

## Second Sunday in Lent

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### Celebrate (Introduction)

*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."*

**Opening Hymn:** [ELW 558 – Lord God, We Praise You](#)

### Prayer of the Day

O God, our leader and guide, in the waters of baptism you bring us to new birth to live as your children. Strengthen our faith in your promises, that by your Spirit we may lift up your life to all the world through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** [Genesis 12:1-4a](#)

**Psalmody:** Psalm 121

[Assurance of God's Protection](#)

### A Song of Ascents.

<sup>1</sup> I lift up my eyes to the hills—  
from where will my help come?

<sup>2</sup> My help comes from the LORD,  
who made heaven and earth.

<sup>3</sup> He will not let your foot be moved;  
he who keeps you will not slumber.

<sup>4</sup> He who keeps Israel  
will neither slumber nor sleep.

<sup>5</sup> The LORD is your keeper;  
the LORD is your shade at your right hand.

<sup>6</sup> The sun shall not strike you by day  
nor the moon by night.

<sup>7</sup> The LORD will keep you from all evil;  
he will keep your life.

<sup>8</sup> The LORD will keep

your going out and your coming in  
from this time on and forevermore.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** [Romans 4:1-5, 13-17](#)

**The Gospel:** [John 3:1-17](#)

**Hymn:** [ELW 323 – God Loved the World](#)

**The Message:** ([Sermon Audio Link](#))

**Offering\*:** ([On-Line giving Link](#))

We give thee but thine own, what e'er the gift may be; all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.

### **The Prayer**

We pray for all who need your comforting and healing presence especially: Heidi Brackbill, Parker Brennan, the Elshafei family, Alexis Erdman, Samantha Erdman, the Fleming family, Jeff Fultz, Mary Goehring, Samuel Edward Hawkins Jr., Angela Hayes, Mark Hughes, the Johnson family, Faith Jolly, Robert Karner, Charles Larsen, Charlotte Leer, the McNamara family, Donna Mayhew, Wendy Neumann, Julie Obie, Peter Olsen, Brenda Penyak, Dottie Reitz, Robert Reitz, Colin Shea, Jerry Shea, Jack Smith, the Spiegler family, Esther Trautwein, and Pastor Jack.

We ask this in the name of Jesus. Amen

### **The Lord's Prayer**

#### **The Benediction**

The Lord bless you and keep you;

The Lord make His face shine upon you;

The Lord lift up His presence upon you and give you peace. Amen

And now my brothers and sisters

Live on knowing God's love,

The joy of living this life of love,

And the peace which only comes through the power of His presence within you.

So live on in Love, Joy, Peace, and Power.

**Closing Hymn:** [ELW 818 – O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee](#)

### **Announcements**

- **Wednesday** Bread & Soup Dinner starting 6:00 pm, followed by the Lenten Discussion: "Baptized We Live," by Daniel Erlander

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