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Second Sunday in Lent

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John 3:1-17

Weekly Prayers

From our membership: Manish & Sanjivani Chandekar, Jay, Jiana & Joel; Jane Chappell; Randy Chappell, Gwen; Deborah Chappell, Zachary & Paige.

Health concerns: Maria Ehrmann, Barb & Doug Huth, Ron Hockin (Barb's son, medical), Rev. Ron Mohr, Rev. Maximo, Rev. Geronimo, Judy Ellard, Jack Ellard, Mary Anne Whittington, Lauren Kuhl, Sheryl Geisel, Ross Allemang, and Marlene Klingspon.

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Mission: **Rev. Luis Antonio Dias Turcios** who serves as pastor of Emmanuel Lutheran Church and Lutheran Church Star of Bethlehem in Chinandega.

Rev. Joel V. Kuhl, Pastor

Rev. Gerald Scholz, Pastor Emeritus

Joseph Behl, Vicar

Rev. Robert Krestick, Pastor Emeritus

Kevin Lee, Music Director

Helen Tadros, Admin. Assistant

Confession and Absolution

Order of Divine Service

LSB 151

Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 105:4–7; antiphon: v. 8

He remembers his covenant for- | ever,*
the word that he commanded, for a thousand gener- | ations.
Seek the LORD | and his strength;*
seek his presence con- | tinually!
Remember the wondrous works that | he has done,*
his miracles, and the judgments he | uttered,
O offspring of Abraham, his | servant,*
children of Jacob, his | chosen ones!
He is the | LORD our God;*
his judgments are in | all the earth.
Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.
He remembers his covenant for- | ever,*
the word that he commanded, for a thousand gener- | ations.

Kyrie

LSB 152

Salutation and Collect of the Day

O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. 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; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 12:1–9

¹The LORD said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. ²And 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. ³I will bless those who bless you,

and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

⁴So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. ⁵And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother’s son, and all their possessions that they had gathered, and the people that they had acquired in Haran, and they set out to go to the land of Canaan. When they came to the land of Canaan, ⁶Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. ⁷Then the LORD appeared to Abram and said, “To your offspring I will give this land.” So he built there an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him. ⁸From there he moved to the hill country on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. And there he built an altar to the LORD and called upon the name of the LORD. ⁹And Abram journeyed on, still going toward the Negeb.

Gradual

Hebrews 12:2

[O come, let us fix our eyes on] | Jesus, *
the founder and perfecter | of our faith,
who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despis- | ing
the shame, *
and is seated at the right hand of the | throne of God.

Epistle

Romans 4:1–8, 13–17

¹What then shall we say was gained by Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh? ²For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. ³For what does the Scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness.” ⁴Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due. ⁵And to the one who does not work but trusts him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness, ⁶just as David also speaks of the blessing of the one to whom God counts righteousness apart from works:

⁷“Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven,
and whose sins are covered;

⁸blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin.” . . .

¹³For the promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of the world did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression.

¹⁶That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring—not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of

Abraham, who is the father of us all, ¹⁷as 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.

Stand

Lenten Verse

LSB 157

Holy Gospel

John 3:1–17

¹Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. ²This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him.” ³Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.” ⁴Nicodemus said to him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born?” ⁵Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. ⁶That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’ ⁸The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.”

⁹Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” ¹⁰Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? ¹¹Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. ¹²If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

Small Catechism: The Creed

LSB 322

Sit

LSB #708 Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart

Hymn of the Day

Sermon “I Believe”

Genesis 12:1-9

Welcome to New Members

Stand

Prayer of the Church

Sit

Offering

Stand

Offertory

LSB 159

Service of the Sacrament

Communion Liturgy

LSB 160-164

LSB #431 Not All the Blood of Beasts

Distribution Hymn

LSB #542 When I Behold Jesus Christ

Distribution Hymn

Stand

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 165

Post-Communion Collect, Benediction

LSB 166

LSB #437 Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed

Closing Hymn

Postlude: Soliloquy (H. Willan)

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