

A HOLY LENT

The Second Sunday in Lent

Sunday, March 5, 2023



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

We gather together...

PRELUDE: *Herzliebster Jesu*

J. Brahms

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*)

KYRIE ELEISON

Richard Shepard



***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** #500: *Now before You, Lord, We Gather*

...to hear God's Word...

FIRST LESSON

Genesis 12:1-4a (*Old Testament page 10*)

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

PSALM

HYMNAL #846, Psalm 121

SECOND LESSON

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17 (*New Testament pages 154-155*)

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

GOSPEL LESSON

John 3:1-17: *An interpretation*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

***HYMN** #534: *Blessed Jesus, at Your Word*

SERMON: *Rev. Todd Johnson*

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

***HYMN** #78: *Great is Thy Faithfulness*

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.**

***HYMN** #560: *You Satisfy the Hungry Heart*

HOLY COMMUNION

*Call to Communion

*Affirmation of Faith

**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, is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and will come again to judge the living and the dead.
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.**

TAKING

Institution

Response

Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

BLESSING

BREAKING: *Breaking the bread, pouring the cup.*

GIVING: *Offering the bread, offering the cup.*

THANKSGIVING

...in the places we now go.

***HYMN #664:** *Sent Forth by God's Blessing*

*BENEDICTION

(There will be no Postlude in Lent.)

Join us after the service for coffee and conversation, in the Narthex.

GREETERS: Todd and Donna Larson

READERS: Deeann and Rich Puffert

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: Sonja Whitaker

USHER: Jane Leach

COFFEE SERVERS: Peter and Linda Dahl

ACOLYTES: Axel and Elsie

LIVESTREAM: Signe

COMMUNION ANTHEM

O Lamb of God

Richard Shepard

O lamb of God who gave thyself for me.

Now in my heart, I give myself to thee.

*Forgive us Lord, and grant with prayer and praise,
that we may come to love you all our days.*

Teach us to know and keep your ways, O Lord.

That we would hold thy wondrous name.

Thy wondrous adored.

