00-11:00 p.m. Steak Fry at St. John Lutheran
Next Sunday	3/7	8-10:30 a.m. Blood Pressure Screening 8:15-10:30 a.m. Worship Services 9:15 a.m. Sunday School/New Members' Class 11:45 a.m. Children's Choir 12:00 Noon KOK Bowling 6:00 p.m. Catechism

Birthdays

- 2/28 Alex Chunuk
- 2/29 Veronica Ybarra
- 3/01 Ken Freeman, Amanda Siegfried, Ken Forbes
- 3/02 Frank Bailey, Scott Lunn Sr.
- 3/04 Elisabeth Wajand, Cheri Page, Dennis Mahilo, Elizabeth Beecher, Jonathan Simpson, Tracy Beckett Jr.
- 3/05 Edna Nelson, Mike Mowrey, Kris Donofrio, Roya Zaree, Alysia Harrison



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