

# THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

Saturday, February 24, 2024 – 5:30pm

Sunday, February 25, 2024 – 8:00am & 10:45pm



## **As We Gather – Repent Before God**

From the time that Adam and Eve first fell into sin, God's people have been in conflict - with Him and with one another. Throughout the Bible, God tells us how He reconciled us to Himself through the atoning work of Jesus Christ, His only Son. He further instructs us how to respond to our conflicts with others. We hope and pray that this sermon series and Bible Study "Go and Be Reconciled - What Does This Mean?" will be helpful to you on your faith journey.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SHARING OF THE PEACE

### OPENING HYMN, LSB 730

### “What Is the World to Me”



1 What is the world to me With all its vaunt - ed plea - sure  
2 The world seeks to be praised And hon - ored by the might - y  
3 The world seeks af - ter wealth And all that mam - mon of - fers  
4 What is the world to me! My Je - sus is my trea - sure,



When You, and You a - lone, Lord Je - sus, are my trea - sure!  
Yet nev - er once re - flects That they are frail and flight - y.  
Yet nev - er is con - tent Though gold should fill its cof - fers.  
My life, my health, my wealth, My friend, my love, my plea - sure,



You on - ly, dear - est Lord, My soul's de - light shall be;  
But what I tru - ly prize A - bove all things is He,  
I have a high - er good, Con - tent with it I'll be:  
My joy, my crown, my all, My bliss e - ter - nal - ly.



You are my peace, my rest. What is the world to me!  
My Je - sus, He a - lone. What is the world to me!  
My Je - sus is my wealth. What is the world to me!  
Once more, then, I de - clare: What is the world to me!

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### INVOCATION

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

**C** Amen.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** who made heaven and earth.

**P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

**C** But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

*A time for silent reflection*

**P** Since we are gathered to hear God’s Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

**C** Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life.  
Amen.

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## KYRIE

LSB 204



**C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

## SALUTATION and PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray. O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## OLD TESTAMENT READING, Exodus 20:1-17

<sup>1</sup>And God spoke all these words, saying, <sup>2</sup>“I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. <sup>3</sup>“You shall have no other gods before me. <sup>4</sup>“You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. <sup>5</sup>You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, <sup>6</sup>but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments. <sup>7</sup>“You shall not

take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain. <sup>8</sup>“Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. <sup>9</sup>Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, <sup>10</sup>but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. <sup>11</sup>For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore, the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy. <sup>12</sup>“Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you. <sup>13</sup>“You shall not murder. <sup>14</sup>“You shall not commit adultery. <sup>15</sup>“You shall not steal. <sup>16</sup>“You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. <sup>17</sup>“You shall not covet your neighbor’s house; you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor’s.”

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

#### **EPISTLE READING, James 4:1-12**

<sup>1</sup>What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you? <sup>2</sup>You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask. <sup>3</sup>You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions. <sup>4</sup>You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. <sup>5</sup>Or do you suppose it is to no purpose that the Scripture says, “He yearns jealously over the spirit that he has made to dwell in us”? <sup>6</sup>But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, “God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble.” <sup>7</sup>Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. <sup>8</sup>Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. <sup>9</sup>Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. <sup>10</sup>Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you. <sup>11</sup>Do not speak evil against one another, brothers. The one who speaks against a brother or judges his brother, speaks evil against the law and judges the law. But if you judge the law, you are not a doer of the law but a judge. <sup>12</sup>There is only one lawgiver and judge, he who is able to save and to destroy. But who are you to judge your neighbor?

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

#### **HOLY GOSPEL, Matthew 22:34–40**

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-second chapter.

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>34</sup> When the Pharisees heard that [Jesus] had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together.

<sup>35</sup>And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. <sup>36</sup>“Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?” <sup>37</sup>And he said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. <sup>38</sup>This is the great and first commandment. <sup>39</sup>And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. <sup>40</sup>On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

**CHILDREN’S MYSTERY BOX MESSAGE**

**Pastor Dan Bodin**

**SERMON HYMN, LSB 423**

**“Jesus, Refuge of the Weary”**

1 Je - sus, ref - uge of the wea - ry, Blest Re - deem - er,  
 2 Do we pass that cross un - heed - ing, Breath - ing no re -  
 3 Je - sus, may our hearts be burn - ing With more fer - vent  
 whom we love, Foun - tain in life's des - ert drea - ry, Sav - ior  
 pen - tant vow, Though we see You wound - ed, bleed - ing, See Your  
 love for You; May our eyes be ev - er turn - ing To be -  
 from the world a - bove: Of - ten have Your eyes, of - fend - ed,  
 thorn - en - cir - cled brow? Yet Your sin - less death has brought us  
 hold Your cross a - new Till in glo - ry, part - ed nev - er  
 Gazed up - on the sin - ner's fall; Yet up - on the  
 Life e - ter - nal, peace, and rest; On - ly what Your  
 From the bless - ed Sav - ior's side, Grav - en in our  
 cross ex - tend - ed, You have borne the pain of all.  
 grace has taught us Calms the sin - ner's deep dis - tress.  
 hearts for - ev - er, Dwell the cross, the Cru - ci - fied.

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**SERMON, “We Turn to You, God”**

**Pastor Dan Bodin**

## APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And 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.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

## GATHERING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*This is a time that we, as a church family return a portion of the financial blessings God has given us. If you are our guests today, please do not feel obligated to participate. We have many ways to give your tithe or offering. You may place your offering in the plate when it is passed, mail it to the church, text to give by texting 84321 with any dollar amount (be sure to select "South Shore"), give online at [sstwbl.org/give](http://sstwbl.org/give), or use the Church Center App from your smartphone (available for both Android and iOS). Disciples of Jesus at SST, please fill out an ivory SST Registration card and place in the offering plate.*

*Guests: If you would like more information regarding South Shore Trinity, please fill out a blue Guest Registration card before and place it in the offering plate or hand to an usher before leaving.*

## THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

**P** Lord Jesus Christ, my prayer attend,

**C** and I will praise Thee without end.

**P** Lord Jesus Christ, be mercifully present among all those who suffer, leading them to the hope that is only in You. Lord Jesus Christ, my prayer attend,

**C** and I will praise Thee without end.

**P** Lord Jesus Christ, soften our hearts to all those we would proclaim as our enemies. Remind us that we are weak and ungodly. Bring to our remembrance that You have died for all people. Lord Jesus Christ, my prayer attend,

**C** and I will praise Thee without end.

**P** Lord Jesus Christ, on the cross You took on our pain and punishment and death. Bring Your comfort to all those who are suffering in grief, *especially* . . . Comfort them with the profound reality that You not only died but rose from death and will raise us from the dead on the Last Day to eternal life. Lord Jesus Christ, my prayer attend,

**C** and I will praise Thee without end.

**P** Lord Jesus Christ, bring Your strength and hope to all those who struggle with mental illness. Help them find the support they need. Remove the stigma around mental illness from our churches and communities. To all those in deepest need, bring Your peace and joy. Lord Jesus Christ, my prayer attend,

**C** and I will praise Thee without end.

**P** Lord Jesus Christ, grant that the nations and peoples of the world might live in peace. Put an end to all violence and war. Lead us to be the first to beat our swords into plowshares and our spears into pruning hooks. Lord Jesus Christ, my prayer attend,

**C** and I will praise Thee without end.

**P** Lord, look with favor upon all who are sick, injured, and recovering, *especially* . . . Have mercy upon them and lead them out of their suffering to hope. Lord Jesus Christ, my prayer attend,

**C** and I will praise Thee without end.

**P** Lord Jesus, we commend all of these people and situations into Your hands, for You have promised to hear our prayers and intercede for us, for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## LORD'S PRAYER

**C** 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.

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*5:30 and 10:45 continue with Holy Communion*

## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

### PAX DOMINI

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

**C** Amen.

## DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

LSB 611 "Chief of Sinners Though I Be"

LSB 708 "Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart"

## GROWING IN THE WORD

**C** First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift. – Matthew 5:24

## BENEDICTION

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and  $\text{✠}$  give you peace.
- C** Amen.

## SENDING HYMN, LSB 921

## “On What Has Now Been Sown”



1 On what has now been sown Thy bless - ing, Lord, be - stow;  
2 To Thee our wants are known, From Thee are all our pow'rs;  
3 O grant that each of us, Now met be - fore Thee here,



The pow'r is Thine a - lone To make it sprout and grow. Do Thou  
Ac - cept what is Thine own And par - don what is ours. Our prais -  
May meet to - geth - er thus When Thou and Thine ap - pear And fol -



in grace the har - vest raise, And Thou a - lone shalt have the praise!  
es, Lord, and prayers re - ceive, And to Thy Word a bless - ing give.  
low Thee to heav'n, our home. E'en so, a - men, Lord Je - sus, come!

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# ***TRINITY TIDINGS***

**February 25, 2024**

**The Flowers at the Altar** today are given to the glory of God by Mike Bender in thanksgiving for blessings received.

**Easter Garden of Victory** – order forms are available on the counter by the office. Deadline to order is March 10.

**The 2024 Flower Chart** is posted on the bulletin board in the commons (across from confirmation pictures).

**New in the Book Nook** by Julie Klassen, “A Winter by the Sea” (fiction).

The **March Newsletter** will be available Wednesday.

**AARP TAX ASSISTANCE IS BACK!** SST is hosting them again this year. Call 651-653-3122 for more information or to make an appointment.

**Welcome to our newest disciples here at SST:** Jim Blumke, Leah Busse and her children Noah and Grace, Margaret Fett, April and Mark Reed and their children Kristen, Tyler, and Nick, Ginger Meyers, and Melissa Meyers.

**Lenten Coin Folders** are available on the cabinet by the office (limited number of them). Your donations support members of SST who are formally pursuing a church work degree. Each folder holds \$10 worth of quarters. We have Peter Ross and Max Johnston who are at Concordia Seminary in St. Louis. Beside the coin folder you can also use the *Scholarship for Future Church Workers* envelope that is in your box of envelopes.

Stewardship will have the annual **SOUP Sunday** collection on March 16-17.

**Easter Festival and Easter Egg Hunt:** Event is Saturday March 23rd at 10:00AM until noon. Activities include indoor Easter egg hunt, indoor mini-golf, bingo, additional games, kids craft corner and refreshments!

**Medical Supply Ministry** -- Just a reminder about the SST Medical Supply Ministry. Please share with others that we have medical equipment available. We have a supply of adult incontinence products too. Please check in at the church office for assistance with locating items. For more information on medical equipment and supplies available, please contact Kathy Meyer at 651-269-1955.

## ***SERVING THIS WEEK***

Senior Pastor, Rev. Dr. Bob Gehrke  
Associate Pastor, Rev. Dan Bodin  
Acolytes: 8:00 Nick & Tyler Reed | 10:45 TBD  
Anna Altar: Muriel Janneke and Ann Janneke  
Coffee: Janet Bowman  
Counters: Ed and Carol Gerlach  
Greeters: Youth and Youth Board  
Readers: 8:00 Darrell Hardy | 10:45 Kevin Froelich  
Organist/Pianist: Dr. Jeff Burkart  
Live Stream Tech: 8:00 Jayne Kurpius  
AV Tech: 5:30 Ron Wenzel | 8:00 Dan Wille | 10:45 Joel Kurpius  
Ushers: 5:30 Glenn Borkenhagen | 8:00 Ross Hoernemann & Nate Groneberg | 10:45 Mark Molkenbur

## ***CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK***

*(Please include the follow people in your prayers)*

**Those celebrating a birthday:** 2/25 – Nick Thommes, Lynn Gehrke, 2/26 – Benjamin Kaufman, 2/27 – Lucia Johnson, 3/1 – Rowan Stohr, 3/2 – John Molkenbur

**Those celebrating their baptismal anniversaries:** 2/25 – Dacotah Anderson, 2/26 – Karen Thorson, 2/27 – John Engh, 2/28 – Phineas Kreitzer, 3/1 – Ed Gerlach, Rich Moskop, Terri Stohr, 3/2 – Adela Peterson.

**Those celebrating a wedding anniversary:** None

# ON THE CALENDAR THIS WEEK

## Monday, February 26

- 8:00-12pm AARP Senior Tax Aid (2<sup>nd</sup> floor)  
11:00-1:30pm Lively Ladies [F8]  
6:30-8:00pm Scouts  
6:00pm Music Committee

## Tuesday, February 27

- 8:00-12pm AARP Senior Tax Aid (2<sup>nd</sup> floor)  
6:30-8:30pm Women's AA (upstairs)  
6:30pm Board of Outreach

## Wednesday, February 28

- 9:30am Young-at-Heart Bible Study [F8]  
9:30am Women's Bible Study [B9A]  
**11:00am LENTEN WORSHIP SERVICE**  
11:30am Lenten Luncheon (Benefitting Ysleta)  
11:30am Piano Duets  
5:45pm Fellowship Meal  
**6:30pm LENTEN WORSHIP SERVICE**  
7:00-8:00pm Forge (6-12<sup>th</sup>) Confirmation  
7:00pm Chancel Choir

## Thursday, February 29

- 8:00-12pm AARP Senior Tax Aid (2<sup>nd</sup> floor)  
9:30-11:30am Women's Bible Study [F8]  
9:30-11:30am [B9] In Use  
6:00pm Vesper Bells [S]  
7:00pm Adult Bible Study [F8]

## Friday, March 1

- 6:00-7:00pm Girl Scouts [2-6]

## Saturday, March 2

- 9:00am Praise Team Practice  
10:00-12:00 Grief Share [F8]  
11:00-Noon Al-Anon [2-5]  
5:30pm Worship with Communion

# PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK

Please use this Prayer Guide in the coming week to pray for the following people and situations.  
Those who are listed in italics are friends and family of SST disciples.

**For those recovering from surgery:** Jennifer Jewell, Tim Lundgren, Merlin Holman, *April* (Margaret Fett's daughter)

**For those in hospice:** Rick Carlson

**For those the family and friends who mourn:**

- *Carla Anderson* who passed away on February 15.
- *Chuck Deeg* who passed away on February 16.
- Gladys McClelland who passed away on February 2. Memorial service will be Saturday, March 9, at 11:00am at SST. There will be no visitation.
- *Wayne Leverkuhn* who passed away on February 10. Service will be on March 9 in Houston, TX
- Harlan Arndt who passed away on February 11. Service will be on March 18 at 11:00. Visitation one hour prior to the service.

**God's healing:** Eileen Spreeman, Danna Anderson, Herb Frederick, Margaret Ribble, Elizabeth Iverson, Marian Meier, Tim Lundgren, Lin Carlson, Elaine Frahm, Betty Frohrib, *Noah Boleen*, Celeste Gifford, Jolene Patricelli, *Connie Barbeau*, Ruby Moskop

**Those with on-going health issues:** *Verna Benson*, Mary Kuruvilla, Jim and Meredith Reinholdt

**God's comfort, peace and healing for those with cancer:** Jack Frahm, Jill Larson, Patti Molkenbur, Bill Niebergall, Pastor Norb Streufert, Rick and Lin Carlson, *SST's Letter Carrier, Bruce Semling, Jo Biebighauser*

**Protection of our Armed Forces and their families:** *Peter Gifford*, Megan Lisowy, *Aaron Meissen, Brodey Perron, Scott Polack, Andrew Reed, Jim Schumann, Dalton Wenzel, Dylan Wenzel, Brandon Boleen, Teddy Boleen, Wyatt Kassa*

**For SST Missions and missionaries:** *Rev. Dr. Fung and Kalia* missionary family to SE Asia in Thailand | *Pastor Stephen Heimer and Vicar Alex Escarciga* at *Ysleta Lutheran Mission in El Paso, Texas* | SST Preschool, reaching our community | MOPS (Mothers of Pre-Schoolers)

**Federal, State and local government** and all those in positions of authority