

# 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent

## March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020



*"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."  
(John 3:17)*

**Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church**

*"Extending God's welcome to all we meet along the way"*

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## Welcome Statement

*We at Shepherd of the Valley invite all into the fullness of God's love. This invitation is inclusive of people of every ethnicity, national origin, immigration status, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, age, physical or mental ability, or station in life. We pledge to use our differences as gifts for our work together.*

- *A nursery for young children is available near the front entry way. Intercom allows you to hear the service from the nursery room.*
- *There are large print copies of our bulletin, as well as listening assistance; ask an usher.*
- *Everyone is welcome to receive Holy Communion at Shepherd of the Valley. You need not be a member of this church or of any particular age. You may also come forward to receive a blessing. Grape juice and gluten free wafers are available.*
- *Children preschool to fifth grade are invited to join our Sunday school class during the 10:30am service, just after the children's message.*
- *You are invited to power down your personal electronic devices in this space. This can be a rare opportunity to disconnect from the constant intrusions of a noisy world.*

## GATHER

Worship draws  
us into  
community. Me  
is restored to we.

### SILENCE

Kids will make  
noise. Papers  
will shuffle. It's  
ok. Breathe,  
center, make  
space to receive.

### CROSS

You are invited  
to make the sign  
of the cross, a  
reminder of  
God's grace  
imprinted in our  
whole bodies.

## PRELUDE

"Nearer my God to Thee" – Arr. Heather Sorenson

## WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Rev. Marcus Lohrmann

*Silence*

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,  
who is present, who gives life,  
who calls into existence the things that do not exist.

**Amen.**

As we approach the mystery of God, let us come in confession,  
trusting the love of Christ crucified and risen.

*Silence is kept for reflection*

Gracious God,  
have mercy on us.  
We confess that we have turned away from you,  
knowingly and unknowingly.  
We have wandered from your resurrection life.  
We have strayed from your love for all people.  
Turn us back to you, O God.  
Give us new hearts and right spirits,  
that we may find what is pleasing to you  
and dwell in your house forever. Amen.

Receive good news: God turns to you in love.  
“I will put my spirit in you, and you shall live,” says our God.  
All your sin is forgiven in the name of † Jesus Christ,  
who is the free and abounding gift of God’s grace for you.  
Rejoice and be glad, for yours is the reign of heaven.  
Amen.

GATHERING SONG


ELW 661 - “I Love to Tell the Story”

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.

KYRIE

Sami Kyrie



Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son, Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son,  
Chris - te e - le - i - son, Chris - te e - le - i - son,  
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CONFESSION

We begin  
around the  
baptismal font.  
Early Christian  
writings refer to  
the baptismal  
font as a *womb*,  
a place of new  
life.

FORGIVENESS

There is no  
exception to the  
wideness of  
God’s love.

SONG

Like notes  
blending into  
harmony, the  
Spirit of God  
pulls us in and  
makes us one.

GREETING

Worldly hierarchy  
is challenged as  
presider and  
assembly  
exchange the gift  
of God’s peace.

**PRAYER OF THE  
DAY**

A prayer to  
collect us up into  
God's Word and  
prepare us to  
listen for the  
Spirit's work in  
ancient images  
and texts.

**WORD**

God's Word is  
balm for a  
broken world,  
with power to  
birth the us  
anew in each  
hearing.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

O God, our leader and guide, in the waters of baptism you bring us to new birth to live as your children. Strengthen our faith in your promises, that by your Spirit we may lift up your life to all the world through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

**CHILDREN'S TALK**

10:30 Service

**FIRST READING**

Genesis 12:1-4a

<sup>1</sup>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>4a</sup>So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**SECOND READING**

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

<sup>1</sup>What then 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.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Sung twice*

"Open My Heart"

Two staves of musical notation in 4/4 time. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (F major/D minor). The melody is written on a single line. Chords are indicated above the staff: F, Am, Dm, and C. The lyrics 'O - pen my heart, o - pen my heart.' are written below the staff. The second staff begins with a measure rest marked '5' and continues the melody with the same chords and lyrics.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

As if a sovereign  
has entered, we  
stand to  
acknowledge  
the power of  
Christ in this  
Word.

## GOSPEL

John 3:1-17

The Holy Gospel according to John, the 3<sup>rd</sup> chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>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,

## GOSPEL

The Gospel text  
is the heart of  
our worship  
together each  
week.

**SERMON**  
Where does the  
sermon resonate  
in your life? Is  
there a word,  
image, or phrase  
that you'll take  
into the week  
ahead?

**CREED**  
None of us can  
hold all these  
mysteries on our  
own. A piece of  
the creed that  
one person  
believes  
wholeheartedly,  
another may  
struggle with or  
outrightly deny.  
By saying it  
together, despite  
individual  
uncertainties, we  
believe  
completely.

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."

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON

Rev. Marcus Lohrmann

*Silence is kept for reflection after the sermon*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW 325 - "I Want Jesus to Walk With Me"

*The assembly stands*

## APOSTLES CREED

**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.**

## QUILT BLESSING

For Kevin Kammann, Marian Kammann's husband  
Prayers of healing after heart surgery.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Hear us, O God.  
Your mercy is great.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.  
And also with you.

OFFERING

OFFERING SONG


ELW 735 - "Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth"

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERING

DIALOGUE

Leader


Cong.



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.


3 Leader

Cong.




Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

5 Leader



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

6 Cong.



It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The community thickens as *your* prayer becomes *our* prayer.

PEACE

If unity at the table is God's aim, then reconciliation and peacemaking become our

OFFERING

Offering is collected to support the mission of the church, *extending God's welcome to all we meet along the way.*

MEAL

DIALOGUE

"Lift up your heart"; leave it vulnerable and exposed to a loving God.

## PREFACE

The most important part of this song is its present tense. At the table we are not recalling something that happened, but celebrating something that is happening in and among us now.

## SANCTUS

"Hosanna"

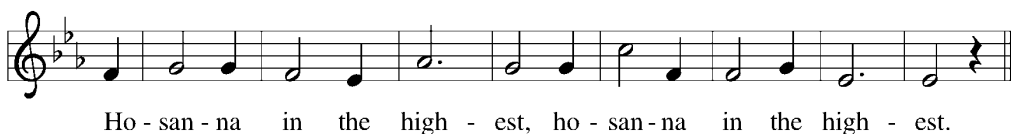
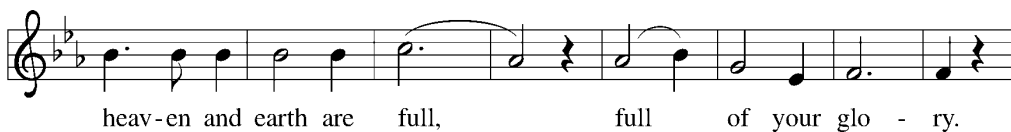
literally means, "Help [please], now!" We plead for God's breath of peace among us in this place.

## THANKSGIVING

In 2020 the ELCA marks the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the ordination of women. On the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month this year our Thanksgiving at the Table will celebrate God's mission to the world through the lives and witness of women.

## PREFACE

## SANCTUS - "HOLY HOLY HOLY"



## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE



## 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 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 THE TABLE

## HOLY COMMUNION

## COMMUNION SONGS

ELW 759 - "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

ELW 474 - "Bread of Life from Heaven"

ELW 253 - "He Came Down"

## BLESSING

Now may the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

## BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.  
**Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Christ's prayer becomes our own.

## INVITATION

It doesn't matter where you've been, who you are, who you love or marry, how much money you make, your party or clique – all are welcome at Christ's table.

## BLESSING

We are what we eat. As Christ's body in the world, we are blessed to serve others in love.

## PRAYER

As we have been fed, so we are called to feed others.

## SEND

Worship is never an end in itself. Here we have been gathered, fed by word and meal, and are sent in the direction of the world.

# SENDING SONG

"To God Be the Glory" (insert)

1. To God be the glo - ry, great things He hath done, So loved He the  
 2. O per - fect re - demp - tion, the pur - chase of blood, To ev - 'ry be -  
 3. Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done, And great our re -

6 world that He gave us His Son. Who yield - ed His life an a - tone - ment for  
 - liev - er the prom - ise of God; The vil - est of - fend - er who tru - ly be -  
 - joic - ing thro' Je - sus the Son; But pur - er and high - er, and great - er will

12 sin, And o - pened the life - gate that all may go in. Praise the  
 - lies, That mo - ment from Je - sus a par - don re - ceives.  
 be Our won - der, our trans - port, when Je - sus we see.

18 Lord, praise the Lord, Let the earth hear His voice! Praise the Lord, praise the

23 Lord. Let the peo - ple re - joice! O come to the Fa - ther, thro'

28 Je - sus the Son, And give Him the glo - ry, great things He hath done.

## DISMISSAL

We are sent into  
 the world with  
 the peace of  
 God on our lips  
 and in our  
 hearts.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news!  
 Thanks be to God!

## POSTLUDE

"How Deep the Father's Love for Us" - Arr. Jan Sanborn

## ***Announcements***

SVLC will be serving dinner at **T.A.C.O. on Monday, March 9**. Meet at the church at 3:00 for carpooling to First Lutheran in downtown San Diego or meet at First Lutheran.

**The Church Council** will be meeting on Tuesday, March 10 at 6:00.

**Lenten suppers and worship** every Wednesday in the month of March. Come for a meal and fellowship at 6pm, and stay for worship afterwards at 7pm. This year we'll be using Holden Evening Prayer as our worship service throughout the season.

**The Closet** will be sorting clothes on Tuesday, March 10 at 10:30 and open for business on Wednesday, March 11 starting at 11:00.

**Centering Prayer Group** meets this Friday, March 13 starting at 9:00.

The **next quilting session** will be Saturday, March 14 at 10:00am. Please see Martha Unger or Camelia Gower for more information. All are welcome!

Confirmation students, mark your calendars! On Saturday March 14<sup>th</sup> we're headed to the **San Diego Islamic Center** at 4pm. Parents are invited to join. This counts as credit for the students' justice and peace requirement of this year's confirmation class. Information has been sent via email and is available on a handout in the narthex. Contact Pr. Marcus directly with any questions.

Next week's readings:  
Exodus 17:1-7 / Romans 5:1-11  
Gospel: John 4:5-42

## Altar Flowers were sponsored by SVLC In honor of Grace Hemstreet

### WORSHIP ASSISTANTS 8:15

**Greeters:** Shaunda & Jeff Jacobson  
**Ushers:** Mary & Mark Oestreich  
**Sexton:** Dusty Holycross  
**Assisting Minister:**  
**Sound Technician:** Orville Schram

**Altar Guild:** Anita Reith  
**Acolyte:**  
**Lector:** Heather McMillan  
**Communion Assistant:** Anita Reith  
**Communion Bread Baker:** Carol Andersen

### WORSHIP ASSISTANTS 10:30

**Greeters:** Dolores Buller & Lee Ellingson  
**Ushers:** Martha Unger & Susan Connors  
**Sexton:** Jo Ann Pastori  
**Assisting Minister:** Mark Taylor  
**Sound Technician:** Kevin Gannon

**Altar Guild:** Camelia Gower  
**Acolyte:** Eve Colls  
**Lector:** Sam Grube  
**Communion Assistant:** Kurt Grube  
**Communion Bread Baker:** Carol Andersen

### THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS

Mar. 9 - Cindy Blood  
Mar. 12 - Orville Schram

### THIS WEEK'S BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS

Mar. 12 - Carole Eklund

Looking for more information about our ministry? Visit us at [www.svlc.org](http://www.svlc.org).

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