



Sunday, February 25, 2024

The Second Sunday of Lent

10:00 a.m.



“The Open Secret”

Pastor Steve Albertin

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

** (indicates please stand)*

Call to Worship

Cry of My Heart

Announcements

* Confession and Forgiveness

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open...through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Most merciful God,

C: **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

P: In the mercy of almighty God.... in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

* Greeting & Passing of Peace

* Song

Now the Feast and Celebration

ELW 167

Prayer of the Day

Song

Change My Heart O God

please be seated

Lesson

Romans 4:13-25

Pew Bible pg 1027

P: The holy Gospel according to St. Mark

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel

Mark 8:31-38

Pew Bible pg 919

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Children's Message

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Sermon

"The Open Secret"

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- Jesus's disciples were confused. They saw Jesus perform miracles yet Jesus wanted them to keep them secret.
- Peter finally reveals the secret and openly declares that Jesus is the Messiah. But again, Jesus tells him to keep it a secret.
- However, there is something he does not want kept secret: his impending suffering and death.
- Peter disagrees. Jesus can't be the Messiah and die!
- Jesus rebukes Peter and accuses him of being the voice of Satan because he has become the voice of The Lie: You cannot trust God. You must take matters into your own hands. You cannot go to the cross and die.
- Peter wants to keep that a secret, but that is exactly the secret Jesus wants revealed: At the cross is where The Lie is exposed and the secret of God's love is revealed.
- Jesus invites us to follow him and bear the cross for the sake of others. There the secret of God's love is open for all to see.

* Song

More Than Conquerors

please be seated

The Offering

* Offertory

We Are an Offering

ELW 692

* The Apostles' Creed

ELW pg 105

Prayers of the Church : *(the congregation joins in speaking the first names of those for whom we pray.)*

Members:

Lee & Wes, Craig, Kay, Carole, Vickie, John

Family & Friends

Ann, Pete, George, Carol, Linda, Jeannie, Joyce, Randall & Mary

Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...

And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

C: **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

The Lord's Prayer

C: **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name, Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the Kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours, now and forever. Amen!**

please be seated

Distribution

All baptized Christians who seek the blessings of Christ's true body and blood in the bread and wine of Holy Communion are welcome at his table. There, they receive him and the new life he offers. Those who eat and drink at his table commit themselves to the care and redemption of all that God has made. If you are not baptized, contact Pastor Albertin to learn how you can receive the great gift God has for you in baptism. Today, you are welcome to join us at Christ's table.

Benediction

* **Sending Song**

Sing Wherever I Go

P: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**