



Second SUNDAY IN LENT

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Ministers: All the People of God

First Sunday of Lent

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Thank you for being the Body of Christ gathered here this morning.

Welcome to Worship!

It is good to be together. Your presence here is a gift to God and to others this morning.

We have committed as a church to pray for all those

in our community who are living in the darkness of addiction. We have lit a candle in the front of the sanctuary as we pray for the light of Christ to break into their lives. Before worship begins, you are invited to light a candle for a friend or family member for whom you are praying.

Prelude

Welcome

Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the Holy Trinity, one God, the sower, the seed, the fruit; our lifeboat, our treasure, our leaven. Blessed be God forever. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

(Silence is kept for reflection.)

God of heaven and earth, we name before you the sin that enslaves us, the sin that wounds us and others, the sin that scars our world. Forgive us and heal us. Guard us from all evil. Give to us and the whole creation the freedom of the glory of the children of God. Amen.

Come, all who are weary, all who carry heavy burdens. As tender as a parent to child, so gentle is God to us.

As high as heaven is above earth, so vast is God's love for us. As far as east is from west, so far God removes our sin from, us, renewing our lives in Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Prayer of the Day

Lord God, our strength, the struggle between good and evil rages within and around us, and the devil and all the forces that defy you tempt us with empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your word, and when we fall, raise us again and restore us 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.

Choir

Genesis 2: 1-4

Reader: Hedy Mitchell

Now 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. 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. 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."

So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him.

Psalm 121

I lift up my eyes to the mountains— where does my help come from?

My help comes from the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth.

He will not let your foot slip— he who watches over you will not slumber; indeed, he who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

The LORD watches over you— the LORD is your shade at your right hand; the sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night.

The LORD will keep you from all harm— he will watch over your life; the LORD will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

John 3: 1-17

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. 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."

Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above."

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?"

Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' 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."

Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?"

Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?"

"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. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

"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.

"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.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

"Neither Death Nor Life"

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Prayers of Intercession

Each petition will end with "Lord, in your mercy,"
the congregation responds with "hear our prayer."

Offering

*You may put your offerings in the basket on the table in the back of the sanctuary -
or you are invited to make your offerings online on our website – americanlutheranchurch.net --
or mail them to American Lutheran Church at PO Box 653- Newport, WA 99156*

The Words of Institution

Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again.

Lord's Prayer: Call and Response (See screens)

Invitation to Communion - All are welcome at the Lord's Table. This is God's gift, God's grace, God's life — given freely in love for you. Grape juice and gluten, soy, dairy and corn-free wafers are available. If you need communion brought to you at your seat, please let the usher know.

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Communion Hymns: 323, 335, 474

Blessing

Prayer

Benediction

Sending Hymn

"Have No Fear, Little Flock"

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Go in Peace. Serve the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Please stay to vote!

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A gentle reminder: Please show care for one another and wear a mask if you are feeling under the weather at all.

This Week

Monday	10 am	Bible Study
	Noon	Al-anon
Tuesday	10 am	Quilting
Wednesday	5:45pm	Lenten Soup Supper
Wednesday	6:30pm	Lenten Service
Wednesday	7pm	Choir (after service)
Saturday	3pm	Recovery and Support Group
Sunday	10 am	Worship

Remember in Prayer: Lucy Anderson (at the request of Mary Bug Smith), Anita (at the request of Terry Zakar), Cyndy Akre Grady, Scone Bender, Rudy Bergen, Roger Brandt, Annika Britton, Julie Brown and family, Barbara Campbell, Justin Carnie (Ruth and Mitch Carnie), Ellie, Bobbie Joe (at the request of Carlene Connelly), Shae Courtney (son-in-law of the Lewis'), Susan Fox, Dorothy Funden, Gladys Gerow, Larry Gerow, Ed and Lynda Heckman, Gary Heckathorn, Marva Heckathorn, Annika Hughes, Kurt Johnson, Imo Jones, Kapple family, Leroy Leland, Moses (at the request of Sark Ratliff), Steve Morey (Phyllis and Wilson's grandfather), friends and family of Carl Pitts, Sark Ratliff, Jeanette Reiter, Paul (Julie Brown's brother), Joel Robertson, Carol Rock, Sandy Rock (Joy Peralta's sister-in-law), Val Samson, Cheryl Schoesler, Judy Schoesler, Bill Stewart (at the request of the Graffs), Sara Rogers (at the request of Christian Britton), Chris Vullo (at the request of Judy Bell), Wayland VanZant, Audrey Wilbur (Marva's great niece), Jason (at the request of Terry Zakar).

***Please note:** Prayer requests will normally be kept on the list for one month unless requested for longer.

Announcements:

Lent: Lenten Soup Supper served at 5:45 (Please sign up on the form in the Narthex), followed by a short service at 6:30. Choir practice will follow. There will be a Maundy Thursday and Good Friday service as well.

Recovery and Support Group: Christian Britton and Sark Ratliff are hosting a support group for all. They meet on Saturdays at 3pm.

Pastor Bob Albing can be reached at (208)446-5206 and pinetreepadre@gmail.com. In an emergency, if you are unable to reach Pastor Bob, Pastor Chris Hill is available: pastorchrishill@yahoo.com
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Also, Annie Frederick is available to answer any questions you may have about the transition:
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If you would like to be on our church email list for announcements and prayer concerns, please send your email address to alc.churchoffice@gmail.com.

Reminder: Please don't forget to set the alarm before leaving the church. If you do not have a code please text/call Laretta 509-447-3440

