

First Sunday in Lent

February 14, 2016



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These forty days called Lent are like no other. It is our opportune time to return to the God who rescues; to receive the gifts of God's grace; to believe with the heart and confess with the mouth the wonder of God's love in Jesus; and to resist temptation at every turn. This is no small pilgrimage on which we have just embarked. It is a struggle Jesus knew. It is a struggle Jesus shares. The nearness of the Lord, in bread and wine, water and word, will uphold and sustain us.

Gathering

PASTORAL GREETING

ORGAN PRELUDE

“Adagio for Strings”
By Samuel Barber

Sylvanna Fraga

Confession and Forgiveness

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

P. Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
Who brings us safely through the sea,
Who gives us water from the rock?
Who leads us into the land of milk and honey.

Amen.

P. Let us come home to God, confessing our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P. Merciful Father,

C. we have sinned against heaven and before you.

We do not fully live as your sons and daughters.

We use your gifts to our own ends.

Forgive us and restore us,

That we may resist all that draws us away from you,

And be at peace with one another. Amen.

P. We are reconciled to God through Christ;

For his sake, God does not count our trespasses against us.

Once dead in sin, we are now alive to God.

Once lost, we now are found.

God clothes you in the finest robe of all,

The righteousness of † Jesus Christ,

Forgiving you all your sins

And making of you a new creation.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

#326 “Bless Now, O God, the Journey”

Greeting

P. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the Communion of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C. And also with you.

Kyrie

Leader




In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.


Assembly




Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have




For the reign of God, and for



mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.



peace through-out the world, for the u-ni-ty of all, let us pray to the



Lord. For your

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - - cy.

peo - ple here who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your

word, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have

Help, save, and de - fend us, O God.

mer - cy. A - - men.

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P. Let us pray. O Lord God,

C. You led your people through the wilderness and brought them to the Promised Land. Guide us now, so that, following your Son, we may walk safely through the wilderness of this world toward the life you alone can give, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Please be seated.

Word

CHILDREN SERMON

FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

¹When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, ²you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. ³You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, “Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us.”

⁴When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, ⁵you shall make this response before the Lord your God: “A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous.
A. Word of God, word of life.

⁶When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, ⁷we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. ⁸The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; ⁹and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me.” You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. ¹¹Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

C. Thanks be to God.

PSALM 91:1-2, 9-16



¹You who dwell in the shelter of | the Most High,
who abide in the shadow of | the Almighty—
²you will say to the LORD, “My refuge | and my stronghold,
my God in whom I | put my trust.”

⁹Because you have made the | LORD your refuge,
and the Most High your | habitation,
¹⁰no evil | will befall you,
nor shall affliction come | near your dwelling.

¹¹For God will give the angels charge | over you,
to guard you in | all your ways.
¹²Upon their hands they will | bear you up,
lest you strike your foot a- | gainst a stone.

¹³You will tread upon the lion | cub and viper;
you will trample down the lion | and the serpent.
¹⁴I will deliver those who | cling to me;
I will uphold them, because they | know my name.

¹⁵They will call me, and I will | answer them;
I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue and | honor them.
¹⁶With long life will I | satisfy them,
and show them | my salvation.

SECOND READING

Romans 10:8b-13

^{8b}“The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is

saved. ¹¹The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.”

¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him.

¹³For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

A. Word of God, word of life.

C. Thanks be to God.

Please stand

GOSPEL SONG

Jesus, Remember Me

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of two systems. Each system has a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on a bass clef staff. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom." The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line with chords and some melodic movement in the right hand.

Text: Luke 23:42; Taizé Community

Music: REMEMBER ME, Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994

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GOSPEL READING

P. The Holy Gospel according to Luke 4:1-13
C. Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, ²where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. ³The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.” ⁴Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone.’”
⁵Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. ⁶And the devil said to him, “To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. ⁷If you, then, will worship me,

it will all be yours.” ⁸Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him’.

⁹Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, ¹⁰for it is written, ‘He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,’ ¹¹and ‘On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’” ¹²Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’”
¹³When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

P. The gospel of the Lord.
C. Praise to you, O Christ.

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Parce Domine”
Arr. By Sylvanna Fraga

LCOS Choir

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

#685, “Take My Life, That I May Be”
(Verses 1-3)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH
Apostles Creed

A Living together in trust and hope we confess our faith:

**C 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.



PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A. Hearing the call to return to the Lord, let us join the whole people of God in prayer for all who cry out in pain and in hope.

O Lord, Hear My Prayer *The Lord Is My Song*

The musical score is presented in two systems. Each system consists of a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment line on a bass clef staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The first system includes the lyrics: "O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: when I call, an - swer me. OR *The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: all my hope comes from God.*" The second system includes the lyrics: "O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: come and lis - ten to me. *The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: God, the well-spring of life.*"

Text: Psalm 102:1-2; Taizé Community, adapt.

Music: HEAR MY PRAYER, Jacques Berthier, 1923-1994

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Break down and mend divisions within your church, Holy One. Bring together rich and poor, homeless and housed, and those who hold differing political views as the one body of Christ. Unite us in worship of you.

Sustain citrus groves and orchards, divine Gardener. Provide rich soil and water in due season for an abundant harvest. Help us share the fruit of your harvest with all people. Lord, in your mercy, we sing.

O lord hear my prayer.

Raise up peacemakers, almighty God. In nations ravaged by war, pour out your Spirit of wisdom on their leaders. Equip them to respond with your mercy and justice. Make peace flourish in all the world.

Protect all who flee oppression, eternal Father. Grant refuge on their journey. Provide shelter as there is need. Turn the hearts of those who oppress. Lord, in your mercy, we sing.

O lord hear my prayer.

Teach us to love as you love, gracious Lord. Open us to encounter our enemies as our neighbors. Give us courage to trust in your redeeming love and proclaim your gospel to all people.

Show all people your salvation, Alpha and Omega. Lord, in your mercy, we sing.

O lord hear my prayer.

To you, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your boundless mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

PEACE

P. The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

C. And also with you.

Meal

GATHERING OF THE OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY SONG

#325 "I Want Jesus to Walk with Me"

Verse 1

I want Jesus to walk with me;
I want Jesus to walk with me;
All along my pilgrim journey,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

OFFERING PRAYER

A. God our provider,
C. **you have not fed us with bread alone,
But with words of grace and life.
Bless us and these your gifts,
Which we receive from your bounty,
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.**
Amen.

Thanksgiving at the Table

P. Blessed are you, O God of the universe.
Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

**Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.
Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.
Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.**

P. 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. With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's Passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

P. Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.

Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.

Breathe new life into us.

Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

Come, Holy Spirit.

P. Let us pray as Jesus taught us

**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.**

AT THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

P. This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Happy are those who are called to his supper.

C. Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word, and my soul shall be healed.

P. All who thirst, all who hunger, come and be filled with the goodness of God.

Please be seated

Lamb of God



Cor - de - ro de Dios, tú que qui-tas el pe-ca-do del mun-do;
O Lamb of . . God, you . . take a-way the sin of the world; . .



ten pie-dad de no - so-tros, ten pie-dad de no - so-tros.
have . . mer-cy up - on us, have . . mer-cy up - on us.



Cor - de - ro de Dios, tú que qui-tas el pe-ca-do del mun-do;
O Lamb of . . God, you . . take a-way the sin of the world; . .



ten pie-dad de no - so-tros, ten pie-dad de no - so-tros.
have . . mer-cy up - on us, have . . mer-cy up - on us.



Cor - de - ro de Dios, tú que qui-tas el pe-ca-do del mun-do;
O Lamb of . . God, you . . take a-way the sin of the world; . .



da - nos tu paz, da - nos tu paz.
grant us your peace, grant us your peace.

Communion

All are welcome to the table. Please kneel or stand at the communion rail.

COMMUNION HYMN

#620 “How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds”

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A. Let us pray. We give you thanks,

C. almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sending

BLESSING

The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. The God of all grace ☩ bless you now and forever.
Amen.

SENDING SONG

545 “Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”

A. Go in peace. Remember the poor.

C. Thanks be to God.

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Minuet in G Minor

Sylvanna Fraga

By Johann S. Bach

Serving LCOS

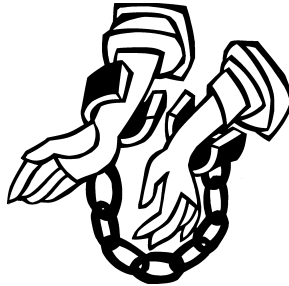
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Liturgist
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Cantor

Linda Whitman
Della Griscti/Lynda Berlin
Sara Berge



Our Mission

That all may experience the love of Jesus Christ, we reach up through worship celebration, we reach out by sharing our faith, and we reach in through prayer and study.

Our Vision

Through LCOS all come to know the unconditional love of God and grow in faith, and share their love and faith with others.

In Our Prayers



MEMBERS: Buck Orr family, Robert Ogle family, Lisa Paffenroth and parents, Kelly Orr, Julian Julius, Shirley Scheig, Burnie Wilhelm, Roy Kinzler, Diane Tolzman, Pat Sohl, Molly Thomas, Michelle Valentonis, Joe Vetrano, Scott Coryea Family, Don Gibson, Jeannelle Gibson & Academy of Our Saviour, Jay Dillinger, June Major, Ernest Largent, Kelin Heselius & Sons, Paul & Della Griscti, Steven Marsicano, Mid Brenner, Rita & Roy Blyden, Jessica Major & King Major Family, Doris & Jim Miller, Betty Blauvelt, Fred & Lisa Jimenez, Cherri Krall, Angela Barry, D. Ortiz, Alice Rozell, Margarita Otero, Jim Davidson, Danielle & Christian Vinca, Tom & Carol Cousins, Dottie Richardson.

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MILITARY: Jay Engel, Stephen Burnham, Stephen Spires

Happenings



- **Pledge Cards**-On Sunday February 14th we will distribute our pledge cards, please return these cards on February 28th during worship.
- We are starting to sell **Easter lilies!** Form included, last day to order will be March 6th.
- **Confirmation classes** will be Tuesday February 16th at 6:30pm & Sunday February 14th after worship.
- **CLOTHES CLOSET** We are in need of: Women's tops (S-XXL) and Men's casual clothes. We do not need: Women's pants, babies and toddlers 4-7 girls or boys. We always need men's size 28-34 jeans and shorts, and men's size 9-10 1/2 tennis shoes. Thanks for your help. John & Karen Hangartner.
- **ACADEMY OF OUR SAVIOUR 2016-2017 REGISTRATION** The Academy is now enrolling students for the 2016-2017 school year. Please help our school by recommending the Academy to your friends and co-workers. You can invite them to check out our web site (academyofoursaviour.org) and call the school office (813-885-2263) for a tour.
- **THE FOOD BANK NEEDS VOLUNTEERS** To help with stocking and food distribution. Please contact Rita Blyden if you can help
- **ADULT OPPORTUNITIES:** Volunteers for Food Bank & Office Volunteers.
- **A Men's Breakfast Bible Study for Lent-** Saturday, February 20th @ 8am in Luther Hall. RSVP by emailing pastor @ pastor@lcostampa.org or

Looking Ahead

Lenten Meditation

Tuesdays, February 16 through March 15, at 12:30 P.M.

Strawberry Shortcake

Sunday, February 21

Hunger Run

Saturday, February 27

Calendar

Today	2/14	8:30am 9:30am 10:45am	Adult Bible Study Traditional Service Coffee
Monday	2/15	3-4:30pm 6:30-7:30pm 7:00-8pm	Food Bank Cub Scouts AA Meeting
Tuesday	2/16	7-8pm	AA Women's Meeting
Wednesday	2/17	3-4:30pm 7:30pm	Food Bank Choir Practice
Thursday	2/18	7-8pm	AA Meeting
Friday	2/19	3-4:30pm 7-8pm	Food Bank AA Meeting
Saturday	2/20	7pm	AA Meeting
		8:30am	Adult Bible Study

Sunday	2/21	9:30am 11:45am	Traditional Service Coffee
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February Sunday School Schedule

February 14 Teachers: Gail Smeach and Nicole Miley
 February 21 Teachers: Yolanda Jacobs, Angela Barry and Megan Watson
 February 28 Teachers: Judith Stocker and Kim Jordan

By the Numbers

Joining us in Worship last Sunday: 133

Year-to-Date Financial Giving and Gifts

1/31 Year-to-Date giving *required* to support LCOS Ministries: \$27,735
 1/31 Year-to-Date giving *received* to support LCOS Ministries: \$23,558

Mortgage Reduction Fund

The members of LCOS agreed in 2009 that each of us would do what we can, above our regular giving, to stay current with our church mortgage AND reduce the principal when possible. Please consider your ability to put monies aside to help meet our payments. Simply mark "Mortgage" and your name on an envelope, and place your gift in the offering plate. All monies received will be applied to the mortgage. Thank you!

Fund Balance at January 31, 2016 \$1,155

Kaye Prox Food Bank at LCOS

Households Served 1/4-1/8
 (207 family members)

117

LCOS FY2016 Income and Expense Review

	FY 2016 Results			Year-ago results for comparison		
	Income	Expense	Difference	Income	Expense	Difference
July	\$20,860	\$25,965	(\$5,106)	\$19,253	\$25,190	(\$5,937)
August	\$21,385	\$25,694	(\$4,309)	\$26,560	\$21,653	\$4,907
September	\$38,078	\$26,807	\$11,271	\$16,357	\$20,632	(\$4,275)
October	\$17,102	\$18,004	(\$903)	\$35,786	\$25,375	\$10,412
November	\$25,669	\$24,329	\$1,340	\$30,586	\$25,446	\$5,140
December	\$25,484	\$25,716	(\$232)	\$21,096	\$24,637	(\$3,540)
YTD Total	\$148,577	\$146,514	\$2,062	\$149,638	\$142,932	\$6,706



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