

Second Sunday in Lent
February 28, 2021

Because God Has Remembered

I'm Pastor Mike! Welcome to this week's online worship of Saving Grace Lutheran in Chino Valley, AZ! We believe God brought you here on purpose and we're very glad you have chosen to be with us so that we can worship together. We pray that God will bless you today so that what He gives you here, you will be able to take with you into your life experiences and connections in the week ahead.

For your in-home participation, the service order, as well as, the sermon is provided on our website. Click on "Today's Service" and "Today's Sermon" to receive copies of both.

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As We Gather reflect on these words . . .

The old Latin name for this, the Second Sunday in Lent, is Reminiscere, because the Introit pleads, "Remember Your mercy, O Lord." Confidently, it continues by encouraging us to trust Him because "He has remembered us; He will bless us." Indeed, God's promises to Abram in today's Old Testament Reading were kept as Jesus moved unwaveringly toward the cross, as He does in today's Gospel. As a result, we can be sure, Paul reminds us in the Epistle, that we have peace with God. Even in suffering, we know that hope will not disappoint us, for we remember that "while we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8).

543 What Wondrous Love Is This



1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
2 When I was sink-ing down, sink-ing down, sink-ing down, When
3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; To
4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; And



won-drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this That
I was sink-ing down, sink-ing down, When I was sink-ing down Be -
God and to the Lamb I will sing; To God and to the Lamb, Who
when from death I'm free, I'll sing on. And when from death I'm free, I'll



caused the Lord of bliss To bear the dread-ful curse for my
neath God's righ-teous frown, Christ laid a-side His crown for my
is the great I AM, While mil-lions join the theme, I will
sing His love for me, And through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing



soul, for my soul, To bear the dread-ful curse for my soul!
soul, for my soul, Christ laid a-side His crown for my soul.
sing, I will sing, While mil-lions join the theme, I will sing.
on, I'll sing on, And through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing on.

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Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Confession and Absolution

P God established an everlasting covenant with Abraham,

C but our faith has waxed and waned. O Lord, forgive our forgetfulness of Your unchanging grace.

P David wrote, “All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord,”

C but we have failed to remind one another of God’s mercy and love. O Lord, forgive our hesitancy to share the news of Your gracious presence.

P Paul wrote that because Christ died for the ungodly, we are justified by His blood,

C but we have tried to hide our sinfulness. O Lord, forgive our blindness to the necessary sacrifice of our Savior.

P God sent His Son into the world with one purpose: to save us from the wrath of God. “For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of His Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by His life.” As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen. Thanks be to God.

WORD

Call to Worship *Psalm 115:11–13; antiphon: Psalm 25:6*

P Remember Your mercy, O LORD, and Your steadfast love,
for they have been from of old.

You who fear the LORD, trust in the LORD!
He is their help and their shield.

C The LORD has remembered us; He will bless us;
He will bless the house of Israel; He will bless the house of Aaron;

P He will bless those who fear the LORD, both the small and the great.

C We will bless the LORD from this time forth and forevermore.
Praise the LORD!

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Remember Your mercy, O LORD, and Your steadfast love,
for they have been from of old.

Kyrie

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the peace we have with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For peace among the families of the nations and in coming generations, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For all who rejoice here for our access by faith into this grace in which we stand, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P By Your purposeful suffering, rejection, death, and resurrection—help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C Amen.

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray. O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength.

C **By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul;**

P through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading *Genesis 17:1–7, 15–16*

¹When Abram was ninety-nine years old the LORD appeared to Abram and said to him, “I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless, ²that I may make my covenant between me and you, and may multiply you greatly.” ³Then Abram fell on his face. And God said to him, ⁴“Behold, my covenant is with you, and you shall be the father of a multitude of nations. ⁵No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham, for I have made you the father of a multitude of nations. ⁶I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make you into nations, and kings shall come from you. ⁷And I will establish my covenant between me and you and your offspring after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. . . .

¹⁵And God said to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. ¹⁶I will bless her, and moreover, I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall become nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm *Psalms 22:23–31; antiphon: v. 22*

²³You who fear the LORD, praise him!

**All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him,
and stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!**

²⁴For he has not despised or abhorred

the affliction of the afflicted,

and he has not hidden his face from him,

but has heard, when he cried to him.

²⁵From you comes my praise in the great congregation;

my vows I will perform before those who fear him.

²⁶The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied;

**those who seek him shall praise the LORD!
May your hearts live forever!**

²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember
and turn to the LORD,
and all the families of the nations
shall worship before you.

²⁸For kingship belongs to the LORD,
and he rules over the nations.

²⁹All the prosperous of the earth eat and worship;
**before him shall bow all who go down to the dust,
even the one who could not keep himself alive.**

³⁰Posterity shall serve him;
it shall be told of the Lord to the coming generation;

³¹they shall come and proclaim his righteousness to a people yet unborn,
that he has done it.

Epistle *Romans 5:1–11*

¹Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ²Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. ³More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. ⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— ⁸but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. ¹¹More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Verse *Mark 8:34b*

P If anyone would come after Me,

C let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me.

Holy Gospel *Mark 8:27–38*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the eighth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

²⁷And Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi. And on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” ²⁸And they told him, “John the Baptist; and others say, Elijah; and others, one of the prophets.” ²⁹And he asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Christ.” ³⁰And he strictly charged them to tell no one about him.

³¹And he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²And he said this plainly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and seeing

his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.”

³⁴And he called to him the crowd with his disciples and said to them, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. ³⁵For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel’s will save it. ³⁶For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? ³⁷For what can a man give in return for his life? ³⁸For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

427 In the Cross of Christ I Glory



1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, Tow'r - ing
2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, Hopes de -
3 When the sun of bliss is beam - ing, Light and
4 Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure By the



o'er the wrecks of time. All the light of sa - cred
ceive, and fears an - noy, Nev - er shall the cross for -
love up - on my way, From the cross the ra - diance
cross are sanc - ti - fied; Peace is there that knows no



sto - ry Gath - ers round its head sub - lime.
sake me; Lo, it glows with peace and joy.
stream - ing Adds more lus - ter to the day.
mea - sure, Joys that through all time a - bide.

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Sermon. Intentionally, on Purpose

Offering

Now is the time in our service where an offering is given. If you are a guest with us today, it is not expected that you give, however, if you feel blessed by God and led to do so, you certainly can by sending it to: Saving Grace Lutheran, PO Box 721, Chino Valley, AZ 86323. Thank you to everyone for supporting this ministry!

Let us pray . . .

Offertory Prayer

P Receive these gifts and tokens, our offerings and tithes, as our thanks to what You have first freely given to us in Your creation and in our lives. Even as You bless all Your servants with various and unique gifts of the Holy Spirit, continue to grant us the grace to use them always to Your honor and glory; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence 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.

Prayer of the Church

P Let us pray for the Church here and around the world and for all people in their various circumstances.

For the Church around the world, all people who join Peter in professing that Jesus is the Christ, that they trust God's purpose for their lives, take up their crosses, and follow, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For all who spend their lives serving the physical, mental, social, and emotional needs of the people around them, that God bless and guide them according to His gracious purpose, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For professional counselors and private confidants who alleviate suffering, enable endurance, support character, and encourage hope, that they serve as conduits for God's purposes in the lives of their patients, family, and friends, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For those who lead the governments of the world, that they find purpose in their positions, using every means to increase harvests, combat global health crises, minimize conflict between nations, and ensure equal justice for all their citizens, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For those near and dear to us, [*especially . . .*], that God bring about the healing, comfort, freedom, and dignity for which they send requests to our gracious Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P These and any other things You would have us ask of You, heavenly Father, grant to us for the sake of the bitter sufferings and death of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, in whose name we pray.

C Amen.

Lord's Prayer

C 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.

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

722 Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me



1 Lord, take my hand and lead me Up - on life's way;
2 Lord, when the tem - pest ra - ges, I need not fear,
3 Lord, when the shad - ows length - en And night has come,



Di - rect, pro - tect, and feed me From day to day.
For You, the Rock of A - ges, Are al - ways near.
I know that You will strength - en My steps toward home.



With - out Your grace and fa - vor I go a - stray;
Close by Your side a - bid - ing, I fear no foe,
Then noth - ing can im - pede me, O bless - ed Friend;



So take my hand, O Sav - ior, And lead the way.
For when Your hand is guid - ing, In peace I go.
So take my hand and lead me Un - to the end.

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Dismissal

P Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

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