

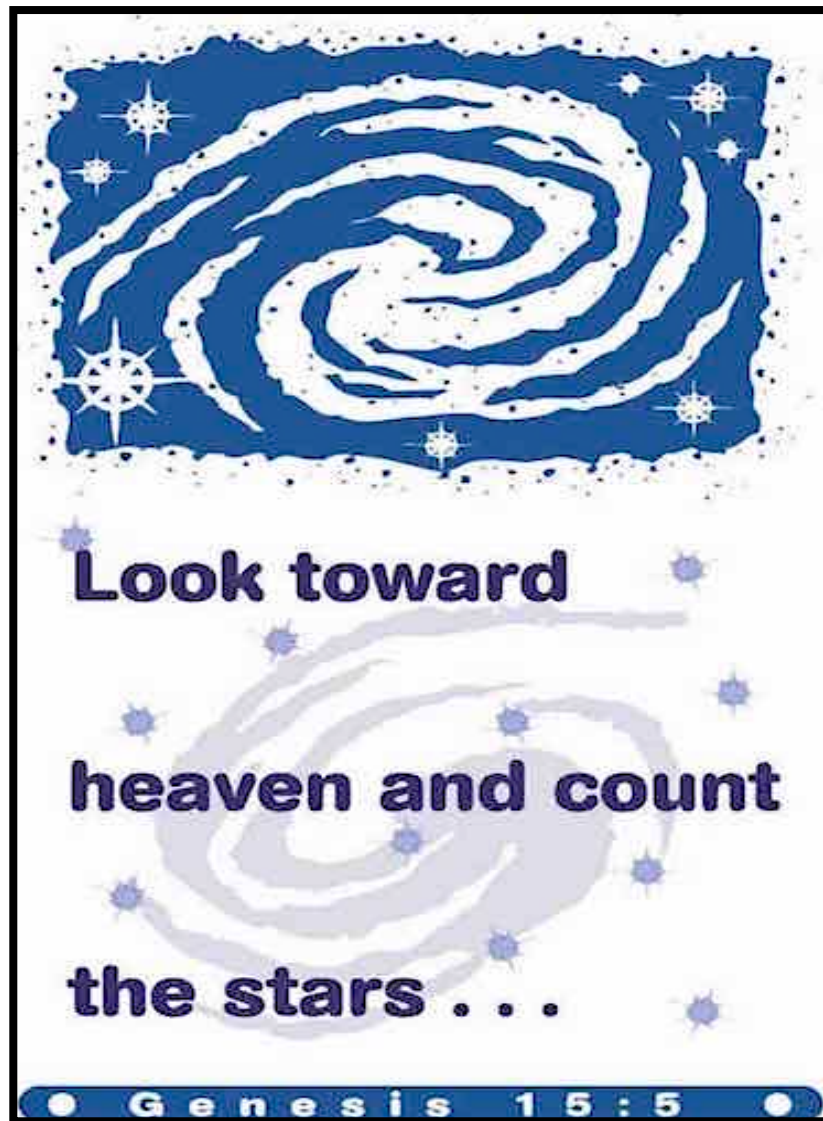
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+++ **2nd Sunday in Lent – March 5, 2023** +++

Serving Us At God's House Today

Organist: Jeana Kettner

Ushers: Bob Rankin, Mark Hartmeister

Order of Worship: Service of the Word

(printed on insert inside front cover of maroon hymnal)

- ◆ Pre-Service Devotion: Psalm 119:169-176 (pew bible, p.549)
- ◆ The Hymns: 798 (1-5), 570, 618, 798 (9)
- ◆ Scripture Lessons: Romans 4:1-5,13-17; John 4:5-26
- ◆ Psalm of the Day: From Psalm 121
- ◆ Confession of Faith: The Apostles' Creed (liturgy insert, p.15)

Sermon Text – Genesis 15:1-6

ABRAHAM AND ME: FEAR AND FAITH

1. FEAR because of what I see.
2. FAITH created by the promises of God.
3. FAITH credited as righteousness.

(A Ministry by Mail Sermon)

- ◆ Offering of Thankful Hearts
- ◆ Prayer & Lord's Prayer
- ◆ Benediction
- ◆ Closing Hymn (798, stanza 9)

Today's Scriptures

First Lesson – Romans 4:1-5,13-17

1 What then shall we say that Abraham, our forefather, discovered in this matter? 2 If, in fact, Abraham was justified by works, he had something to boast about—but not before God. 3 What does the Scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness.” 4 Now when a man works, his wages are not credited to him as a gift, but as an obligation. 5 However, to the man who does not work but trusts God who justifies the wicked, his faith is credited as righteousness. | 13 It was not through law that Abraham and his offspring received the promise that he would be heir of the world, but through the righteousness that comes by faith. 14 For if those who live by law are heirs, faith has no value and the promise is worthless, 15 because law brings wrath. And where there is no law there is no transgression. 16 Therefore, the promise comes by faith, so that it may be by grace and may be guaranteed to all Abraham’s offspring—not only to those who are of the law but also to those who are of the faith of Abraham. He is the father of us all. 17 As it is written: “I have made you a father of many nations.” He is our father in the sight of God, in whom he believed—the God who gives life to the dead and calls things that are not as though they were.

Psalm of the Day – From Psalm 121

P I will lift up my eyes to the hills:

C From whence comes my help?

P My help comes from the LORD:

C Who made heaven and earth.

P He will not allow your foot to be moved:

C He who keeps you will not slumber.

P Behold, He who keeps Israel:

C Shall neither slumber nor sleep.

P The LORD is your keeper:

C The LORD is your shade at your right hand.

P The LORD shall preserve you from all evil:

C He shall preserve your soul.

P The LORD shall preserve your going out and your coming in:

C From this time forth, and even forevermore. [NKJV]

Second Lesson – John 4:5-26

4 So he came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of ground Jacob had given to his son Joseph. 6 Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. 7 When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, "Will you give me a drink?" 8 (His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.) 9 The Samaritan woman said to him, "You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?" (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.) 10 Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." 11 "Sir," the woman said, "you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water? 12 Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did also his sons and his flocks and herds?" 13 Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, 14 but whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." 15 The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water so that I won't get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water." 16 He told her, "Go, call your husband and come back." 17 "I have no husband," she replied. Jesus said to her, "You are right when you say you have no husband. 18 The fact is, you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband. What you have just said is quite true." 19 "Sir," the woman said, "I can see that you are a prophet. 20 Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem." 21 Jesus declared, "Believe me, woman, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. 22 You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews. 23 Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. 24 God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in spirit and in truth." 25 The woman said, "I know that Messiah" (called Christ) "is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us." 26 Then Jesus declared, "I who speak to you am he."

Sermon Text – Genesis 15:1-6

1 After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, saying, "Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your exceedingly great reward." 2 But Abram said, "Lord GOD, what will You give me, seeing I go childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" 3 Then Abram said, "Look, You have given me no offspring; indeed one born in my house is my heir!" 4 And behold, the word of the LORD came to him, saying, "This one shall not be your heir, but one who will come from your own body shall be your heir." 5 Then He brought him outside and said, "Look now toward heaven, and count the stars if you are able to number them." And He said to him, "So shall your descendants be." 6 And he believed in the LORD, and He accounted it to him for righteousness. [NKJV]

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A Warm Welcome to Our Worship Guests!

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This Week at St. Paul

Today (3/5)	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Holy Land Slide Presentation
Wed	7:00 pm	Wednesday Lenten Service
Sun (3/12)	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Sunday School & Bible Class

Extended Calendar

- Wed. Lenten Services: Mar. 8, 15, 22, 29, 7:00 pm
- Choir Practices: March 19, 26; April 2, 16, 8:30 am
- Palm Sunday Brunch: Sunday, April 2, served by the men
- Front Range Mission Festival Service, hosted by St. Paul: Sunday, April 23, **11:00 am** (Choir: 9:30 am; Bible Class: 10:00 am, Meal: 12:00 noon). Guest speaker: Pastor David Reim of Vernon BC, Canada

Special Event Today: Israel Trip 2023 Slide Presentation, after the service, by Mike Sprengeler, in the downstairs fellowship hall.

Our Midweek Lenten Service Schedule continues this Wednesday, March 8, with Pastor Tim Wheaton of Prince of Peace, Loveland, conducting the service. This year's theme is *"Our Savior's Sorrows Foreshadowed in the Psalms."* This week's psalm prophecy: *"Jesus Will Be Betrayed By His Enemies"* (Psalm 41:9).

Time Change Alert: Daylight savings time begins next Sunday, March 12. Remember to spring your clocks ahead one hour!

Synod News & Notes

- Next Sunday March 12, Pastor Bruce Naumann will be commissioned as our CLC missionary to Tanzania. Lord willing Bruce will be moving to Tanzania at the end of March and will begin his work at the Wittenberg Lutheran Theological Seminary in Tanzania in April. May the Spirit richly bless his Gospel work in East Africa. Please also pray for the safety and well-being of Bruce and Paula as they begin their new life in Africa.
- Missionary Todd Ohlmann reports that things are going well at the West Africa CLC Pastoral Conference taking place this week in Lomé, Togo. This conference is being attended by over 20 pastors from Togo, Benin, Ghana, Liberia, and Nigeria. Pray for the Spirit's blessing upon this conference.
- CLC Youth Camp 2023 will be held at Pillager MN from June 11-17. Registration opens March 18 at 3:00 pm CST for campers entering Grades 6-12. More information can be found at: <https://youthcampclc.wixsite.com/camp>. Email youthcamp.clc@gmail.com with any questions.
- Mrs. Haley Seffens, a member of Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire WI, has accepted the call to teach kindergarten at Messiah's Christian Day School. <> Paul Agenten, currently in his 2nd year of seminary training, has accepted the call to be Vicar at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Mankato MN. <> Grace Lutheran Church of Valentine NE has decided to call a third full-time teacher for their Christian Day School beginning with the 2023-2024 school year and decided to ask for a graduate from ILC's teacher-training program. The teacher will be asked to teach the middle grades, which at present would involve ten 3rd-4th graders.

Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions (March 6-11 '23)

Mon Luke 10:17-20 The disciples were astonished at the power displayed when they proclaimed peace in Jesus' name. It was Jesus' power, not theirs, and He saw much more than earthly enemies overcome. Even the great Accuser was thrown down from heaven, and the disciples' names were written in heaven.

Tues 1 John 2:12-17 In Jesus the entire church, youngest to oldest, is forgiven, knows the Father, and has overcome the evil one. Therefore they can see clearly that their great treasure is not in the things of the world, which is passing away, but in Him who is from the beginning and who abides forever.

Wed Luke 22:54-62 Peter, who thought Jesus' warning foolish, finds out the same night that his own strength is not up to admitting that he is Jesus' disciple. After he has thoroughly denied knowing Jesus, he remembers Jesus' word and is back on the path of repentance to forgiveness.

Thurs Exodus 33:17-23 Moses wants to see the Lord's glory, and the Lord responds by making His goodness pass before him and proclaiming His name. So much more powerful is this than all the glory of the world, that Moses needs special protection, which the Lord graciously supplies.

Fri Isaiah 42:1-4 When the Lord presents His Servant, whom His power upholds, it is with words that remind us of Jesus, the beloved Son, in whom the Father is well-pleased (delights). How different is this One from the powerful ones of this world. He is meek and lowly in heart, bringing rest to our souls.

Sat Isaiah 42:5-8 Again the glory of the Lord is shown in His goodness and His name. The Servant whom He has called will be a covenant for His people, and a light for the gentiles. He comes to bring freedom to the captives and the light of life to those in the dungeon of darkness. Truly, His is a glory unmatched by all the "saviors" of this world!