

Second Sunday in Lent: A Service of Holy Communion

Leader's Guide

GATHERING

***Weekly Announcements**

(begin at 10:10 a)

***Prelude**

(begins at 10:15a)

Welcome

Pastor Dustin (begins at 10:20a)

Messiah Lutheran Church is a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and welcomes all people into full participation in the body of Christ without regard to race, nationality, ethnicity, ability, marital status, gender identity or sexual orientation.

Kyrie Eleison

P. Holy and merciful God,
we come to you confessing we have sinned in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone....

A.

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a bass line (bass clef). The lyrics are provided in both Greek and English. The first system includes the following lyrics: Greek: Ky - ri-e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri-e e - le - i - son. English: Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. The second system includes the following lyrics: Ky - ri-e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri-e e - le - i - son. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. The bass line consists of a simple accompaniment of quarter notes and rests.

P. We have not loved you with our whole heart, soul, and strength.
We have not expressed the mind of Christ.
We have not stayed in step with the Spirit....

**A. Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison.
Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison.**

P. Our lives are distorted and the lives of others diminished by our self-indulgence and sloth, pride and privilege, fearfulness and faithlessness, avoidance of our kin, apathy towards other species, degradation of your creation, and disregard for future generations....

**A. Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison.
Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison.**

P. O God our Savior, amidst our being overwhelmed by our individual and collective transgressions, by the harm that we have caused our neighbors near and far, by the persistence of evil in our lives and in the world, we seek your mercy, illumination, and might....

**A. Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison.
Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison.**

P. Forgive us, we pray, through Christ our Lord, guide us by your Word, and strengthen us in your Spirit, so that we may increasingly discern and do the fast acceptable to you and so embody your love for the world.
Amen.

Gathering Hymn – *Be Thou My Vision*

VIDEO

Welcome

P. The grace of Jesus Christ our Savior, the reconciling love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

A. And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

P. 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.

A. Amen.

P. We shall continue with our first reading.

WORD

First Reading – Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

NEW VIDEO

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. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous." Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, "As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. 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. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. 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."

God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. 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."

Musical Meditation

VIDEO music with overlay video

Gospel Reading - Mark 8:31-38

Rev. Dustin Wright

[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. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. 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." 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. 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. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? 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."

Sermon

Rev. Dustin Wright

Hymn of the Day – *Fairest Lord Jesus*

VIDEO

Prayers of Intercession

- P. We ask that you lift up your prayers in the comments section of Facebook Live (or in your hearts) at this time.
- P. Hear us, O God
- A. Your mercy is great.**

Intro to Response to God's Call: Lord You Are My Strength

- P. In this Lenten Season, we are reminded of the brokenness of this world and our need for God. But we are also reminded that we are called by God to enter into this world and to respond to the brokenness. We call for God to strengthen us in our response.

Response to God's Call: Lord You Are My Strength **VIDEO**

Peace

- P. And may the peace of Christ be with you always.
- A. And also with you.**
- P. Let us share a sign of God's peace with one another.

MEAL

Contact Us and Offering***

TWO SLIDES

- P. We know that some are joining us here at Messiah for the first time. If you'd like to learn more about our ministries and activities, or for any one with questions about Messiah, please contact us by email or by phone. At this time, if you'd like to make an online gift using tithe.ly or via mail to Messiah, feel free to do so.

Offering interlude music and slide

VIDEO

Offering Prayer

- P. 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.**

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

NEW VIDEO

Lord's Prayer

- P. God remember us in your love, and teach us to pray:

Lord's Prayer

VIDEO

Eucharistic Prayer

- Jonathan

- P. On 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.

Invitation to Communion

VIDEO

- P. Even when we cannot be physically together, we are one in Christ Jesus united around a common table. Indeed, at this table, Jesus gathers us all together: the humble and the proud, the joyful and the grieving, the pious and the profane, those of strong faith and those who only long for faith, to everyone, without exception. Come siblings in faith, and join in Spirit filled community!

Distribution of the Sacrament

VIDEO

At this time, all may share Holy Communion amongst their families.

Post Communion Blessing

VIDEO

- P. The body of our Lord Jesus Christ and His precious blood strengthen you, and keep you in God's Grace. Amen.
- A. **Amen.**

Prayer After Communion

- P. 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.**

Blessing

- P. 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.

Sending Hymn – *Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing*

VIDEO

Benediction

- P. Go in peace. Share the good news.
- A. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

VIDEO