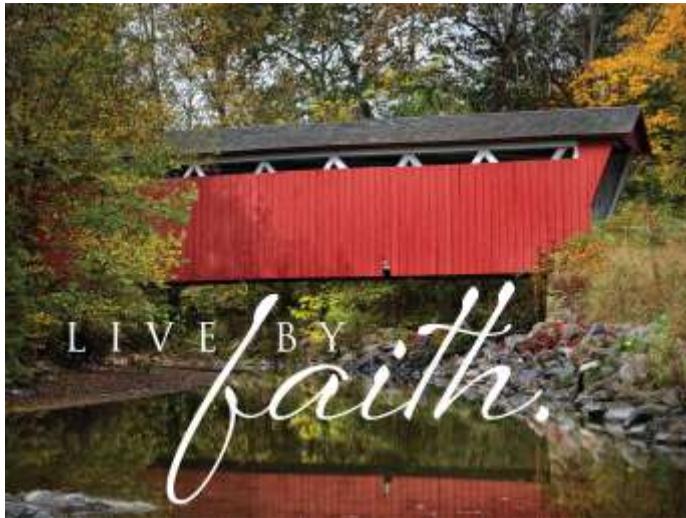


# THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

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**Worship Focus**  
**The Righteous Shall Live by Faith**



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### OPENING HYMN

529 – Built on the Rock



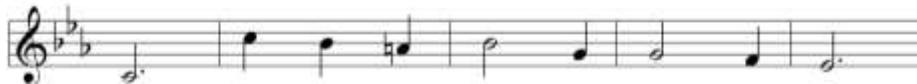
1 Built on the Rock the Church shall stand E - ven when  
2 Sure - ly in tem - ples made with hands God, the Most  
3 We are God's house of liv - ing stones, Built for his  
4 Here stands the font be - fore our eyes, Tell - ing how  
5 Grant then, O God, your will be done, That, when the



steeples are fall - ing, Crum - bled have spires in  
High, is not dwell - ing; High a - bove earth his  
own hab - i - ta - tion. He through bap - tis - mal  
God did re - ceive us. Th' al - tar re - calls Christ's  
church bells are ring - ing, Man - y in sav - ing



ev - 'ry land; Bells still are chim - ing and call -  
tem - ple stands, All earth - ly tem - ples ex - cel -  
grace us owns Heirs of his won - drous sal - va -  
sac - ri - fice And what the sac - ra - ment gives  
faith may come Where Christ his mes - sage is bring -



ing, Call - ing the young and old to rest,  
ling, Yet he who dwells in heav'n a - bove  
tion. Were we but two his name to tell,  
us. Here sound the Scrip - tures that pro - claim  
ing: "I know my own; my own know me,



But a - bove all the soul dis - tressed,  
Choos - es to live with us in love,  
Yet he would deign with us to dwell  
Christ yes - ter - day, to - day, the same,  
You, not the world, my face shall see.



Long - ing for rest ev - er - last - ing,  
Mak - ing our bod - ies his tem - ple,  
With all his grace and his fa - vor,  
And ev - er - more, our Re - deem - er.  
My peace I leave with you al - ways.”

Text: Nikolai F. S. Grundtvig, 1783–1872, abr.; tr. Carl Döving, 1867–1937, alt.  
Tune: KIRKEN DEN ER ET GAMMELT HUS (88 88 88 8) Ludvig M. Lindeman, 1812–87.

## INVOCATION

**Minister** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.



**Congregation** A - men.

**M** Beloved in the Lord: Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**C** Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord have mercy on me a sinner.

## LORD HAVE MERCY (*Kyrie*)

C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy  
on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one flat). The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics: "C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy". The second staff contains the melody for the second line of lyrics: "on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us." The notes are: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4 for the first line; G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4 for the second line.

## ABSOLUTION

**M** God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given His only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: A - men.

The image shows a single staff of musical notation in G major (one flat). The melody for "A - men." consists of the notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**M** The Lord be with you.

C: And al - so with you.

The image shows a single staff of musical notation in G major (one flat). The melody for "And al - so with you." consists of the notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4.

**M** Let us pray. Almighty God, you see that we have no power to defend ourselves. Guard and keep us both outwardly and inwardly from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: A - men.

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## **THE WORD**

### **FIRST LESSON** Genesis 12:1-8

Abram trusted in the promises of God and made that trust evident to all by his willing actions.

GENESIS 12:1 The LORD had said to Abram, “Leave your country, your people and your father’s household and go to the land I will show you.

<sup>2</sup> “I will make you into a great nation  
and I will bless you;  
I will make your name great,  
and you will be a blessing.

<sup>3</sup> I will bless those who bless you,  
and whoever curses you I will curse;  
and all peoples on earth  
will be blessed through you.”

<sup>4</sup> So Abram left, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he set out from Haran. <sup>5</sup> He took his wife Sarai, his nephew Lot, all the possessions they had accumulated and the people they had acquired in Haran, and they set out for the land of Canaan, and they arrived there.

<sup>6</sup> Abram traveled through the land as far as the site of the great tree of Moreh at Shechem. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. <sup>7</sup> The LORD appeared to Abram and said, “To your offspring I will give this land.” So he built an altar there to the LORD, who had appeared to him.

<sup>8</sup> From there he went on toward the hills east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. There he built an altar to the LORD and called on the name of the LORD.

## PSALM

*Sung by the choir*

Psalm 121

**Refrain:** *Our help is from the Lord who made heaven and earth.*

1. *I look to the hills, to the faraway hills,  
from where, from where will my help come?  
My help comes from the Lord who made heaven and earth.  
From the Lord who made heaven and earth. Refrain*
2. *The Lord is your keeper, the Lord is your shade;  
the sun, the moon cannot harm you.  
Through the light of the day and the dark of the night, never fear;  
God is at your right hand. Refrain*
3. *The Lord will protect you and keep you from harm,  
the Lord will keep you from danger.  
And wherever you go for the length of your days,  
you are safe, ever safe in God's care. Refrain*

## SECOND LESSON Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

Although Abraham was a man of action, Paul tells us that it was his God-given faith that counted him righteous in God's sight.

ROMANS 4:1 What then shall we say that Abraham, our forefather, discovered in this matter? <sup>2</sup> If, in fact, Abraham was justified by works, he had something to boast about--but not before God. <sup>3</sup> What does the Scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness."

<sup>4</sup> Now when a man works, his wages are not credited to him as a gift, but as an obligation. <sup>5</sup> However, to the man who does not work but trusts God who justifies the wicked, his faith is credited as righteousness.

<sup>13</sup> 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. <sup>14</sup> For if those who live by law are heirs, faith has no value and the promise is worthless, <sup>15</sup> because law brings wrath. And where there is no law there is no transgression.

<sup>16</sup>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. <sup>17</sup> 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.

## VERSE OF THE DAY

Jesus humbled himself and became obedient to death, even death on a cross.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*After the announcement of the Gospel the congregation responds:*



## GOSPEL John 4:5-26

Through the incident of the woman at the well, Jesus makes it clear that righteousness comes only to those who drink of the living water, that is to say, who believe in Jesus Christ.

<sup>JOHN 4:5</sup> So he came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of ground Jacob had given to his son Joseph. <sup>6</sup> 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.

<sup>7</sup>When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, "Will you give me a drink?" <sup>8</sup> (His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.)

<sup>9</sup>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.)

<sup>10</sup> 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."

<sup>11</sup> "Sir," the woman said, "you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water?" <sup>12</sup> 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?"

<sup>13</sup> Jesus answered, “Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, <sup>14</sup> 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.”

<sup>15</sup> 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.”

<sup>16</sup> He told her, “Go, call your husband and come back.”

<sup>17</sup> “I have no husband,” she replied.

Jesus said to her, “You are right when you say you have no husband. <sup>18</sup> 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.”

<sup>19</sup> “Sir,” the woman said, “I can see that you are a prophet. <sup>20</sup> Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem.”

<sup>21</sup> Jesus declared, “Believe me, woman, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. <sup>22</sup> You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews. <sup>23</sup> 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. <sup>24</sup> God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in spirit and in truth.”

<sup>25</sup> The woman said, “I know that Messiah” (called Christ) “is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us.”

<sup>26</sup> Then Jesus declared, “I who speak to you am he.”

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*After the reading of the Gospel the congregation responds:*



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

# The Apostles' + Creed +

## CONFESSION OF FAITH – THE APOSTLES' CREED

**C I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell.**

**The third day he rose again from the dead.**

**He ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.**

**From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## HYMN OF THE DAY

391 - God Loved the World So that He Gave



1 God loved the world so that he gave His on - ly  
2 Christ is the sol - id rock of faith, Who was made  
3 God would not have the sin - ner die— His Son with  
4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son For - gives the  
5 When you are sick, when death draws near, This truth your



Son the lost to save That all who would in  
flesh and suf - fered death, All who con - fide in  
sav - ing grace is nigh. His Spir - it in the  
sins that you have done. You're jus - ti - fied by  
trou - bled heart can cheer; Christ Je - sus saves my



him be - lieve Should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive,  
him a - lone Are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.  
Word does teach How we the bless - ed goal may reach.  
Je - sus' blood; Bap - tized, you are a child of God.  
soul from death— This is the an - chor of my faith!

6 Glory to God the Father, Son,  
And Holy Spirit, Three in One!  
To you, O blessed Trinity,  
Be praise now and eternally!

Text: *Heiliges Lippen . . . Gesangbuch*, Stettin, c. 1778; tr. August Crull, 1845–1923, alt.  
Tune: *St. CRISPIN* (LM) George J. Elvey, 1816–93.

## SERMON

Nehemiah 8:1.8-10

**“Do not grieve, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.”**

## PRAISE AND PRAYER

### RESPONSE TO THE WORD



C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
way from your pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of your sal - va -  
tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it. A - men.

### FRIENDSHIP REGISTER and GATHERING OF OFFERINGS

### MUSICAL OFFERTORY

### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

*Brief silence*

Eternal Father, You have called Your Church out from the unbelieving world to walk according to Your Word and way. Grant us to be like faithful Abram, heeding Your Word and trusting in You, knowing that wherever You lead us, You will provide us with all the blessings we need for faith and life until You call us to our eternal home. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious Father, through Your holy Word of the Gospel, You have called our faith into existence and given life to us who were dead in sin. Grant that all pastors would faithfully preach that we are righteous before You through faith alone and not by works of the Law. Sustain and strengthen all pastors and their hearers through Your blessed Word of forgiveness. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Merciful God, You sent Your Son not to condemn the world, but to save it. When Your people doubt Your love for them and are troubled by their sins and burdened in their consciences, remind them of the great love You demonstrated for them by the lifting up of Your Son on the cross for the sins of the world. Grant them the peace that comes from their Baptism into Christ, through which their sins are daily washed away and drowned with the old Adam. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, You have set in place all earthly authorities to provide for peace and justice. Grant them to be faithful and diligent in their positions, that they may work to protect the weak and vulnerable. Bless all who labor to provide protection, including those in our armed services as well as local safety personnel. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, we need godly schools to provide a solid foundation for those who learn, that they may learn to live according to Your Word. Bless all schools, colleges and seminaries of the Church, that they may be places where sound doctrine is taught and the life of faith in Christ is nurtured. Grant also that the mission of the Church may be expanded by the work of these institutions as well as through our own congregation. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, You graciously provide for all our needs of body and soul. We pray for all those who suffer any kind of affliction, whether spiritual, mental or physical [*including...*]. Grant healing and recovery according to Your will. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

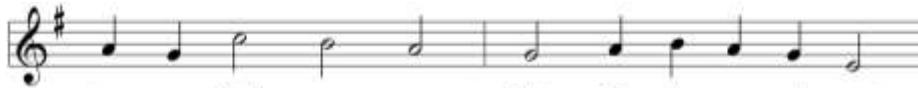
**C** Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins,  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and forever. Amen.

## SERMON HYMN

286 - The Law Commands and Makes Us Know



1 The law com-mands and makes us know What du - ties  
2 The law un - cov - ers guilt and sin And shows how  
3 What curs - es does the law pro - nounce A - gainst the  
4 My soul, no more at - tempt to draw Your life and



to our God we owe, But 'tis the gos - pel must  
vile our hearts have been; The gos - pel on - ly can  
one who fails but once! But in the gos - pel Christ  
com - fort from the law. Flee to the hope the gos -



re - veal Where lies our strength to do his will,  
ex - press For - giv - ing love and cleans - ing grace.  
ap - pears, Par - d'ning the guilt of nu - m'rous years,  
pel gives; The one who trusts the prom - ise lives.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.

Tune: OLD HUNDRETH (LM) *Trente quatre Pseaumes de David*, Geneva, 1551.

## PRAYER AND BLESSING

**M** Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart, that being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**M** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.



# Benediction

# CLOSING HYMN

387 – Drawn to the Cross

1 Drawn to the cross, which you have blessed With heal - ing  
2 How well you know my griefs and fears, Your grace a -  
3 Wash me and take a - way each stain; Let noth - ing  
4 To pledge my la - bor will - ing - ly, Which shall so  
gifts for souls dis - tressed, To find in you my  
bused, my mis - spent years; So now to you with  
of my sin re - main. For cleans - ing through your  
sweet a ser - vice be That an - gels well might  
life, my rest, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.  
con - trite tears, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.  
cross and pain, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.  
en - vy me, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.

Text: Genevieve M. Irons, 1855–1928, alt.  
Tune: JUST AS I AM (888 6) Joseph Barnby, 1838–96.

*After worship, please feel free to stay and greet your neighbors.*

*Worship  
the  
Father  
in  
spirit  
and  
truth.*  
*John 4:23*

“Whoever **drinks** the **water** I give him  
will **never thirst**.”

