

Romans 5:8



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CHRIST DIED
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10:45 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 25, 2024
Sermon: "A Profound Reality" Romans 5:1-11



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- A Family to Whom You Belong -
Our Mission is to: **Make More & Better Disciples**

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

10:45 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 25, 2024

Servants of God's House Today:

Pastor: Rev. Kenny Hsu

Praise Team Leader: Doris Hill

Usher: Tim Draube

Missionaries: Rev. Tim & Lisa Beckendorf and Siouxland Hispanic Ministry

Reader: Brandi Beller

WELCOME! We are glad that you are here worshipping God with us. We pray for God's blessings to you and invite you to come back again soon.

AS WE GATHER We are met today with a profound reality: that Christ died for the ungodly, and that we were once rightly called the ungodly. It is hard to even fathom the depth of our sinfulness. Yet for all the depth of sin present in us and in the world, Christ's love for us and His forgiveness of us runs deeper still. And now, we have reconciliation and peace with God that passes all understanding.

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Worship Service

(The congregation is invited to respond in the words written in **bold**.)

The Ringing of the Bells

The Hand of Fellowship

The Invocation and Opening Sentences *Matthew 28:19b; (18:20)*

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

C: Amen.

P: Our Lenten journey continues toward the cross.

C: It is a journey marked with suffering,

P: but suffering produces endurance.

C: Endurance produces character.

P: Character produces hope,

C: and hope in Christ does not put us to shame.

Opening Song

“The Lord's Prayer (It's Yours)”

Chorus

Father let Your Kingdom come Father let Your will be done
On earth as in heaven Right here in my heart

Father let Your Kingdom come Father let Your will be done
On earth as in heaven Right here in my heart

Verse 1

Give us this day our daily bread Forgive us, forgive us
As we forgive the ones who sinned against us Forgive them

And lead us not into temptation But deliver us from the evil one
Let Your kingdom come

Chorus

Father let Your Kingdom come (Holy, holy) Father let Your will be done
On earth as in heaven (Let it be done) Right here in my heart

Father let Your Kingdom come (Holy, holy) Father let Your will be done
On earth as in heaven (Let it be done) Right here in my heart

Verse 2

Give us this day our daily bread Forgive us, forgive us
As we forgive the ones who sinned against us Forgive them

And lead us not into temptation But deliver us from the evil one
Let Your kingdom come

Bridge

It's Yours it's Yours All Yours all Yours
The kingdom the power the glory are Yours

It's Yours it's Yours All Yours all Yours
Forever and ever the kingdom is Yours

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The kingdom the power the glory are Yours

It's Yours it's Yours All Yours all Yours
Forever and ever the kingdom is Yours

Chorus

Father let Your Kingdom come (Holy, holy)
Father let Your will be done
On earth as in heaven (Let it be done)
Right here in my heart (Here in my heart)

Father let Your Kingdom come (Holy, holy)
Father let Your will be done
On earth as in heaven (Let it be done)
Right here in my heart (Here in my heart)

On earth as in heaven Right here in my heart

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Apostles' Creed

First Lesson Genesis 17:1–7, 15–16 (God renames Abram as Abraham.)

¹When 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, ²that I may make my covenant between me and you, and may multiply you greatly.” ³Then Abram fell on his face. And God said to him, ⁴“Behold, my covenant is with you, and you shall be the father of a multitude of nations. ⁵No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham, for I have made you the father of a multitude of nations. ⁶I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make you into nations, and kings shall come from you. ⁷And 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. . . .

¹⁵And God said to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. ¹⁶I will bless her, and moreover, I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall become nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.”

Second Lesson Romans 5:1–11 (Christ died for the ungodly.)

¹Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ²Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. ³More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— ⁸but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. ¹¹More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

(Please stand, as you are able, for the Gospel)

Holy Gospel Mark 8:27–38 (Jesus is the Christ who must suffer, die, and rise again.)

²⁷And Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi. And on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" ²⁸And they told him, "John the Baptist; and others say, Elijah; and others, one of the prophets." ²⁹And he asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Christ." ³⁰And he strictly charged them to tell no one about him.

³¹And he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²And he said this plainly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter

and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man."

³⁴And he called to him the crowd with his disciples and said to them, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. ³⁵For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. ³⁶For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? ³⁷For what can a man give in return for his life? ³⁸For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

Confession and Absolution

P: Our hope in Christ is strong and living, yet we have often taken for granted the profound reality of Christ's death for us. We have ignored how weak and ungodly we have been. Still, our heavenly Father grants us access to His throne of grace, to ask for His forgiveness.

Silence for reflection.

P: Heavenly Father,

C: we have not rejoiced in suffering but have given up easily. We have lacked integrity and acted shamefully. And we have even despaired of life itself. Have mercy upon us, and reconcile us back to You, so that we may rejoice once more, on account of Jesus. Amen.

P: At just the right time, while we were still weak and ungodly, Jesus Christ died for us and reconciled us to God. 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. We are forgiven and are at peace with God.

Children's Message

The Song of Instruction “Your Name”

As morning dawns and evening fades, You inspire songs of praise
That rise from earth to touch Your heart and glorify Your name.

Your name is a strong and mighty tower; Your name is a shelter like no other.
Your name, let the nations sing it louder,
'Cause nothing has the power to save but Your name.

Jesus, in Your name we pray, come, and fill our hearts today.
Lord, give us strength to live for You and glorify Your name.

Your name is a strong and mighty tower; Your name is a shelter like no other.
Your name, let the nations sing it louder,
'Cause nothing has the power to save but Your name.

Your name is a strong and mighty tower; Your name is a shelter like no other.
Your name let the nations sing it louder,
'Cause nothing has the power to save but Your name.

Your name is a strong and mighty tower; Your name is a shelter like no other.
Your name, let the nations sing it louder,
'Cause nothing has the power to save but Your name.

But Your name. But Your name.

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The Word

“A Profound Reality” Text: Romans 5:1-11

WE WORSHIP GOD THROUGH OUR GIVING

We honor God with the gifts He has given to us.

St. Paul's members have pledged to support our ministry in their tithes and offerings.

Please place your offerings in the box upfront.

To our guest: Thank you for joining us today and please do not feel that you are obligated to participate. We invite you to come back again.

*Please pass your **Welcome Card** to an usher or acolyte.*

Psalm 8:1—Lord, our Lord, how majestic is our name in all the earth! You have set your glory in the heavens.

Offertory “10,000 Reasons (Bless The Lord)”

Chorus: Bless the Lord O my soul, O my soul

Worship His holy name,
Sing like never before, O my soul;
I'll worship Your holy name.

The sun comes up it's a new day dawning It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes. (chorus)

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger Your name is great and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find (chorus)

And on that day when my strength is failing The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore (chorus twice)

Worship Your holy name Lord I'll worship Your holy name
Sing like never before O my soul

I'll worship Your holy name Worship Your holy name Worship Your holy name.

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The Prayer of the Church

The Lord's Prayer

The Benediction

The Going Out Song "This Is Amazing Grace"

Vs. 1

Who breaks the power of sin and darkness
Whose love is mighty and so much stronger
The King of Glory, the King above all kings
Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder
And leaves us breathless in awe and wonder.

The King of Glory, the King above all kings
(Chorus)

This is amazing grace, This is unfailing love
That You would take my place, That You would bear my cross
You laid down Your life, That I would be set free
Oh, Jesus, I sing for, All that You've done for me.

Vs. 2

Who brings our chaos back into order
Who makes the orphans a son and daughter
The King of Glory, the King of Glory
Who rules the nations with truth and justice
Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance
The King of Glory, the King above all kings.
(Chorus repeat)

Bridge:

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, Worthy is the King who conquered the grave
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, Worthy is the King who conquered the grave
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, Worthy is the King who conquered the grave
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, Worthy, worthy, worthy.

(Chorus repeat)

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LET MY PEOPLE GO!

Lenten Service Times

Wednesdays
 at 12:15 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.
 (A Lenten Meal will be served following
 the 6 :00 p.m.)

Our emphasis during Lent is on Moses' book called Exodus. In it, Moses asks Pharaoh to let God's people go seven times (Exodus 5:1; 7:16; 8:1, 20; 9:1, 13; 10:3) and Pharaoh finally does it! When he does, God's salvation is so amazing that the event becomes the Gospel of the Old Testament. Israel's Scriptures mention the **exodus 125 times!**

Throughout the book of Exodus God reveals who He is through His absence and His presence, through His silence and His speech, through His wrath and His mercy, and through His judgment and His amazing grace. In doing so, the book paints a beautiful portrait of Jesus.

Ash Wednesday	02/14	"Big Things with Small Stuff"	Exodus 2:1–10
Lent 1	02/21	"How God Changes Us"	Exodus 3:1–14
Lent 2	02/28	"Stop Trying and Start Trusting"	Exodus 14:1–29
Lent 3	03/06	"Strike the Rock!"	Exodus 17:1–7
Lent 4	03/13	"Mine!"	Exodus 20:1–17
Lent 5	03/20	"Digging Ourselves into a Hole"	Exodus 32:1–14
Palm Sunday	03/24	"A New Beginning!"	Exodus 34:1–8
Maundy Thursday	03/28	"Access!"	Exodus 24:1–11
Good Friday	03/29	"Agnus Dei"	Exodus 12:1–13
Easter Sunday	03/31	"Against all Odds!"	Exodus 15:1–18

- * Maundy Thursday & Good Friday: 12:15 & 6:00 PM
- * Palm Sunday & Easter Sunday: 8:15 & 10:45 AM
- * Easter Sunrise Service: 7:45 AM

