

Galilee Evangelical Lutheran Church



Second Sunday in Lent

March 8, 2020

Mission Statement

*To gather people together to hear the story of God's love in Jesus Christ,
to be nurtured in faith and knowledge, and
to share the Good News through word and deed.*

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9:30 a.m.

ELW Setting 3

During Lent we journey with all those around the world who will be baptized at the Easter Vigil. In today's gospel Jesus tells Nicodemus that he must be born of water and Spirit. At the font we are given a new birth as children of God. As God made a covenant with Abraham, in baptism God promises to raise us up with Christ to new life. From worship we are sent forth to proclaim God's love for all the world.

Serving in Worship this Morning

Altar Guild: Betty Jeans

Organist: Tim Rand

Assisting Minister: Barb Strenge

Special Music: Bells of Galilee

Lector: Teresa Shores

Ushers: Miriam & Ron Peterson

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Regular - **Liturgist**

Bold - Congregation

+ Stand as able

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Prelude and Fugue #3

Craig Penfield

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

We confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. Forgive, restore and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, Amen.

+ GATHERING SONG

Baptized in Water

Hymn #456

+ GREETING

Response: **And also with you.**

+ KYRIE & GLORIA

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+ PRAYER OF THE DAY

WORD

FIRST READING

Genesis 12:1-4a

God's call of Abram and Sarai has a clear purpose—that through them all the families of the earth would gain a blessing. As they set out on their journey, they are accompanied by promises of land, nation, and a great reputation.

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. ²I 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 the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." ^{4a}So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him.

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

PSALM 121 (Tone 4)

Assisting minister:

¹I lift up my eyes | to the hills;
from where is my | help to come?

Congregation:

²**My help comes | from the Lord,
the maker of heav- | en and earth.**

³The Lord will not let your | foot be moved
nor will the one who watches over you | fall asleep.

⁴**Behold, the keep- | er of Israel
will neither slum- | ber nor sleep;**

⁵the Lord watches | over you;
the Lord is your shade at | your right hand;

⁶**the sun will not strike | you by day,
nor the | moon by night.**

⁷The Lord will preserve you | from all evil
and will | keep your life.

⁸**The Lord will watch over your going out and your | coming in,
from this time forth for- | evermore.**

SECOND READING

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

In the person and example of Abraham we discover that a right relationship with God does not involve earning a reward from God but entails trusting God's promises. Abraham is the forebear and model for both Jews and Gentiles, because we too trust that ours is a God who gives life to the dead.

¹What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor 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 reckoned to him as righteousness." ⁴Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. ⁵But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

¹³For 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. ¹⁴If 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, neither is there violation.

¹⁶For 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, 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.

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

+ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Return to the Lord

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+ GOSPEL

John 3:1-17

The Holy Gospel according to John, the third chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

A curious Pharisee visits Jesus by night to learn from the teacher his friends reject. Jesus speaks to him about life in the Spirit and the kingdom of God.

¹Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ²He 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." ³Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." ⁴Nicodemus 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?" ⁵Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' ⁸The 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." ⁹Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" ¹⁰Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?"

¹¹"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. ¹²If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And just 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, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

¹⁷"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. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

(A time of silence for reflection will follow the sermon.)

+ APOSTLES CREED

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

I 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.

I 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.

+ BLESSING OF THE CHALICE & PATEN

Oh God, Send your blessing on this chalice and paten, which we set apart today;
may all who receive the bread of heaven and the cup of blessing be sustained by
your grace and power.

+ PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

...Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

+ PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**
The congregation is invited to greet one another with a gesture of peace using the
words "Peace be with you" and then be seated.

MEAL

OFFERING *Jesus Paid It All* arr. Hayes & Gaspard
(Children are invited to come to the altar with their offering for global missions.)

+OFFERING PRAYER Together we pray, **God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord. Amen.**

+THE GREAT THANKSGIVING p. 144-145

+THE LORD'S PRAYER *Our Father, who art in heaven*

COMMUNION (at the table) *Lamb of God* p. 146

COMMUNION MUSIC *Meditation on Beautiful Savior* Arr. Cathy Moglebust

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING

+BLESSING

+ SENDING SONG *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy* #588

ANNOUNCEMENTS

+DISMISSAL **All: Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE *Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart* arr. Michael Costello



ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME Welcome to all guests and visitors. We are glad that we can worship together this morning. We invite you to sign the guest book in the narthex. If you would like to sign up for an event, you can do so in the kiosk notebook. The Voice of Galilee, our monthly newsletter, is also available in the kiosk.

HOLY COMMUNION Everyone of all ages is invited to celebrate Holy Communion. The real presence of Christ is celebrated in this sacrament. Communion today is served at the table, by intinction. The chalice with the white ribbon is grape juice.

QUILTING GROUP We have a quilting group at Galilee. Welcome all! We meet the first and third Monday of each month at 1 p.m. Please join us!

REFRESHMENTS Thank you to our newest members, Cherie & Leesa for providing treats today. Thank you! Next week, we are having a bake sale to raise funds for Galilee's trip to Tanzania in the Fall of 2020. We invite you to bring your favorite baked goodies!

HOLY HOOPS Our game today vs Mt. Olivet #1 is at 1 p.m. at Christ the King Lutheran Church in New Brighton!! Let Pastor Dana know if you need a ride. We hope all players will show up and spectators join in to support us! Next week, March 15, we will take a rest. Join us March 22, 3:30 against St. Luke's.

BOOK DISCUSSION This spring, our breakfast book will be *The Book of Joy: Lasting Happiness in a Changing World*. Archbishop Desmond Tutu spent a week at the Dalai Lama's home. They reflected on their life experiences to create a gift for others by answering the question: How do we find joy in the face of life's inevitable suffering? You are welcome to join the group as we learn from the wisdom of these two great (and joyful) men! We will meet at 7 am on Wednesdays, March 11, 18, and 25, and April 1. For more info., please contact Jo Ann French (jfrench.galilee@gmail.com).

GLOBE OFFERING The youth of our congregation have chosen to send the GLOBE offering to Yemen to help combat hunger, and develop hygiene and clean drinking water. Thus far, the Globe has collected \$92.80.

ADULT FORUM TODAY: Come to the library to hear the confirmation students share about their "green" projects.

NORTHEAST METRO CLIMATE ACTION has scheduled a presentation by Don Shelby on climate change. *Don Shelby - Climate Change: Opinions Need Not Apply. Facts, Inquire Within!* Monday, March 30, 7 p.m. at Incarnation Lutheran Church, Shoreview.

FOOD SHARE Again this March we join food shelves, faith communities, businesses, and organizations across Minnesota to help end hunger and food insecurity. Please bring nonperishable items and/or make a monetary donation. So far, we have collected \$285. The food drive goes through March 29, 2020.

GALI-LADIES The Gali-Ladies are looking for new ladies to join their group. They meet the third Thursday of each month at 11:30 a.m. in the fellowship hall. The ladies take turns providing lunch and share great conversation, then they play Bunco for prizes. Throughout the year they do projects sharing with the community (ie veterans, schools, retirement homes, etc). If you are interested in joining the group, talk to Ardis Haslach or Sandy Altendorfer, or just stop by!

NEW CHALICE & PATEN Thank you to a memorial gift of a new chalice and paten for our altar at Galilee. This gift was given in memory of her loving husband, Dan Hayne, by Lorrie Hayne. Today we will bless the new pieces and use then going forth.

BIRTHDAYS March 8-14

9 Elaine Mundt	13 Donis Colvin	14 Jennifer Maleitzke
13 Sandra Altendorfer	13 Kyle O'Keefe	

UPCOMING EVENTS

Today! - Holy Hoops GAME!!, 1 p.m. at Christ the King
March 21 - Council Retreat, 9 a.m. - 1p.m.
March 22 - New Member Sunday
March 4 through April 1 - Soup Suppers/Holden Evening Prayer

PRAYER REQUESTS

The prayers of the congregation are requested for:

Sandy Altendorfer	George Johnson
Debbie Brown (Ardis & Dick Haslach's daughter)	Minnesota Faith Chinese Lutheran Church
Terry Clasen (Karen Groebner's brother)	Darrin Mitchell (Dazhanea and Dazhion's father)
Family & friends of Dale "Beaver" Cornar Nelson (Darla's nephew)	Dennis Norbeck
Family & friends of Richard Eagan (Dawn Babin's s/o)	Family & Friends of Dorothy Ososki (Tom and Elaine's aunt)
Mitchell Erickson	St. Paul Friends Nepali Church
Ardis Haslach	Veniessa Taylor
Family & friends of Fred Hayes (Judy Hogan's husband)	Uhominyi Parish, Tanzania

All prayer requests are also supported through Galilee's Prayer Circle.

We are delighted to pray for anyone and include their name on our prayer list, as well as mention them in the intercessions during Sunday worship. Please keep the church office informed about their status. We will keep these names on our prayer list for one month. If, on the other hand, you would like us to keep them on the prayer list for longer than a month, please call the church office.

THIS WEEK AT GALILEE

Sunday, March 8

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

Galilee Worship.....	9:30 a.m.
Fellowship Time	10:30 a.m.
Adult Forum: Confirmation Class "Green" Projects.....	11 a.m.
Minnesota Faith Chinese Lutheran Church Worship Service	11 a.m.
St. Paul Friends Church	11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Holy Hoops GAME at Christ the King Lutheran Church, New Brighton	3:30 p.m.
Vacuuming Duty: Jim Zrust.....	Evening

Monday, March 9

Healing Touch.....	6 p.m.
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Tuesday, March 10

Donut Group	9:30 a.m.
Young at Heart.....	11:00 a.m.

Wednesday, March 11

Book Discussion Group	7 a.m.
Practice Your Spanish	12 p.m.
Villa Park Devotions	1 p.m.
Soup Supper.....	6 p.m.
Galilee Choir.....	7:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 12

Bible Study.....	11 a.m.
Bells of Galilee	6 p.m.
Holy Hoops Practice at Christ the King	6 p.m.
Congregational Council Meeting	6:30 p.m.
St. Paul Clown Club.....	6:30 p.m.

Friday, March 13

Mutual Ministry.....	10 a.m.
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Saturday, March 14

Chinese Prayer	6 a.m.
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Sunday, March 15

Galilee Worship.....	9:30 a.m.
Fellowship Time	10:30 a.m.
Adult Forum: "Dementia Friendly" by Kala Hotakanin & Rebecca Nelson.....	11 a.m.
Minnesota Faith Chinese Lutheran Church Worship Service	11 a.m.
St. Paul Friends Church	11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Vacuuming Duty: Peter Solberg.....	Evening

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