



**REND YOUR
HEART**

CLAIMING THE PROMISE

Resurrection
LUTHERAN CHURCH



Walk Before Me

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

- February 28, 2021 -

Sunday Morning Worship Schedule

10:00 am– Worship Service

WHAT TO EXPECT

- ◆ **We are asking you to wear face coverings.** All employees, members and visitors in attendance are asked to wear face coverings at all times in the building.
- ◆ **The double doors in the lower lot will be our only access point.**
- ◆ **There will be no sharing of the peace before service or receiving line after church to maximize social distancing.**
- ◆ **We will not be having fellowship time or Bible Study after service, to minimize risk and to clean the sanctuary after service.** Please join us on Wednesdays though for Zoom Bible Study at 10 am or 7 pm!
- ◆ **Please do not attend church or other church activities if you have a respiratory illness or feel like they are coming down with one for at least 14 days after your full recovery.** Family members should not attend either.
- ◆ **If you are high risk, consider not attending service.** We will continue to stream our worship services for those who cannot attend.
- ◆ **Offering collection: We will not be passing the collection plate during the offertory.** Please either drop your offering in the collection plates by the door or give online. Alternatively, you may mail a check to the church office.
- ◆ **Communion will be coming in prepackaged hosts and cups, of both wine and grape juice. We are planning on having communion only 2 times a month (1st and 3rd Sundays.)** Pastor will consecrate the communion elements during the service and we will commune together in the service at the designated time for communion. There will be a receptacle at the door for disposing the supplies upon leaving the sanctuary.
- ◆ **There will be an elder checking people in for service.** If an outbreak occurs, this information will allow us to have a way to contact individuals that may have been exposed which may be critical to help save lives.
- ◆ **When you pick up your service elements we will have a recommended temperature check.**
- ◆ **Remember to layer up as the windows will be open and the fans will be on to help with air circulation.**

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10:00 am Service

PRELUDE

"Praise Ascending" – *David Paxton*

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVOCATION

P: We worship in the name of the Father, Son, + and Holy Spirit.
C: Amen.

OPENING HYMN

"The God of Abraham Praise" *LSB 798 verses 1, 7-9*

The God of Abr'ham praise,
Who reigns enthroned above;
Ancient of everlasting days
And God of love.
Jehovah, great I AM!
By earth and heav'n confessed;
I bow and bless the sacred name
Forever blest.

There dwells the Lord our king,
The Lord our righteousness,
Triumphant o'er the world and sin,
The Prince of Peace.
On Zion's sacred height
His kingdom He maintains
And glorious with His saints in light
Forever reigns.

The God who reigns on high
The great archangels sing,
And, "Holy, holy, holy!" cry,
"Almighty King!
Who was and is the same
And evermore shall be;
Jehovah, Father, great I AM!
We worship Thee!"

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The whole triumphant host
Give thanks to God on high.
"Hail, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!"
They ever cry.
Hail, Abr'ham's God and mine!
I join the heav'nly lays:
All might and majesty are Thine
And endless praise!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: God of Abraham our father, God of Sarah our mother, we remember with gratitude Your covenant that undergirds our lives with certainty and gives us peace. God, You have given us everything. What can we give in return for our lives? Be our guide on our Lenten journey. Help us to deny ourselves, pick up our cross and follow Jesus. We welcome the chastening direction in our lives as we worship You today! Celebrating how through the gift of Your Son, you freed us from sin and death!

C: Amen!

ORDER OF CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

P: Gracious God,

C: You reached into Abraham and Sarah's lives and asked them to dream the impossible dream— that You would transform what appears to have been a barren and lifeless situation into one overflowing with promise and hope— and, through faith in You, they believed Your promises. Forgive us, O God, if we never get beyond thinking of Your call on our lives as an impossible dream or even as an unwelcome interruption. Help us when we hesitate, and strengthen us when we are weak. Breathe Your Spirit afresh into our hearts and minds—our lives— so that we have the courage to follow Jesus wherever He takes us. Amen.

(Silence for reflection and self-examination)

P: Faith was reckoned as righteousness...to us who believe in the One who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death because of our sins and was raised for the sake of our righteousness. Hear and believe these words about God's amazing grace, grace experienced through Jesus' sacrificial love, as forgiveness of sins in His name, His Father's, + and the Holy Spirit!

C: Amen

SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Reading: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: Romans 4:13, 18-25

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

INSTRUMENTAL HYMN

“Leaning On the Everlasting Arms” – arr. Ben Hogan

GOSPEL READING

Gospel Reading: Mark 8:31-38

L: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

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.

SERMON HYMN

“Children of the Heavenly Father” *LSB 725*

Children of the Heav'nly Father
Safely in His bosom gather;
Nestling bird nor star in Heaven
Such a refuge e'er was given.

God His own doth tend and nourish,
In His holy courts they flourish.
From all evil things He spares them,
In His mighty arms He bears them.

Neither life nor death shall ever
From the Lord His children sever,
Unto them His grace He showeth,
And their sorrows all He knoweth.

Though He giveth or He taketh,
God His children ne'er forsaketh,
His the loving purpose solely
To preserve them pure and holy.

SERMON

Walk Before Me

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

Pastor Matthew Mantey

REFLECTIVE MUSIC

*You can mail an offering or donate via the
"Give to RLC" button at resurrection-lcms.org*

PRAISE SONGS

"Lead Me to the Cross"

Saviour I come quiet my soul
Remember redemption's hill
Where Your blood was spilled
For my ransom

Pre-Chorus

Everything I once held dear
I count it all as loss

Chorus

Lead me to the cross
Where Your love poured out
Bring me to my knees
Lord I lay me down
Rid me of myself
I belong to You
Oh lead me lead me to the cross

You were as I tempted and tried human
The word became flesh
Bore my sin and death
Now You're risen

Pre-Chorus

Chorus

Bridge

To Your heart
To Your heart
Lead me to Your heart
Lead me to Your heart

Chorus x2

“By Faith”

By faith we see the hand of God
In the light of creation’s grand design
In the lives of those who prove His faithfulness
Who walk by faith and not by sight

By faith our fathers roamed the earth
With the pow’r of His promise in their hearts
Of a holy city built by God’s own hand
A place where peace and justice reign

Chorus

We will stand as children of the promise
We will fix our eyes on Him our soul’s reward
Till the race is finished and the work is done
We’ll walk by faith and not by sight

By faith the prophets saw a day
When the longed for Messiah would appear
With the pow’r to break the chains of sin and death
And rise triumphant from the grave

By faith the church was called to go
In the pow’r of the Spirit to the lost
To deliver captives and to preach good news
In ev’ry corner of the earth

Chorus

By faith this mountain shall be moved
And the pow’r of the gospel shall prevail
For we know in Christ all things are possible
For all who call upon His name

Chorus x2

RESPONSIVE PRAYER

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

(After each portion of the prayers)

P: Lord, in Your mercy,
C: hear our prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

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 + give you peace.

C: Amen!

CLOSING SONG

“Our God”

Water You turned into wine
Opened the eyes of the blind
There's no one like You
None like You

Into the darkness You shine
Out of the ashes we rise
There's no one like You
None like You

Chorus

Our God is greater
Our God is stronger
God You are higher than any other
Our God is healer
Awesome in power
Our God Our God

Into the darkness You shine
Out of the ashes we rise
There's no one like You
None like You

Chorus x2

Bridge x2

And If our God is for us
Then who could ever stop us
And if our God is with us
Then what could stand against

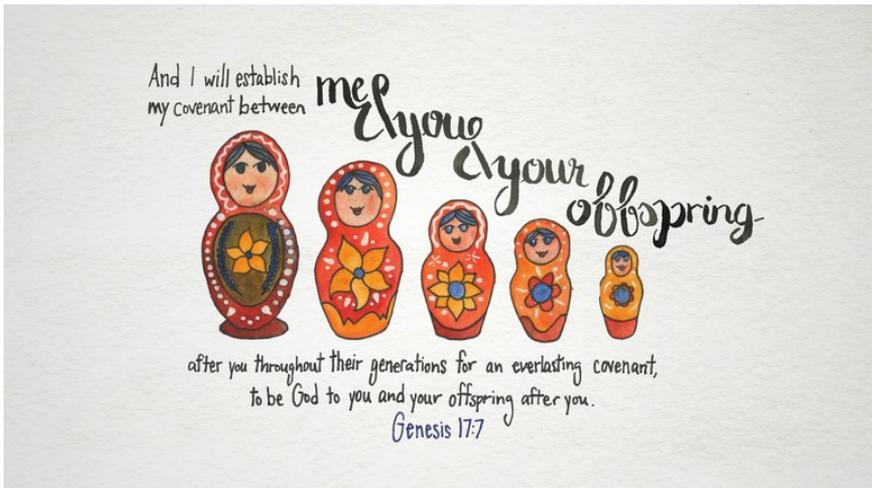
Chorus

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Bridge x2

POSTLUDE

“March” – *arr. George Blake*



SERVING IN WORSHIP

Pastor:	Matthew Mantey
A/V Techs:	Dale & Suzy Lindeke
Elder:	Jerry Thomas
Organist:	Karen Tiffany Burgess
Reader:	Karen Tiffany Burgess
Worship Team:	Chris Linderman, Bob Rothwell, Jim Stranlund

In Our Prayers:

- **We lift up all those who have walked away from you.** May our walks and talks be a witness to them that they might claim the promises of the Gospel. And when we feel inadequate for the tasks ahead of us, lead us back to you. That we might take time in prayer then go forth strengthened and encouraged to do your will!
- **You promised to make Abraham the father of many nations and through Sarah your promises came to birth.** Bring peace to nations and peoples that are divided. Prevent war in countries where there is unrest. Bring an end to oppressive rule and the use of terror. And direct our President and all world leaders into wise and just courses of action.
- **You protected Abraham while he made his home in foreign lands.** Protect all who are far from their homes. Watch over our armed forces overseas. And give a new home to those whose home countries are unsafe.
- **Purify and heal our sin-shadowed world.** Let us not be seduced by promises or agendas that do not proceed from your holy will. Teach our earthly rulers that neither they nor their people can live on the bread of this world alone; they need the living Word that proceeds from you, the Lord of all nations. Also please purify and defend the youth in this world. Strengthen them to resist the allure of popularity, dangerous pleasures, and anything that draws them away from loving and trusting you.
- **We pray, O Lord, for those people whose names, or faces, or needs are resting upon our hearts – especially those who are sick or ill and in need of healing.** Bring your comfort, peace, and care to them that their healing would be full and complete in you our Eternal Physician!

Questions for Wednesday Zoom Bible Study

Walk Before Me

Share the origin your name or the name of a family member.

Read Genesis 12:1-9. What are a few things Abram gave up in this passage? What is his age in this passage?

Read Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16. What does Abram give up in this passage? Why is sacrifice a vital component of discipleship? What is his age in this passage?

Reread verse 1. Notice that, first, God reminds Abram of God's nature. Second, God gives the condition of the covenant, "Walk before me, and be blameless." What might it look like to walk before God and be blameless?

Thinking about Abraham's age between chapter 12 and 17 being 24 years we are reminded that God moves on a different timeline than us. Like Abraham and Sarah, we too can feel that God is working at a glacially slow speed. What does their example teach us about dependence on God? About a life of faithfulness?

How can our Lenten practices of giving up ("rending our hearts") be small ways that we learn to trust God more? How can we be blameless and walk before God? Is it in our own strength or the strength of another?

ANNOUNCEMENTS

What's Coming Up-Doubleheader Sunday at 8 and 10:30 am

Since we are able to meet in person again we thought it would be nice to have a 2 Service Sunday so mark your calendar next week as we have services at both 8 and 10:30 am. We look forward to seeing you at either service or online! We will be continuing our Lenten series called, "Rend Your Hearts," by looking at the words of the 10 commandments. While we won't go in depth with them, we will focus on the commitments we make to one another within the life of the community of faith and how we live those out in the world. So join us by next Sunday by reservation in person or on Facebook @ <https://www.facebook.com/lcdesmoineswa> at 8 or 10:30 am!

Zoom Bible Study This Week

Join us at either 10 am or 7pm for our Lenten Zoom Bible Study this Wednesday. We will be exploring the promises God gives to Abraham and dig deeper in to how Abraham was to walk before the Lord. May this inform the way we then walk before the Lord. Also, in normal years Lenten Bible Study also has us eating together, so for the evening session feel free to be having dinner or a drink during Bible Study to help provide that fellowship!

Easter Flower Donations

With it looking like we will be able to be in-person for Easter we are doing a collection so Sara Andrew can buy Easter flowers for the Sanctuary. If you would like to donate either put cash or a check in an envelope with Easter Flowers written on it or mail in a check with Easter Flowers on the memo line by March 21st. Thanks!

Opening Hands Opportunity—Collecting Food Donations for the Food Bank

To help support the Food Bank in multiple ways we have decided to do a collection now through April to help support those in need. Thank you so much for your support!

Most Needed Food Items

Healthy Options, Low Sodium Soup, Pasta, Canned Corn, Fruit Cups, Cereal, 100% Fruit Juice Boxes

Most Needed Non-Food Items

Paper Bags - Clean and Untorn, Toilet Paper, Diapers (Size 4, 5, 6), Soap, Laundry Detergent, Pet Food

Opening Hands Opportunity-CARDSTOCK 2 IS COMING!

With the success of the first CARDSTOCK we thought we would do it again. We will be collecting cards throughout February and Mid-March with a goal of delivering them for Easter to Wesley Homes. So if you are out at the store and see a small pack of Easter Cards pick them up and write encouraging notes for our friends at Wesley!

LCMS National Convention Delayed One Year to 2023

The votes are all counted within the LCMS to delay both the district and national conventions a year. The results approved adoption of that motion. Thank you for voting and we will keep you updated on how that will impact the Northwest District Gathering moving forward.

Office Hours: By Appointment Monday-Thursday 9am-2pm
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