# A HOLY LENT

### **The Second Sunday in Lent**



## TODAY'S OFFERING OF WORSHIP THIS SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

We gather together...

**PRELUDE** 

**WELCOME** 

#### CONFESSION

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden; cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, so that we may truly love you and worthily praise your holy name; through our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

#### **ABSOLUTION:**

Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness. (1 Peter 2:24)

CHORAL INTROIT: Kyrie Eleison

#### **INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day 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 yours is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever.

Amen.

\*HYMN #71: There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

... to hear god's Word...

#### **FIRST LESSON**

Genesis 15: 1-12, 17-18 (Old Testament page 12)

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people. Amen.

#### **PSALM**

Hymnal #794: Psalm 27

#### SECOND LESSON

Philippians 3:17-4:1 (New Testament page 198)

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people. Amen.

#### \*GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 13: 31-35 (New Testament page 77)

The Gospel of our Lord, God's living Word. Thanks be to God.

#### **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

\*HYMN #368: Open My Eyes, That I May See

**SERMON:** Grumbling with Abram Rev. Todd Johnson

... and to respond with our lives ...

#### PRAYER OF LAMENT

O Lord, God of our salvation, we cry out before you today about the injustice, pain, and sorrow in our world. We think of all those impacted by war and terror, in Ukraine, and around the world. We know that each person and every child is precious to you, yet we see fear and suffering seemingly without end.

#### O God, hear our prayer and do not turn a deaf ear to our pleas.

You, Lord, are the great provider. You see the needs of those impacted by war and you love them and weep with them. Is this enough God? Where is your protection of innocent people? Where is your swift right arm of justice?

## O God, hear our prayer and respond. Give us reason to hope in this moment of despair.

Come near us now, Lord, especially those whose lives have been overturned and whose faith has been strained. Comfort them, Lord, as they struggle. Nourish their souls with renewed hope each morning. Guide those who seek refuge to places where they can find help and rest, and move the hearts of nations to welcome them. Help your people to find community and sustaining joy in places of refuge or exile. Lord you promise a time where there will be no more war, no fear, or pain, or sorrow, or suffering. Help us to believe this promise.

God of justice and mercy, move your people to be your intercession in these days. Give us insight into how to best right wrongs, bring peace to conflict, and offer hope to the hopeless.

Build your kingdom here and now, come Lord Jesus. Amen.

\*HYMN #435: Day by Day and with Each Passing Moment

#### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

#### **OFFERINGS OF CHURCH LIFE AND FINANCES**

\*Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below; Praise Him above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

... in the places we now go.

\*HYMN #723: When Will People Cease Their Fighting?

\*BENEDICTION

#### **POSTLUDE**

Join us after the service, downstairs in Fellowship Hall, for coffee and a time of visiting.

Welcome!

**GREETERS:** Leach family

READERS: Deeann and Rich Puffert CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: Corbin Sheffels

USHER: Mary Hjelm

COFFEE SERVERS: Tom and Linda Morris

LIVESTREAM: Axel Nelson

