# ST. STEPHEN THE MARTYR LUTHERAN CHURCH SECOND WEEKEND OF LENT Saturday, March 4, 2023 5:00 PM Sunday, March 5, 2023 9:30 AM



During Lent we journey with all those around the world who will be baptized at the Easter Vigil. In today's gospel Jesus tells Nicodemus that he must be born of water and Spirit. At the font we are a given a new birth as children of God. As God made a covenant with Abraham, in baptism God promises to raise us up with Christ to new life. From worship we are sent forth to proclaim God's love for all the world.

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**PRELUDE:** (5:00) "God So Loved the World" -arr. A. Whitworth (9:30) "Ah, Holy Jesus" -Hungerford Handbell Choir

MISSION MOMENT

Julie Starks

**GATHERING HYMN: ELW #660 Lift High the Cross** 

#### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity,  $\pm$  one God, who journeys with us these forty days, and sustains us with the gift of grace.

C: Amen.

**P:** Let us acknowledge before God and one another our need for repentance an God's mercy.

Silence is kept for reflection.

**P:** Holy God,

C: we confess to you our faults and failings.

Too often we neglect and do not trust your holy word;
we take for ourselves instead of giving to others;
we spoil rather than steward your creation;
we cause hurt though you call us to heal;
we choose fear over compassion.
Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,

as we seek to follow in your way of life.

Amen.

**P:** Hear the good news:

God so loved the world that God gave the only Son, so that all may receive life.
This promise is for you!
God embraces you with divine mercy,

+ forgives you in Christ's name,
and revives you in the Spirit's power.

C: Amen.

# GREETING

**P:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

#### **KYRIE**



#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

C: O God, our leader and guide, in the waters of baptism you bring us to new birth to live as your children. Strengthen our faith in your promises, that by your Spirit we may lift up your life to all the world through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: (9:30)**

## FIRST READING: Genesis 12:1-4a

God's call of Abram and Sarai has a clear purpose—that through them all the families of the earth would gain a blessing. As they set out on their journey, they are accompanied by promises of land, nation, and a great reputation.

<sup>1</sup>The Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. <sup>2</sup>I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. <sup>3</sup>I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

<sup>4a</sup>So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him.

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

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

In the person and example of Abraham we discover that a right relationship with God does not involve earning a reward from God but entails trusting God's promises. Abraham is the forebear and model for both Jews and Gentiles, because we too trust that ours is a God who gives life to the dead.

<sup>1</sup>What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? <sup>2</sup>For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. <sup>3</sup>For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness." <sup>4</sup>Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. <sup>5</sup>But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

<sup>13</sup>For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. <sup>14</sup>If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. <sup>15</sup>For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

<sup>16</sup>For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, <sup>17</sup>as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations")—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



We are turn - ing, Lord, to hear you; you are mer - ci - ful and kind -



## GOSPEL: John 3:1-17

A curious Pharisee visits Jesus by night to learn from the teacher his friends reject. Jesus speaks to him about life in the Spirit and the kingdom of God.

**P:** The Holy Gospel according to John.

# C: Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. <sup>2</sup>He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." <sup>4</sup>Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" <sup>5</sup>Jesus answered,

"Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. <sup>6</sup>What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup>Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' <sup>8</sup>The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." <sup>9</sup>Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" <sup>10</sup>Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

<sup>11</sup>"Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. <sup>12</sup>If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? <sup>13</sup>No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup>And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

<sup>16</sup>"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

<sup>17</sup>"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

**P:** The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

MESSAGE: (5:00)

(9:30) "At Night"

Rev. Dr. Kipp W. Zimmermann Rev. Brian Hooper

HYMN OF THE DAY: #588 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

#### APOSTLE'S 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.

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.

#### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

**L:** Sustained by God's abundant mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

- L: O God, you so love your church. Raise up leaders who care for your people. Bless lay theologians, seminary and college professors, and all who are called to the ministry of teaching, that they form and inspire us for the work of the gospel. Merciful God,
- C: receive our prayer.
- L: O God, you so love your creation. Breathe new life into our planetary home. Guide the work of researchers, scientists, and activists who love your earth and who inspire us to care for the natural world. Be with those suffering from severe storms and weather conditions. Merciful God,
- C: receive our prayer.
- L: O God, you so love the world. Uphold leaders who resist tyranny and oppression. Strengthen organizations that promote peace and harmony. Direct their work to alleviate human suffering and to address its root causes. We lift to you the people of Ukraine living under conditions of war for more than a year. Merciful God,
- C: receive our prayer.
- L: O God, you so love your people. Draw near to all who live with mental illness, depression, or addiction, and accompany them in healing and recovery. Hear the cries of those who look to you in their distress. Merciful God,
- C: receive our prayer.
- L: O God, you so love your children. Bless the young in our midst, and delight us with their joy, wonder, and curiosity. Revive our ministries with children and youth and equip us all for faithful discipleship. Merciful God,
- C: receive our prayer.
- L: O God, you so love your saints. As our ancestors in the faith have been a blessing to us, so inspire us by their example of holy living to be a blessing to those who come after us. Merciful God,
- C: receive our prayer.
- L: We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your steadfast love and your promise to renew your whole creation; through Jesus Christ our Savior.
- C: Amen.

## **SHARING OF THE PEACE**

- **P:** The peace of Christ be with you always.
- C: And also with you.

## CHOIR ANTHEM: (9:30) "God so Loved the World" – Stainer

Offering plates are located at the entrance to the sanctuary. Thank you for sharing your gifts. Offerings can also be made electronically using the Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement app. More information can be found on our website ssmelca.org.

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

**P:** God of good gifts, receive these and all our offerings as we present them in faithful service for the sake of your gospel. Prepare our hearts to receive you in this meal as you pour out your very presence through Christ Jesus, the wellspring of eternal life.

C: Amen.

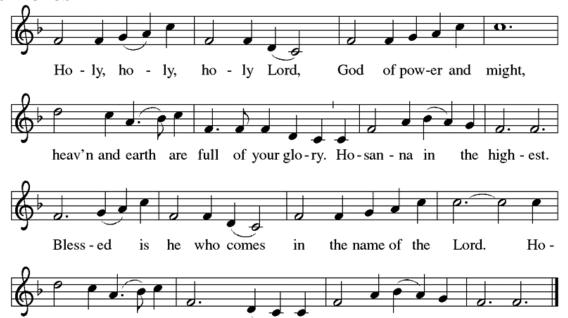
### CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

On Sunday you will have the opportunity to come forward for communion. Otherwise, prepare your elements by opening the two separate parts, wafer and juice (if you need assistance, please wave to an usher). The Pastor will recite the words of institution and consecrate the elements. Partaking of the elements will occur after the Lord's Prayer. The Pastor will lead the assembly with the words: The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you. If you are unable to come forward alert an usher and Communion will be brought to you in your seat.

#### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

- **P**; The Lord be with you.
- C: And also with you.
- **P:** Lift up your hearts.
- C: We lift them to the Lord.
- **P:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.
- P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that, renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## **SANCTUS**



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high - est.

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# WORDS OF INSTITUTION: "In the night..."

the high

#### LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven

san - na in

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.

#### AGNUS DEI



- 2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a way;
- 3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.

e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

# **COMMUNION HYMN: #733 Great is Thy Faithfulness**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**P:** Embodied God, at your table, we have tasted the goodness of Jesus. With the eyes of our hearts open to your promise, empower us to hear the needs of our neighbors and touch the world with your love.

C: Amen.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** 

(Please be sure to read the printed announcements)

#### **BLESSING**

P: God, the giver of love, + Christ, the resurrection and the life, and the Holy Spirit of rebirth bless you in this Lenten journey.

C: Amen

# SENDING HYMN: ELW #324 In the Cross of Christ I Glory

# **DISMISSAL**

**L:** Go in peace. Serve in love.

C: Thanks be to God.

**Reminder:** Sunday Morning Service streaming and recording continues through the postlude with the room microphone on. Conversations do get picked up by that microphone. If you would prefer that your conversation not be recorded and posted on YouTube, please refrain from speaking in the sanctuary until after the postlude.

**POSTLUDE:** (5:00) "The God of Abraham Praise" -arr. G. Young (9:30) "Prelude and Fuge in E Minor" -BWV 555, J. S. Bach

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# The eternal candle is given by Cathy Peterson in memory of Rick Peterson and Jane Peter

Thank you to our guest celebrant on Saturday, Rev. Dr. Kipp W. Zimmermann

## THANK YOU FOR SERVING IN THE WORSHIP

Reader: (5:00) Nick Winter (9:30) Jeremy Hanna Ushers: (5:00) Patti Nelson and Herb Leppien (9:30) Bob Rasmussen, Kim Sussman and Adam Woerpel Communion: (9:30) Diane Moraza and Julie Starks

Streaming Technician: Eric Sanders

Coffee Hour Hosts: (Sunday) Pat and Shelley Burns

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

There will be a series of <u>Webinars for Those Experiencing Loss</u> held Mondays, March 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> at no cost. These sessions are facilitated by Pastor Tom Smith, ACC from Ridgeview Coaching. Register at <u>www.ridgeviewcoaching.org</u>. For more information see the bulletin board outside of the office.

<u>boundary</u> <u>boundary</u>: We are providing another hot dinner on <u>Friday</u>, <u>March 10th</u>. The meal serves up to 15 persons. <u>Klement's has generously donated the brats for the meal</u>. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board outside the church office. You may provide an item for the meal or breakfast the following day. We ask that all items be delivered to SSM <u>by 12 noon on March 10<sup>th</sup></u>. Feel free to contact Shelly Rosenstock if you have any questions. Thank you.

<u>Food Pantry Donations</u>: Collection of all non-perishable foods and toiletries is ongoing with special focus on high protein items (such as peanut butter, canned meat, mac and cheese). Donations received for the remainder of February and all of March will be taken to Bay View Community Center food pantry.

<u>The March Loose Ends Lunch</u> will be held at the Red Lobster on 76<sup>th</sup> Street at noon. Even though this takes place after Women's Bible Study you do not have to attend the Bible Study to join the ladies for lunch, just show up at Red Lobster at noon. Please call Karen at 414-719-5787 to let her know if you plan to attend so that she can make reservations for the group.

There will be an <u>Easter breakfast meeting</u> after the March 5th service to discuss and plan for this event. In support of this event we are having an <u>Easter Breakfast</u>

**Restaurant Fundraiser** on Tuesday March 7th at Billy Sims BBQ at 7358 West Rawson Avenue in Franklin. Ten percent (10%) of all sales for the day (11am - 8 pm) will go to SSM.

This Week at SSM				
Monday	3/6	1:00pm	Bible Study	
Tuesday	3/7	All day	Fund Raiser for Easter Breakfast at Billy Sims	
		6:30pm	Mega Meeting	
Wednesday	3/8	10:15am	Women's Bible Study	
		12 noon	Loose Ends Lunch	
		5:45pm	Handbell Rehearsal	
		6:30pm	Worship – Holden Evening Prayer	
		7:15pm	Choir Rehearsal	
Second Weekend in Lent				
Saturday	3/11	5:00pm	Worship	Ushers: Jim Hennessy, Jim Palasz and Deb Perl
				Reader: Pam Maschke
				Communion: Betty Kroll and Bonnie Court
Sunday	3/12	9:30am	Worship	Ushers: Pat & Shelley Burns and Nancy Mineau
				Reader: Bonnie Daleness
				Communion: Denise Sanders and
				Kipp Zimmermann

#### KEEP THESE SSM MEMBERS IN PRAYER

Bob Brownell, Penny Dowling, Karen Foerster, Mary Freiburger, Sue Herman, Ruth Hoppe, Sue Jarchow, Lynda Johnson, Joy Kilimann, Tasha Kopplin, Carol Kucharski, Herb Leppien, Bob Lieske, Faith O'Connell, Sandy Peterson, Patrick Rafalski, Shirley Rau, Joan Retzlaff, Dick Rutzen, El Schneider, Bob & JoAnn Soderstrom, Richard Sontvedt, Mike Wholean, Tracy Wholean, John Winter, and Joe, Dawn and Kathy Agee and Family at the passing of Vance Agee

## PRAY FOR OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY

Roberta Henrichs, sister-in -law of Joan Retzlaff Laurence Freemont, friend of SSM Katie Stull, granddaughter of Phil & LaVerne Morgan Jerelie Caston, daughter of Joan Retzlaff Nancy & Mike Andritsch, sister/brother-in-law of Barbara & Dan Davies Billy Waters, husband of Darlene Waters & Stepdad of Lori Salas Sharon West, friend of Lynda Johnson Ted P., brother-in-law of Gail Jakus Jay Lessing, friend of LaVerne Morgan Jeanne Jimenez, daughter of Shirley Rau Cindy Molter, mother of Fred Ankebrant Terry Betchner, friend of Dianne Niese Beth Klosinski, daughter of Linda Schmidt James Haas, friend of Mark & Patti Winter Peter Salza, friend of Doug Winter family Dawn Salopek, sister of Karen Miller Mark Weber, son-in-law of Marian Walton Hartmut Barsnick, friend of SSM Julie Francis, daughter-in-law of Sally Kowalewski Judy Ventimiglia, friend of Shelly Rosenstock Tommy Schwietzer, friend of Deb Perl Mark Langhoff, friend of Shelly Rosenstock Greg Sachse, husband of Kelly Sachse Gloria Simley, sister of Dave and Rae Ann Simley Tim Hainer, friend of Kelly and Greg Sachse Karen Gastrau, daughter-in-law of Diana Gastrau

Cathy Kossow, friends of Lynda Johnson Tippecanoe's "Larry under the bridge," friend of the Homeless Katie Manzeck, friend of Carol Manning Susan White, sister of Sally Kowalewski Jon Kowalewski, husband of Susan Kowalewski Lauryn Ramintho, great-granddaughter of Karen Miller Lucy Copeland, granddaughter of Dianne Niese Liane Guthrie, daughter of Dianne Niese Leroy Robinson, father of Linda Schmidt Maria Hill, friend of Lynda Johnson Ann Scorzynski, friend of LaVerne Morgan Kristin White, daughter of Sue Herman Laura Sussman, mother of Kim Sussman Tim Ingram, grandson of Ron Ropel Barbara Goelz, friend of Kelly Sachse Peter Misko, friend of Doug Winter family Kathy Manders, friend of Doug Winter family Tom Freiburger, son of Mary Freiburger Janet Heino, great aunt of Stephanie Falksen Paulie Long, friend of Kelly and Greg Sachse Tim Drover, son of John Drover Bob Guiliani, brother of Char Guiliani Ethelyn Boardman, mother of Carol Manning Helen, mother of Jenny Koeff Bonnie Smyczek, cousin of Ruth Hoppe Andy Stein and his family, son of Barb Stein

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# HYMN #660, Lift High the Cross



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# HYMN #588 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy



- There's a wide-ness in God's mer cy, like the wide-ness of the
- sin ner, and a prom-ised grace made good; There is wel-come for the
- God is broad-er than the mea-sures of For the love of our mind:
- 'Tis not all we owe to Je - sus: it is some - thing more than all:



there's a kind-ness God's jus - tice which is more than lib - er - ty. in there is mer-cy with the Sav-ior; there is heal - ing in his blood. the heart of the E - ter - nal most won-der - ful - ly kind. is great - er good be - cause of e - vil, mer - cy through the fall. larg - er



There is no place where earth's sor - rows are more felt than up in heav'n. thou-sands of new worlds as great as this; There is grace e - nough for But we make this love too nar - row by false lim - its of our own; Make our love, O faith - ful; let God, more us take you at your word,



There is no place where earth's fail - ings have such kind-ly judg-ment giv'n. cre - a - tions in that up - per home of there is room for fresh bliss. we mag-ni - fy its strict-ness with a zeal God will not and own. thanks-giv - ing for the good-ness of our lives will and be Lord.

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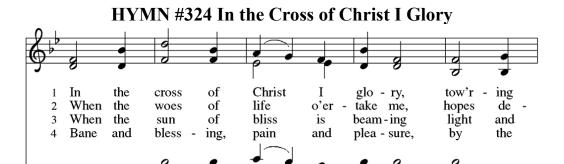


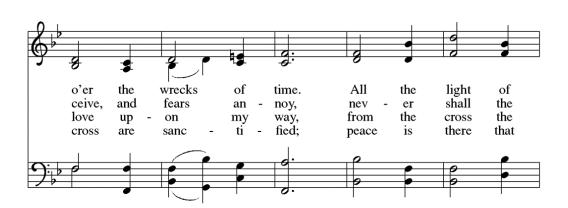
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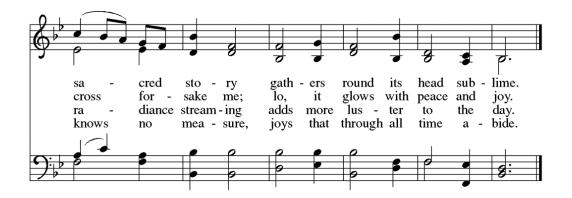
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