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Empowered by God, we are instruments of the Holy Spirit's passion to grow in our faith, support each other with a sense of belonging, and by sharing Jesus' love by being good neighbors in the community.

Guided by the Spirit, we share the love of Jesus and walk with our community.

Sunday, February 28, 2021 2nd Sunday in Lent

Today, we continue our Lenten journey. Last week, we heard about the rainbow covenant with Noah that encompassed every human being. This week, our focus turns to the Gospel of Mark. Our gospel lesson is Mark 8:27-38 and is a pivotal point for Mark's story. Whereas before, Jesus' ministry was primarily in Galilee, in chapter 8, the story begins to shift towards Jerusalem and the cross. The issue in our story is "Jesus Who?" What does it mean to proclaim that Jesus is the Messiah as Peter does. Peter will find out that his preconceived notions of what that title means is contrary to who Jesus is and what his mission is. He got the words right but the meaning wrong.

For us, we toss around the name "Jesus Christ," without thinking about it. Sometimes we even use it when we are surprised by something-like hitting our thumb with a hammer. But our lesson today makes us reflect deeply on who Jesus is for **our** lives and what it means to live the Christian life. For primarily, to follow Jesus means to jettison what we think is important (which usually revolves around **me**) and to focus on others. Jesus calls it "denying oneself." But this is the life Jesus wants and saves us for.



INTRODUCTION

The second covenant in this year's Lenten readings is the one made with Abraham and Sarah: God's promise to make them the ancestors of many, with whom God will remain in everlasting covenant. Paul says this promise comes to all who share Abraham's faith in the God who brings life into being where there was no life. We receive this baptismal promise of resurrection life in faith. Sarah and Abraham receive new names as a sign of the covenant, and we too get new identities in baptism, as we put on Christ.

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross



1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross on which the
 2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the
 3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and
 4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were a



prince of glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I
 death of Christ, my God; all the vain things that
 love flow min - gled down. Did e'er such love and
 pres - ent far too small; love so a - maz - ing,



count but loss and pour con - tempt on all my pride.
 charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.
 sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
 so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748

Music: HAMBURG, Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the keeper of the covenant, the source of steadfast

Love, our rock and our redeemer.

Amen.

God hears us when we cry, and draws us close in Jesus Christ. Let us return to the one who is full of compassion.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Fountain of living water, pour out your mercy over us. Our sin is heavy, and we long to be free. Rebuild what we have ruined and mend what we have torn. Wash us in your cleansing flood. Make us alive in the Spirit to follow in the way of Jesus, as healers and restorers of the world you so love.

Amen.

Beloved, God's word never fails. The promise rests on grace: by the saving love of Jesus Christ, the wisdom and power of God, your sins are ✝️ forgiven, and God remembers them no more. Journey in the way of Jesus.

Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, by the passion of your blessed Son you made an instrument of shameful death to be for us the means of life. Grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ that we may gladly suffer shame and loss for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

WORD

First Reading: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

As with Noah, God makes an everlasting covenant with Abraham and Sarah. God promises this old couple that they will be the ancestors of nations, though they have no child together. God will miraculously bring forth new life from Sarah's womb. The name changes emphasize the firmness of God's promise.

1 When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. 2 And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous." 3 Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, 4 "As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. 5 No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. 6 I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. 7 I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you."

15 God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. 16 I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

The word of the Lord, **thanks be to God.**

Psalm: Psalm 22:23-31

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord. (Ps. 22:27)

- 23 You who fear the Lord, give praise! All you of Jacob's line, give glory.
Stand in awe of the Lord, all you offspring of Israel.
- 24 For the Lord does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither is the Lord's face hidden from them;
but when they cry out, the Lord hears them.
- 25 From you comes my praise in the great assembly;
I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the Lord.
- 26 The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
Let those who seek the Lord give praise! May your hearts live forever!
- 27 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord;
all the families of nations shall bow before God.
- 28 For dominion belongs to the Lord,
who rules over the nations.
- 29 Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow down in worship;
all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel before the Lord.
- 30 Their descendants shall serve the Lord,
whom they shall proclaim to generations to come.
- 31 They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people yet unborn,
saying to them, "The Lord has acted!"

Second Reading: Romans 4:13-25

Paul presents Abraham as the example for how a person comes into a right relationship with God not through works of the law but through faith. Though Abraham and Sarah were far too old for bearing children, Abraham trusted that God would accomplish what God had promised to accomplish.

13 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. 14 If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. 15 For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

16 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, 17 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. 18 Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." 19 He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. 20 No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, 21 being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. 22 Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." 23 Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, 24 but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, 25 who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

The word of the Lord, **thanks be to God.**

Gospel: Mark 8:31-38

After Peter confesses his belief that Jesus is the Messiah, Jesus tells his disciples for the first time what is to come. Peter's response indicates that he does not yet understand the way of the cross that Jesus will travel.

31 [Jesus] began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. 32 He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. 33 But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

34 He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. 35 For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. 36 For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? 37 Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? 38 Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

The Gospel of our Lord, **praise to you, O Christ.**



CHILDREN'S STORY

Paula Cardoza-Jones

SERMON

I was not much of a church-goer when I was growing up. I thought of Christians as judgmental, sniffing out any sin in other people. When someone would try to convert me and say, "Do you know Jesus Christ as your personal savior, I would say, 'Jesus? Jesus who?'" In looking back, I now realize that, despite my sarcasm, it was the most profound question I could ask, "Who is this Jesus fellow?" I didn't have the faintest idea of who Jesus is until 1976 in which I had an epiphany. However, even now, some 45 years later, I am still learning who he is and what he means to my life. Our gospel passage for this week is Mark 8:27-38 and speaks to this issue of "Jesus Who?"

Jesus is on his way to Caesarea Philippi. It included a gleaming white temple devoted to Caesar who was honored in the civil religion of the day as Lord, Savior, and Son of God. It is in the shadow of this temple that Jesus asks the question of his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" The disciples already had done an opinion poll and the disciples parrot what other people are saying, "John the Baptist, others Elijah, and still others, one of the prophets." High praise! But the disciples didn't really have to think for themselves to come up with the answer. So, Jesus makes it more personal, "Who do you say that I am?"

Well, what about you and me? Have we really come to grips with who Jesus is for us personally? We can recite the creeds, or what the latest scholars say, or heaven forbid, what the preacher says. Lots of opinions about who Jesus is. But really it all comes down to "Who do you say that I am?" Peter knows or thinks he knows. After Jesus asks the question, he pipes up, "You are the Christ."

However, Peter will find out that he got the title right, but the meaning wrong. Jesus begins to talk about how the Son of Man must undergo suffering, rejection, execution, and then rise again. To Peter and the other disciples, these strange sayings of Jesus just did not fit their world view of how the Messiah would reign. Peter and Jesus have a confrontation. Jesus ends up calling Peter "Satan." Peter had become like Satan in the wilderness story as told in chapter 1, tempting Jesus to forego what God had planned for his Son. Peter had found himself at "cross" purposes with Jesus and his mission. He was focused on human things rather than divine things.

It is a human dilemma, isn't it? Our natural tendency is to make Jesus into who we want him to be rather than who he really is. However, the God whom Jesus reveals is a Crucified God who forgives us our sins and, through the Spirit, reorients our lives. So the key question for us, is "What kind of Christ is Jesus in my life?"

When we answer this question, then we will know what kind of Christian we must be for him. Honestly, I have to admit that Peter speaks for me when he rebukes Jesus for saying that the Son of Man must suffer. After all, that may mean that, if I follow a Christ who dies on a cross, I may have to do so also. Sure enough, Jesus says to his disciples and to us, "If anyone wants to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me." Uh! Oh! Tough saying. Not one that churches want to put on their outside sign to attract visitors! Fortunately, I suspect none of us will die on a cross. But what does it mean for us to carry a cross? It says to me that we sacrifice self interest in order to serve others. Because when Christ died on the cross, God was doing that very thing for you and me. It is really the only way of following Jesus. And in doing so, we find ourselves living life as God intended. So, who is Jesus for you?

Peace be with you,
Rex Jones



My Faith Looks Up to Thee



- 1 My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,
- 2 May thy rich grace im - part strength to my faint - ing heart,
- 3 While life's dark maze I tread and griefs a - round me spread,
- 4 When ends life's tran - sient dream, when death's cold, sul - len stream



Sav - ior di - vine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my
my zeal in - spire; as thou hast died for me, oh, may my
be thou my guide; bid dark-ness turn to day, wipe sor-row's
shall o'er me roll; blest Sav - ior, then, in love fear and dis -



guilt a - way, oh, let me from this day be whol - ly thine!
love to thee pure, warm, and change-less be, a liv - ing fire!
tears a - way, nor let me ev - er stray from thee a - side.
trust re-move; oh, bear me safe a - bove, a ran - somed soul!

Text: Ray Palmer, 1808–1887

Music: OLIVET, Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

APOSTLES' CREED

**We believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**We 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.**

**We 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

Relying on the promises of God, we pray boldly for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

Your gift of grace is for all people. Give confident faith to all the baptized, that they may follow you wholeheartedly. Give new believers joy in your promises; give hope and courage to those who suffer for their faith. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

All the ends of the earth worship you. From galaxies to microorganisms, preserve your creation. Teach humanity to wonder at your works and to join you in tending to creation's well-being. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You rule over the nations. Raise up advocates for peace and justice within and between nations. Give life where hope seems dead; call into existence new realities we cannot even imagine. (*Here specific places of need may be named.*) Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

In Jesus you joined humanity in suffering and death. Reveal to all the depth of your love shown on the cross. Accompany all who suffer in body, mind, and spirit. Restore all who are sick or grieving. Bring vindication for victims of injustice, exploitation, and oppression (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You made Abraham and Sarah the ancestors of a multitude of nations. Bless grandparents, parents, and foster parents, and the children who look to them for care and guidance. Console those who deal with infertility, parents who have entrusted their children to adoption, and children longing to be adopted. Equip ministries and services to families. *(The congregation's ministries and community services may be named.)* Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

We await the day of Christ's coming in glory. Lead us by the example of all the saints whom you have called to take up their cross and follow you, that together we may find our lives in you. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We entrust ourselves and all our prayers to you, O faithful God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

Faith Lutheran	St. Andrew's
Faithful members and friends of Faith and St. Andrews, we thank you for your continued financial support during our time of physical separation.	
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OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Faithful God, you walk beside us in desert places, and you meet us in our hunger with bread from heaven. Accompany us in this meal, that we may pass over from death to life with Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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 comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name.

Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life: Blessed are you for the birth of creation. Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light. Blessed are you for your promise to your people. Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams. Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will. Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection. We look with hope for his coming.

Come, Lord Jesus.

Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal.

May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people. Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace on earth.

Come, Holy Spirit.

All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Jesus draws the whole world to himself.
Come to this meal and be fed.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

God of steadfast love, at this table you gather your people into one body for the sake of the world. Send us in the power of your Spirit, that our lives bear witness to the love that has made us new in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Announcements

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

You are what God made you to be: created in Christ Jesus for good works, chosen as holy and beloved, freed to serve your neighbor.

God bless you ☩ that you may be a blessing, in the name of the holy and life-giving Trinity.

Amen.

SENDING

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

Take My Life, That I May Be
Toma, oh Dios, mi voluntad

Refrain/Estribillo



To - ma, oh Dios, mi vo - lun - tad, y haz - la tu - ya, na -
Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord,



da más; to - ma, sí, mi co - ra - zón
to thee; take my mo - ments and my days;



y tu tro - no en él ten - drás. ten - drás.
let them flow in cease - less praise. less praise.



1 Que mi vi - da en - te - ra es - té
1 Take my hands and let them move
2 Take my sil - ver and my gold,
3 Take my voice and let me sing
4 Take my will and make it thine;



con - sa - gra - da a ti, Se - ñor;
at the im - pulse of thy love;
not a mite would I with - hold;
al - ways, on - ly for my King;
it shall be no lon - ger mine;



que a mis ma - nos pue - da guiar el im -
take my feet and let them be swift and
take my in - tel - lect and use ev - 'ry
take my lips and let them be filled with
take my heart, it is thine own; it shall



Refrain/Estribillo

pul - so de tu a - mor.
beau - ti - ful for thee.
pow'r as thou shalt choose.
mes - sag - es from thee.
be thy roy - al throne.

2 *Que mis pies tan sólo en pos de lo santo puedan ir, y que a ti, Señor, mi voz, se complazca en bendecir.* Estribillo

3 *Que mis labios al hablar hablen sólo de tu amor; que mis bienes dedicar yo los quiera a ti, Señor.* Estribillo

4 *Que mi tiempo todo esté consagrado a tu loor; que mi mente y su poder sean usados en tu honor.* Estribillo

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Faith's Calendar

- **Sunday, February 28**
 - 9am Sunday Fellowship via Zoom
 - 11am 2nd Sunday in Lent Worship Service
In-Person at St. Andrews, Live on Facebook, and
by email later in the day.
 - 7pm Faith Formation & Holy Communion via Zoom
- **Wednesday, March 3**
 - 6pm Zoom Soup Dinner
 - 7pm "A Story to Tell" - Lenten Service
- **Friday, March 5**
 - 5-7pm Food Pantry
- **Sunday, March 7**
 - 9am Worship - RETURN to IN-PERSON Worship!!!
 - 11am Sunday Fellowship via Zoom
 - 7pm Faith Formation & Holy Communion via Zoom

Faith Lutheran's Announcements

RETURN to in-person Worship!!!!

Faith Lutheran will be RETURNING TO IN-PERSON worship on Sunday, March 7 at 9:00am! Watch your email for more information regarding our return. We praise God for the blessings we continue to share with St. Andrews.

Adult Faith Formation

During this Lenten season we will be reviewing the previous weeks Lenten Devotion from "A Story to Tell." Join us each Sunday evening at 7pm via Zoom.

Read and study God's Word for the coming Sunday!

For next week March 7: Third Sunday in Lent

1st Reading: Exodus 20:1-17

Psalm: Psalm 19

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

Gospel: John 2:13-22

Faith Lutheran Prayer Wall

It is written in Philippians 4:6, that we are not to be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving we are to present our requests to God.
You don't have to be a "Prayer Warrior" to pray.

Please pray for your brothers and sisters in Christ?

Our Homebound Members: Flora Christiansen and Martha Siemers

Continued Prayers: Gil Sams for continued healing from open heart surgery. Muncy Family for Chuck and Julie's continued Covid-19 recovery, the loss of Chuck's brother, as well as, the loss of Julie's mom, Joan. Christina Burgan (daughter of Joyce and Gil Sams), Lou Ann Funk, Carolyn Moench, Jodi Draper, Vince Draper, Sara Curry, Sam Muncy, Tim Schults (brother of Karen Anderson), Dan Weaver (father of Dee Dee Kochersperger), Dave Lee's Mother, Jackie, and his brother and sister-in-law for health concerns, Unknown needs to all who are troubled in mind, body, and spirit.

Students: Amy Westwick (Paramedic School), Douglas Perez, Maddie Anderson, Matthew Benning, Lauren Basicker, All students navigating their "new normals"

Military Service Members: Corporal (JJ) James, All Service Men and Women fighting for our freedoms

Current Events:

Continued Covid-19 struggles

Peace for our troubled world

Let us pray for all our siblings in Christ in Texas with freezing weather, power outages, and problems with water!

Please consider a donation to Lutheran World Relief at www.lwr.org. Their mission is:
"Affirming God's love for all people...we work around the world to end poverty, injustice, and human suffering."

Leadership and Local Organizations:

ELCA Bishop Elizabeth Eaton

I-K Synod Bishop Bill Gafkjen

Lutheran Child and Family Services

Family Promise

Sheltering Wings

Faith's Food Pantry

As a family of Faith, we want to pray and celebrate WITH you. Please submit your requests to Sheilah at the office by phone 317.272.1022 or by email at flc.avon@att.net.

If you would like to add details to your petitions you are welcome to do so but you do NOT have to.

St. Andrew's Prayer Lists

Families on the Prayer List

Pastor & Mrs. Rex Jones (Paula-Cardoza)

Mrs. Rosemary Jones

Mrs. Thelma Jones

Lt. & Mrs. Michael Joseph (Sydney)

Additional Prayers for Recent, Current, or Upcoming Medical Care:

Bonnie Beebe, friend of Pat Tumeay, Pastor Doug Givan,
Denise Goodman, friend of Jill Smith, Christine Robertson, great niece of MJ Lynch

Those with Ongoing Special Need of Prayer:

Jerid Edwards, great nephew of MJ Lynch Ruth Tingle David Tryon, son of Mary

Remember to Pray for Nursing Home Residents and Shut-Ins:

Lynn Bigelow Thelma Jones Penny Kalk Martha Larson

Norma Petraits David Royer David Schmalz The Harrison

Remember to Pray for those Serving in our Armed Forces:

Michael Joseph

Jerry Shake

St. Andrew's Calendar

- **Sunday, February 28** Zoom Fellowship 10am
2nd Sunday in Lent Worship 11am
Zoom Holy Communion and Adult Faith Formation 7pm
- **Tuesday, March 2** Zoom Staff Meeting 1pm
Zoom Transformational Ministry 6:30pm
Zoom FBS 7-8:30pm
- **Wednesday, March 3** Laundry & Friends 4:30-6:30pm
Zoom Fellowship 6pm
Wednesday Lenten Virtual Worship 7pm
- **Thursday, March 4** Zoom Council Meeting 6pm
- **Sunday, March 7** Zoom Fellowship 10-am
3rd Sunday in Lent Worship 11am
Zoom Holy Communion and Adult Faith Formation 7pm

St. Andrew's Announcements

Welcome and Thank You

Pastor Rex Jones is leading worship today while Pastor Givan is on vacation.
Thank you Rex!

A Very Special Prayer

We extend a very special prayer of thanks for a successful surgery and speedy recovery following Pastor Doug Givan's surgery on Tuesday, February 23rd.

Thank you! Thank you!

We appreciate the hard work and dedication of John Charlesworth for also helping clear the sidewalks after the snowstorm.

Prayers for Texas

Let us pray for all our siblings in Christ in Texas with the hardships that freezing weather, power outages, lack of water and the ongoing problems these conditions created. Please consider a donation to Lutheran World Relief at www.lwr.org.

Their mission is: "Affirming God's love for all people...we work around the world to end poverty, injustice, and human suffering."

Wednesday Lenten Fellowship

We cannot be together for our traditional soup suppers, so we will gather virtually for supper and fellowship before the virtual worship service at 7pm. Watch email for details.

In Person vs Virtual Worship

Starting the week of February 15th, the decision to hold worship in-person will be determined by **Marion County's color-coded level** which is updated every **Wednesday at noon**, assigning each county in the state a status of yellow, orange, or red.

- When Marion County achieves a designation of "**yellow**" in-person worship will resume the Sunday immediately following.
- The church will continue holding in-person worship, unless Marion County is listed as "**red**" at which time worship will return to virtual-only starting with the Sunday immediately following.
- Anytime the **status of worship changes, you will receive an email** from Kelli. Those who do not receive email communications will be **contacted via phone**.
- When we are able to return to in-person worship, it will be important to continue under the same guidelines that we have followed during Covid.

The color code map is located on the [Indiana State Department of Health's COVID-19 dashboard](https://www.coronavirus.in.gov/2393.htm) (<https://www.coronavirus.in.gov/2393.htm>) about mid-way down the page.

Constitution Updates

As was presented at our recent annual meeting, below are the two proposed amendments to our Constitution, as required. We will officially vote on these at a meeting in the future. No action is required now, however, if you have any questions, please contact Suzy Henschen. The proposed changes are in bold and underlined:

C12.01 The voting membership of the Congregation Council shall consist of the pastor and **at least 7** members of the congregation.

C12.2 The members of the Congregation Council except for the pastor(s) shall be elected by written ballot to serve for **2** years or until their successors are elected. Such members shall be eligible to serve no more than **three** full terms consecutively.

Remember:

- Recorded worship will be available on website, Facebook, and email Sunday afternoons.
- Office Hours 10-4, T-W-TH.
- Midweek Moment Wednesdays 12pm.
- Wednesday Lenten fellowship at 6pm on Zoom. Virtual Worship at 7pm.
- Communion Kits can be picked up at the church office.

Read and study God's Word for the coming Sunday!

For next week March 7: *3rd Sunday in Lent*

1st Reading: Exodus 20:1-17 - Psalm: Psalm 19

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:18-25 - Gospel: John 2:13-22