

**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**

**Offering** *(The children's offering basket will be on the front steps of the church,  
so that they can in yet another way feel involved in Sunday worship)*



**Offertory Hymn**

*There Is a Balm in Gilead*

ELW #614

**Prayers of the Church**

**Lord's Prayer**

**Benediction**

**Three-fold Amen**

**Closing Hymn**

*I Know That My Redeemer Lives!* ELW #619 (vss. 1-2, 4 & 8)

**Sending:**

P: Go in Peace, Serve the Lord

**C: Thanks Be to God!**

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***Welcome! We are glad you are with us today!!***

*"If you do not have a church home, you are welcome here. If you would like to become a member, contact any member or the church office."*

Sunday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022; 9:30 am

Second Sunday in Lent

**Prelude**

**Welcome/Announcements** *(Please sign the fellowship pads as they are passed)*

**Sharing of the Peace**

**Invocation**

**Call to Worship**

P: God of promises fulfilled,

we gather as descendants of Abraham;

**C: we stand before you**

**as faithful testimony to your covenant;**

**we assemble as living proof**

**that your love for humanity**

**knows no limits.**

P: When we feel overwhelmed

by the stresses of daily life,

**C: we need only look at the stars in the sky**

**to remember your abiding faithfulness.**

P: When we are overcome with despair

by the pain of war and poverty in our world,

**C: we need only see the light of a single candle**

**to remember the one you sent**

**as our light, our strength, and our salvation.**

**We pray now in the name of that light,**

**Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## Opening Hymn

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

ELW #631

## Prayer of the Day (All)

**God of the covenant, in the mystery of the cross you promise everlasting life to the world. Gather all peoples into your arms, and shelter us with your mercy, that we may rejoice in the life we share in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## First Lesson

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

Janet Andersen

<sup>1</sup>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.” <sup>2</sup>But Abram said, “O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” <sup>3</sup>And Abram said, “You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.” <sup>4</sup>But 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.” <sup>5</sup>He 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.” <sup>6</sup>And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

<sup>7</sup>Then he said to him, “I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess.” <sup>8</sup>But he said, “O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?” <sup>9</sup>He 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.” <sup>10</sup>He 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. <sup>11</sup>And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

<sup>12</sup>As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

<sup>17</sup>When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. <sup>18</sup>On 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.”

## Second Lesson

Philippians 3:17--4:1

<sup>17</sup>Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. <sup>18</sup>For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. <sup>19</sup>Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. <sup>20</sup>But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>21</sup>He 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. <sup>4:1</sup>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.

## Gospel Acclamation

*Change My Heart, O God*

ELW #801

## Gospel

Luke 13:31-35

Pastor Greg Johnson

*(Response after the announcement: **Glory to you, O Lord.**)*

<sup>31</sup>At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to [Jesus,] “Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.” <sup>32</sup>He 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. <sup>33</sup>Yet 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.’” <sup>34</sup>Jerusalem, 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! <sup>35</sup>See, 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.’”

*(Response after the conclusion: **Praise to you, O Christ.**)*

## Children’s Sermon

Pastor Greg Johnson

## Sermon

“Remember, God is Close”

Pastor Greg Johnson

## Hymn of the Day

*When Peace Like a River*

ELW #785 (vss. 1, 3-4)

## 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.**