

FOR GOD DID NOT
SEND HIS SON INTO THE
WORLD TO CONDEMN THE
WORLD, BUT IN ORDER THAT
THE WORLD MIGHT BE SAVED
THROUGH

him

JOHN 3:17

Second Sunday in Lent
March 5, 2023
10:45 a.m.

The altar flowers in the chancel today are given by **Sandy Gansmann** in memory of **Roger Gansmann** and what would have been their **54th wedding anniversary** on March 5.

As We Gather

The pages of the Bible are filled with some very human people. In the appointed Readings of the Sundays in Lent, we encounter several. In today's Old Testament Reading, we hear of Abraham, who followed the guidance of God faithfully to the land of promise. Yet in Genesis, we also read that when in a challenging situation in Egypt, he misrepresented his wife as his sister and profited from the deception. Nicodemus, to whom Jesus explained the Gospel in great detail, kept his association with the Lord a secret. Even at the time of the burial of Jesus after the crucifixion, Nicodemus labors with Joseph of Arimathea "secretly for fear of the Jews" (John 19:38). It is well that we are reminded as we confess in the Nicene Creed that "for us men and for our salvation" our Lord "was made man." As imperfect and very human people, we are assured by the Spirit that we are loved by God, who knows us as we are, and that we truly are "precious in the sight of the LORD" in life and in death (Psalm 116:15).

Run To The Father by Cody Carnes, Matt Maher, and Ran Jackson

**I've carried a burden for too long on my own
I wasn't created to bear it alone
I hear Your invitation to let it all go
I see it now I'm laying it down And I know that I need You**

Chorus

**I run to the Father I fall into grace
I'm done with the hiding No reason to wait
My heart needs a surgeon
My soul needs a friend So I'll run to the Father
Again and again And again and again
You saw my condition Had a plan from the start
Your Son for redemption The price for my heart
I don't have a context For that kind of love
I don't understand I can't comprehend
All I know is I need You Chorus**

Bridge

**My heart has been in Your sights long before my first breath
Running into Your arms Is running to life from death
I feel this rush deep in my chest
Your mercy is calling out Just as I am You pull me in
And I know I need You now Chorus**

Welcome

Invocation

Installation of Officers

Opening Sentences *Psalms 25:1, 2a, 4-6, 7b*

Pastor: To You, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

People: O my God, in You I trust.

Pastor: Make me to know Your ways, O LORD; teach me Your paths.

People: Lead me in Your truth and teach me, for You are the God of my salvation; for You I wait all the day long.

Pastor: Remember Your mercy, O LORD, and Your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.

People: According to Your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of Your goodness, O LORD!

God So Loved (Live At The Wheelhouse)

by Andrew Bergthold, Ed Cash, Franni Cash, Martin Cash, Scott Cash

**Come all you weary Come all you thirsty
Come to the well that never runs dry
Drink of the water Come and thirst no more**

**Come all you sinners Come find His mercy
Come to the table He will satisfy
Taste of His goodness Find what you're looking for**

Chorus 1

**For God so loved the world that He gave us
His one and only Son to save us
Whoever believes in Him will live forever**

**Bring all your failures Bring your addictions
Come lay them down at the foot of the cross
Jesus is waiting there With open arms**

Chorus 2

**For God so loved the world that He gave us
His one and only Son to save us
Whoever believes in Him will live forever
The power of hell forever defeated
Now it is well I'm walking in freedom
For God so loved God so loved the world**

Bridge

**Praise God praise God From whom all blessings flow
Praise Him praise Him For the wonders of His love (Repeat)
His amazing love.**

Chorus 3

**For God so loved the world that He gave us
His one and only Son to save
For God so loved the world that He gave us
His one and only Son to save us
Whoever believes in Him will live forever
The power of hell forever defeated
Now it is well I'm walking in freedom
For God so loved God so loved the world**

**Bring all your failures Bring your addictions
Come lay them down at the foot of the cross
Jesus is waiting God so loved the world**

Confession and Forgiveness

Pastor: As we approach our triune God and gather in His name, we draw near with a true heart and confess our sins.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Pastor: O God our Father, we confess that we are by nature sinful and that we have turned away from Your commands.

People: **Have mercy on us and forgive us, O Lord.**

Pastor: Forgive us for all that we have thought and said and done that is contrary to Your will and Your ways, and forgive us for times we have trusted in our own righteousness instead of relying on Your grace in Christ Jesus, our Redeemer.

People: **Have mercy on us and forgive us, O God.**

Pastor: Forgive us for times we have not been good stewards of Your great creation and for times we have been unwilling to help our neighbors as we ought.

People: **Have mercy on us, O God, according to Your steadfast love. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation and uphold me with a willing spirit. Amen.**

Words of Forgiveness

FORGIVEN

Clean by Natalie Grant

**I see shattered You see whole
I see broken but You see beautiful
And You're helping me to believe
You're restoring me piece by piece**

**Chorus
There's nothing too dirty
That You can't make worthy
You wash me in mercy I am clean
There's nothing too dirty
That You can't make worthy
You wash me in mercy I am clean**

**What was dead now lives again
My heart's beating beating inside my chest
Oh I'm coming alive with joy and destiny
'Cause You're restoring me piece by piece Chorus**

**Bridge (three times)
Washed in the blood of Your sacrifice
Your blood flowed red and made me white
My dirty rags are purified I am clean**

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.

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.

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."

Apostles' Creed

Children's Message



God So Loved

by Marty Sampson and Matt Crocker

Chorus

**For God so loved the world
That He gave His only Son
That whosoever believes will not perish
They shall have eternal life**

**I shall hold to the cross
I shall hold to God alone
For His love has salvaged me
For His love has set me free Chorus**

**I shall wait upon the Lord
I shall wait upon His Word
And by His grace I am released
By His grace I am redeemed Chorus**

Bridge

**By His precious blood
I have been set free
For the glory of Jesus' Name
I surrender all now to Christ alone
In Jesus I am saved (Repeat) Chorus**

Sermon

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More Like Jesus

Brett Younker, Brooke Ligertwood, Kristian Stanfill, Scott Ligertwood

**You came to the world You created
Trading Your crown for a cross
You willingly died
Your innocent life paid the cost**

**Counting Your status as nothing
The King of all kings came to serve
Washing my feet
Covering me with Your love**

**Chorus
If more of You means less of me
Take ev'rything
Yes all of You is all I need
Take ev'rything**

**You are my life and my treasure
The One that I can't live without Here at Your feet
My desires and dreams I lay down Here at Your feet
My desires and dreams I lay down Chorus twice**

**Bridge
Oh Lord change me like only You can
Here with my heart in Your hands
Father I pray make me more like Jesus
This world is dying to know who You are
You've shown us the way to Your heart
So Father I pray make me more like Jesus
(More like Jesus more like Jesus Lord)**

**Interlude
Oh Lord oh Lord
Father I pray Father I pray
Make me more like Jesus Chorus**

Lift Our Hearts in Prayer

Pastor: Lord, in your mercy:

People: Hear our prayer.



Lord's Prayer

The Blessing

I Know

by Jordan Frye, Kim Walker-Smith and Skyler Smith

**In the presence of my enemies
When the storm is crashing down on me
I will trust in what I cannot see
I wait for You
I wait for You**

**Pre-Chorus
You can part the violent sea
You can reach the depths of me**

**Chorus 1
I know nothing is impossible
I know every chain is breakable
I know on Christ the solid rock I stand**

**I am waiting at the water's edge
Holding steadfast to Your promises
Even though I'm not there yet
I trust in You I trust in You**

**Chorus 2
I know nothing is impossible
I know every chain is breakable
I know on Christ the solid rock I stand
My fear is conquered by His perfect love
My life is ransomed by His royal blood
I know on Christ the solid rock I stand**

**Bridge
My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
When darkness seems to hide His face
I rest on His unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil
On Christ the solid rock I stand
All other ground is sinking sand Chorus 2**

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Communion

Those baptized and confirmed Christians who share our Lutheran confession of faith are welcome to receive the Lord's Supper with us. Since the Lord's Supper is a testimony of our unity in faith and love, those Christians of a different confession of faith who desire to receive the Sacrament are asked to speak with a Pastor before worship. All are welcome to come to the altar and receive a blessing. The desire to receive a blessing can be indicated by crossing arms over the chest.

Gluten-free wafers and grape juice are available. After communion, individual cups are to be placed in the baskets near the aisle. For further discussion and a guide to self-examination before communion, see the Holy Communion Guide in the pew pocket.

Communion in the Pew

Please notify an usher if you would like to be served communion in the pew.

Care Needed During Worship

Should you or anyone with you today experience a health-related problem, look for someone wearing a yellow lanyard/nametag (seated on the center aisle left side as you exit sanctuary). They have specialized training to assist you.

Nursery Available

Children are welcome in worship here at Zion but if a little one (or their parent) needs a short break, the church lobby is available for walking and comforting. The nursery is located to the left as you exit the sanctuary if you should need a quiet space. Diaper changing stations are located in the handicapped stalls of the restrooms.