



# 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday *in* Lent

*Sunday, March 20, 2011  
9:00am*

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*Welcome visitors! Thank you for taking the time to fill out the communion card provided by the ushers. We believe that the host of the meal provided during worship today is Christ. Christ invites everyone to this meal, saying, "This is for you for the forgiveness of sin." Echoing Christ, we invite everyone to this banquet. If you would like to receive deeper instruction in the Christian faith; if you desire to be baptized; or if you simply seek someone to pray with or for you, inquire of the pastor or indicate the need on the communion card. Grape juice is in the center ring of the communion tray.*

## **The Second Sunday in Lent**

*Thank you for observing a time of reflection & silence  
in the sanctuary prior to worship.*

Confession and Forgiveness.....Page 94

Hymn..... "Lift High the Cross" .....#660

Greeting and Kyrie.....Page 203

The Prayer of the Day.....

**Assistant Minister:** 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.

**Congregation: Amen.**

First Lesson .....Genesis 12:1-4a

*Spark NRSV Page 13, Pew Bible Page 8*

*God's call of Abram and Sarai has a clear purpose—that through them all the families of the earth would gain a blessing. As they set out on their journey they are accompanied by promises of land, nation, and a great reputation.*

Now 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; and Lot went with him.

**Lector:** Word of God, Word of Life

**Congregational Response: Thanks be to God.**

*Assistant Minister = A: ~ Congregation = C:*

**A:** <sup>1</sup>I lift up my eyes | to the hills;  
from where is my | help to come?

**C:** <sup>2</sup>**My help comes | from the LORD,  
the maker of heav- | en and earth.**

**A:** <sup>3</sup>The LORD will not let your | foot be moved  
nor will the one who watches over you | fall asleep.

**C:** <sup>4</sup>**Behold, the keep- | er of Israel  
will neither slum- | ber nor sleep;**

**A:** <sup>5</sup>the LORD watches | over you;  
the LORD is your shade at | your right hand;

**C:** <sup>6</sup>**the sun will not strike | you by day,  
nor the | moon by night.**

**A:** <sup>7</sup>The LORD will preserve you | from all evil  
and will | keep your life.

**C:** <sup>8</sup>**The LORD will watch over your going out and your | coming  
in, from this time forth for- | evermore.**

Second Lesson.....Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

*Spark NRSV Page 1247-1248, Pew Bible Page 916*

*In the person and example of Abraham we discover that a right relationship with God does not involve earning a reward from God but entails trusting God's promises. Abraham is the forebear and model for both Jews and Gentiles, because we too trust that ours is a God who gives life to the dead.*

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.

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Gospel Acclamation "*We are turning*" .....Page 205

**Pastor:** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the third chapter.

**Congregation: Glory to you, O Lord.**

The Gospel:.....John 3:1-17

*Spark NRSV Pg. 1173-1174, Pew Bible Pg. 863-864*

*A curious Pharisee visits Jesus by night to learn from the teacher his friends reject. Jesus speaks to him about life in the Spirit and the kingdom of 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.

**Pastor:** The Gospel of the Lord.

**Congregation: Praise to you, O Christ.**

The Sermon..... "Blessed to be a Blessing"....Pastor Jim Schwarz

Hymn..... "*God Loved the World*".....#323

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.**

The Prayers of the Church.....

**Assistant Minister:** God of mercy,  
**Congregation:** hear our prayer.

Sharing of the Peace.....

The Offering and Prayer.....

The Great Thanksgiving.....Page 206

Holy, Holy, Holy.....Page 207

The Eucharistic Prayer.....

**Pastor:** Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Congregation: Christ has died.  
Christ has risen.  
Christ will come again.**

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**Pastor:** Grace our table with your presence.

**Congregation: Come, Holy Spirit.**

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**Pastor:** Send us forth burning with justice, peace, and love.

**Congregation: Come, Holy Spirit.**

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**Pastor:** O, God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

**Congregation: Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer.....Page 208

Communion .....

The Lamb of God.....Page 208

*You are invited to sing the following hymn during the  
distribution of Communion:*

***“Let Us Break Bread Together” #471***

Prayer after Communion.....

**Assistant Minister :** Merciful God,  
accompany our journey through these forty days.  
Renew us in the gift of baptism,  
that we may provide for those who are poor,  
pray for those in need,  
fast from self-indulgence,  
and above all that we may find our treasure  
in the life of your Son,  
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Congregation: Amen.**

Blessing.....

**Pastor:** The blessed, holy Trinity  
keep you in grace,  
lead you in light,  
and + give you peace.

**Congregation: Amen.**

Hymn..... *“Eternal Lord of Love, Behold Your Church”* .....#321

**Pastor:** Go in peace. Remember the poor.

**Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

***~Worship Assistants~***

**Pastor** ~ Pastor James A. Schwarz

**Intern Pastor** ~ Intern Miranda Hinrichs

**Assistant Minister** ~ Carolyn Lien

**Lector** ~ Mary Ellen Christensen

**Acolytes** ~ Nicholas Woodstock & Jacob Robinson

**Greeter** ~ Ken Rockney **Ushers** ~ Steadfast Circle

**Communion Set-up/Take down** ~ Scott & Jackie Zahn

**Communion Assistants** ~ Bill Hitchcock & Joan Kaare

**Pianist** ~ Shelly Frank

**Nursery** ~ Natasha Amundson

**Altar Flowers** ~ Steadfast Circle

**Coffee hour** ~ Internship Committee

## ~ *Prayer Requests* ~

### **Thanksgiving to God for...**

- East Koshkonong Lutheran Church's mission and ministry.
- Prayers for the ministries of Arden and Jana Haug, Lindsay Stolen, and Jens Notstad.

### **God's guidance and direction for...**

- Please keep the families of Ernest Kopp\*, Ann Courtier\*, David Danielson, Willard Scheel in your thoughts and prayers as we express sympathy for their loss.
- For peace in Afghanistan, Libya, and Iraq and among all the nations of the world.
- For the people of Japan as they suffer from the aftermath of the earthquake.

### **God's protection and safety for those being deployed...**

- Please remember all our veterans. Give them all God's comfort in their memories of war and service to their country.

### **Healing and health concerns...**

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| -Payton Mancheski | -Scott Taylor     | -Butch Bergholz  |
| -Eugene Lund      | -Stephanie Lien   | -Violet Jasensky |
| -Roxanne Wildes   | -Earl Ellickson   | -David Cooper    |
| -Helena Osterbur* | -Kim Badertscher* |                  |

Please note: If you have a prayer request and want it put in the bulletin, please write it down on the back of the communion/welcome card or notify the office before noon on Wednesday. Prayer requests will remain for 3 weeks unless otherwise requested. Please continue to pray for those who have been removed.

Prayer requests week 3-13-2011. \*Denotes new/changed request



## ~ Calendar of Events~

**Sunday, March 20, 2011**

9:00am Worship  
10:15am Sunday School  
10:15am Coffee Hour hosted by Internship Committee  
7:00pm Family Focus Group leader planning meeting @ Grace Lutheran

**Wednesday, March 23, 2011**

OFFICE CLOSED

6:00pm Worship  
Lenten Supper following worship hosted by Erica and Bonnie Ehrke & Diane Luginbuhl to support the Susan G. Komen 3 Day walk for the Cure.  
6:30-8pm Gift Link for adults & youth and Confirmation.

**Thursday, March 24, 2011 & Friday, March 25, 2011**

OFFICE CLOSED

**Saturday, March 26, 2011**

8:00am Internship Committee Meeting @ Bonnie Ehrke's home

**Sunday, March 27, 2011**

9:00am Worship  
10:15am Sunday School  
10:15am Coffee Hour hosted by Steadfast Circle  
6:00pm High School Group

## ~ Announcements~

- **You are invited to worship at 6pm each Wednesday during Lent.** Posted in the narthex is the bulletin for the season, including scripture readings, sermon themes, and hymns. Take a look to see what awaits you at EKLC!
- **Attention High School Youth!!** Sundays at EKLC! Come join in on the fun Sunday evenings! Next gathering: **March 27th at 6pm!** Feel free to invite friends! Bring yourself, your questions, and \$3 to chip in for pizza. Contact Intern Miranda @ 423-3017 or Scott Zahn @ 423-9845 for questions and/or more information.
- **There is a coffee hour sign-up sheet in the friendship hall** for anyone interested in hosting a coffee hour after a Sunday Morning Worship Service. Please note: **THERE WILL BE NO COFFEE HOUR** If no one has signed up for that Sunday. However, there is coffee available in the kitchen for those functions (Bible studies, meetings, etc.) that are held right after church if they wish they may make coffee for their groups IF there is no host for coffee hour.
- **Minute to Win It:** Sat., April 9 @ Grace Lutheran Church. Join other families from the community for this family-friendly evening of food, fun and fellowship. Dinner: 5pm-6pm Games: 6pm-7pm. Dinner will be potluck. Those with last names beginning A-M bring main dish, N-Z bring side dish or salad. Sponsored by the Family Focus Group: *consisting of members from West Koshkonong, East Koshkonong, Grace, Rockdale, and Liberty Churches, whose mission is to bring together families of faith within our community.* For more information contact Lisa Sperle 512-8543 or Mandi Buonincontro 770-2750.