



SECOND SUNDAY

in Lent

"This Is the Way"

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).

PREPARATION

10:45 AM Pre-Service Song “God Is In This Story”

6:30 PM & 8:15 AM Opening Hymn “In the Cross of Christ I
Glory” *LSB 427*

10:45 AM Opening Song “Alive Again”

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C Amen.**

Opening Sentences

P To You, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

C O my God, in You I trust.

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

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

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

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

Confession and Absolution

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

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

C Forgive us, Lord, for the times when we have not been good stewards of Your great creation and for those times when we have been unwilling to help our neighbors as we ought.

Absolution

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God

unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C Amen.**

- P** Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it. **C Amen.**

Salutation

- P** The Lord be with you. **C And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

- P** Let us pray...one God, now and forever. **C Amen.**

Old Testament Reading *Genesis 12:1–9*

(after the reading)...

- L** This is the Word of the Lord. **C Thanks be to God.**

Epistle *Romans 4:1–8*

(after the reading)...

- L** This is the Word of the Lord. **C Thanks be to God.**

Special Music “Forgiven Again” – performed by John Stansell.
Words and Music by Gloria & Benjamin Gaither.

L: Please stand as you are able for the reading of the Holy Gospel.

Holy Gospel *John 3:1–17*

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the third chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord. (after the reading)...

- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C Praise to You, O Christ.**

Children’s Message & Celebrate Song

6:30 PM & 8:15 AM Hymn of the Day “God Loved the World So
That He Gave” *LSB 571*

10:45 AM Sermon Song “We Believe”

Sermon ‘This Is The Way’ *John 3:1-17*

Catechism *The Second Article*

P In the Second Article of the Creed, our confession is focused on Jesus, our Redeemer—who God in His love gave to bring us salvation and the promise of eternal life. We speak the words of the Creed:

C **I believe in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

P What does this mean?

C **I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.**

Prayer of the Church

P (*after each petition*)... O Lord, **C** **hear us for Your mercy's sake.**

Offering & Attendance / Involvement Cards

Preface

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 Him thanks and praise.**

Proper Preface

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for You have brought to us the gift of Your salvation in our lives. Above all, we bless You and give thanks for Your love for the world shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son not to condemn the world but as the conqueror of death. Through the working of Your Holy Spirit, bestow upon us Your peace and abiding joy, Lord, now and forever. Together with angels and archangels and with all that rejoice in the courts of heaven we praise Your glorious name.

6:30 PM & 8:15 AM Hymn "Holy God, We Praise Thy Name" LSB
940; vrs. 1, 4

10:45 AM Song "Blessed Be Your Name"

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P O Lord of heaven and earth...joyfully awaiting the eternal feast in glory everlasting. **G Amen.**

The Words of Our Lord

Proclamation of Christ

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

G Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

Lord's Prayer

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always. **G Amen.**

Distribution

6:30 PM & 8:15 AM Distribution Hymns “Lamb of God” *LSB* 550;
“Come to Calvary’s Holy Mountain” *LSB* 435; “Sing Praise to God,
the Highest Good” *LSB* 819

10:45 AM Communion Songs “All Who Are Thirsty” and “Better
Is One Day”

Post-Communion Thanksgiving

P Let us pray... We ask this in the name of Jesus, our Savior. **G Amen.**

Benedicamus and Benediction

P Let us bless the Lord. **G Thanks be to God.**

P The blessing of almighty God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy
Spirit be and remain with you always. **G Amen.**

6:30 PM & 8:15 AM Closing Hymn “What Wondrous Love Is
This” *LSB* 543

10:45 AM Closing Song “My Lighthouse”

Midweek Lenten & Holy Week Worship Services at Redeemer

Wednesday, March 8

11:30 AM & 7 PM Worship

*Meal: Varied Soups &
sandwiches

hosted by Bibi's Hope

Theme: *'The Prodigal Son'*

Wednesday, March 15

11:30 AM & 7 PM Worship

*Meal: Chicken Strips
hosted by 6th-8th Confirmation

Theme: *'The Blind Man'*

Wednesday, March 22

11:30 AM & 7 PM Worship

*Meal: Lasagna
hosted by Handbells & Choir

Theme: *'The Woman at the Well'*

Wednesday, March 29

11:30 AM & 7 PM Worship

*Meal: Hot Dogs & Loose Meats
hosted by KinderCottage Preschool

Theme: *'Paul'*

Palm Sunday, April 2

**Worship 6:30 PM Thursday,
March 30; 8:15, 10:45 AM
Sunday April 2**

Theme: *'Peter'*

Maundy Thursday, April 6

**11:30 AM & 7 PM Worship
with Holy Communion**

Theme: *'John'*

Good Friday, April 7

11:30 AM & 7 PM Worship

Theme: *'The Penitent Thief'*

Easter Sunday, April 9

**6:30 AM, 8:30 AM, & 10:30 AM
Worship w/Holy Communion**

Theme: *'Mary Magdalene'*

*7-10:30 AM Redeemer Youth
serve Easter Breakfast*