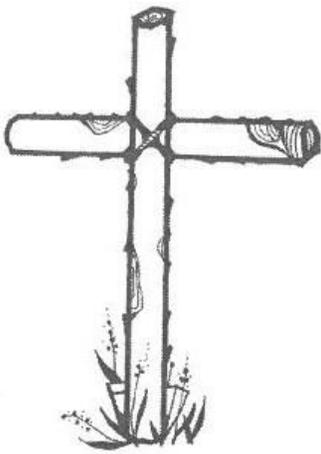


# Second Sunday in Lent



Mark 8: 31-38

After Peter confesses his belief that Jesus is the Messiah, Jesus tells his disciples for the first time what is to come. Peter's response indicates that he does not yet understand the way of the cross that Jesus will travel.

February 28, 2021

9:30 a.m.

HOLY NATIVITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

New Hope, Minnesota

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## Welcome to WORSHIP at Holy Nativity!

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*Our Mission & Ministry: "Grounded in Christ's love, Holy Nativity Lutheran Church is a welcoming community dedicated to helping all know God's love through worship, service, and fellowship."*

**Join us for Sunday worship at 9:30am  
on Facebook "LIVE"  
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### Staff Members:

Rev. Jason Wahlstrom, Senior Pastor  
Rev. Ashley Updegraff, Associate Pastor  
Iver Hubert, Director of Music & Worship  
Lisa Baker, Organist & Communications Coordinator  
Kristen Chamberlain, Sunday School Director  
Linda Lien, Congregational Care Coordinator & Funeral Coordinator  
Wendy Grimes, Youth Ministry Associate  
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Kara Holt, Financial Coordinator  
Amy Laite, Sunday Nursery Coordinator  
Tawn Hanson, Wedding Coordinator  
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Childcare Center ([hncccc.org](http://hncccc.org))

### Worship "Stream Team"

Mark Chamberlain  
Andrew Kubly  
Chris Daniels  
Greg Eklund  
Brian Hanson  
Mark Eggert

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# **ORDER FOR WORSHIP**

*Quote: "God has declared us righteous and we know this through our faith. This declaration is enough; we don't have to fix ourselves to be blessed by God." –Dave Daubert*

## **WE PREPARE FOR WORSHIP**

*This is a time to quietly listen, pause to pray, and reflect on why we are here.*

### **GATHERING MUSIC**

*"How Great Thou Art"*

setting, Robert A. Hobby

### **WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **INVOCATION**

*P: We gather in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

**C: Amen**

### **CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS (P-Pastor, C-Congregation)**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the keeper of the covenant, the source of steadfast love, our rock and our redeemer.

**C: Amen.**

P: God hears us when we cry, and draws us close in Jesus Christ. Let us return to the one who is full of compassion.

*(silence is kept for reflection)*

P: Fountain of living water,

**C: pour out your mercy over us. Our sin is heavy, and we long to be free. Rebuild what we have ruined and mend what we have torn. Wash us in your cleansing flood. Make us alive in the Spirit to follow in the way of Jesus, as healers and restorers of the world you so love. Amen.**

P: Beloved, God's word never fails. The promise rests on grace: by the saving love of Jesus Christ, the wisdom and power of God, your sins are † forgiven, and God remembers them no more. Journey in the way of Jesus.

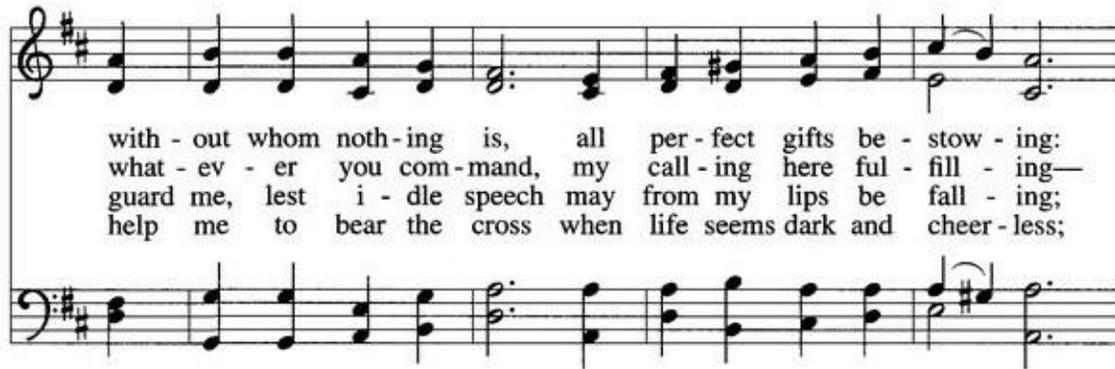
**C: Amen.**

**WE PRAISE GOD**

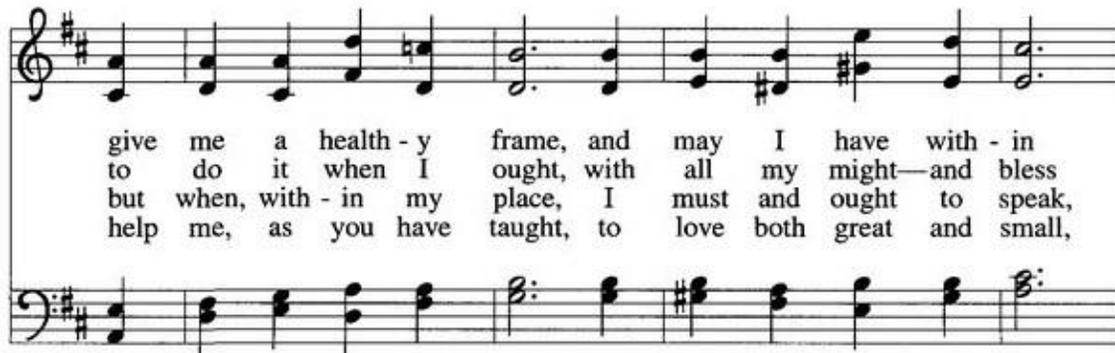
*"O God, My Faithful God"*  
(verses 1 & 4)



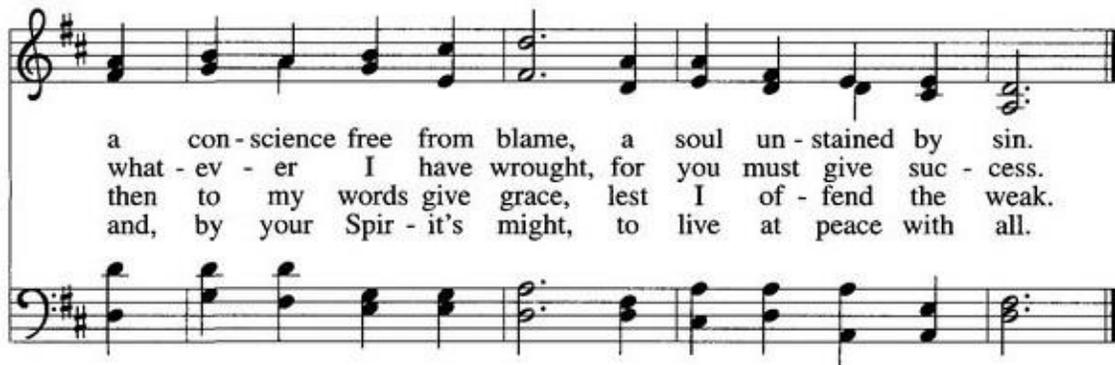
1 O God, my faith - ful God, true foun - tain ev - er flow - ing,  
2 Give me the strength to do with read - y heart and will - ing  
3 Keep me from say - ing words that lat - er need re - call - ing;  
4 When dan - gers gath - er round, oh, keep me calm and fear - less;



with - out whom noth - ing is, all per - fect gifts be - stow - ing:  
what - ev - er you com - mand, my call - ing here ful - fill - ing—  
guard me, lest i - dle speech may from my lips be fall - ing;  
help me to bear the cross when life seems dark and cheer - less;



give me a health - y frame, and may I have with - in  
to do it when I ought, with all my might—and bless  
but when, with - in my place, I must and ought to speak,  
help me, as you have taught, to love both great and small,



a con - science free from blame, a soul un - stained by sin.  
what - ev - er I have wrought, for you must give suc - cess.  
then to my words give grace, lest I of - fend the weak.  
and, by your Spir - it's might, to live at peace with all.



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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray together:

(unison) **O God, by the passion of your blessed Son you made an instrument of shameful death to be for us the means of life. Grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ that we may gladly suffer shame and loss for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## ANTHEM

“*You Do Not Walk Alone*”

Elaine Hagenberg

Nativity Ensemble

*May you see God's light on the path ahead, when the road you walk is dark.  
May you always hear, even in your hour of sorrow, the gentle singing of the lark.  
When times are hard may hardness never turn your heart to stone.  
May you always remember when the shadows fall you do not walk alone.*

## GOD'S WORD IS READ AND PROCLAIMED

### FIRST READING

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

*As with Noah, God makes an everlasting covenant with Abraham and Sarah. God promises this old couple that they will be the ancestors of nations, though they have no child together. God will miraculously bring forth new life from Sarah's womb. The name changes emphasize the firmness of God's promise.*

<sup>1</sup>When 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. <sup>2</sup>And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous.” <sup>3</sup>Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, <sup>4</sup>“As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. <sup>5</sup>No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. <sup>6</sup>I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. <sup>7</sup>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. <sup>15</sup>God said to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. <sup>16</sup>I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.”

*Reader: Holy Wisdom, Holy Words... Congregation: Thanks be to God!*

### SECOND READING

Romans 4:13-25

*Paul presents Abraham as the example for how a person comes into a right relationship with God not through works of the law but through faith. Though Abraham and Sarah were far too old for bearing children, Abraham trusted that God would accomplish what God had promised to accomplish.*

<sup>13</sup>For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. <sup>14</sup>If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. <sup>15</sup>For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. <sup>16</sup>For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, <sup>17</sup>as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”)—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. <sup>18</sup>Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become “the father of many nations,” according to what was said, “So numerous shall your descendants

be.”<sup>19</sup> He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah’s womb.<sup>20</sup> No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God,<sup>21</sup> being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised.<sup>22</sup> Therefore his faith “was reckoned to him as righteousness.”<sup>23</sup> Now the words, “it was reckoned to him,” were written not for his sake alone,<sup>24</sup> but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead,<sup>25</sup> who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

*Reader: Holy Wisdom, Holy Words...* **Congregation: Thanks be to God!**

**GOSPEL VERSE**

“Return to God”

Red Folder Pg. 15

*Congregation:*

Re - turn to God with all your heart, the  
 Source of grace and mer - cy; Come seek the ten - der  
 faith - ful - ness of God.

The image shows three staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. The first staff begins with the word 'Congregation:' and contains the melody for 'Re - turn to God with all your heart, the'. The second staff continues with 'Source of grace and mer - cy; Come seek the ten - der'. The third staff concludes with 'faith - ful - ness of God.' and ends with a double bar line and repeat sign.

**GOSPEL READING**

Mark 8:31-38

*Pastor: The holy gospel according to Mark...* **Congregation: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>31</sup> Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. <sup>32</sup> He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. <sup>33</sup> But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.” <sup>34</sup> He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>35</sup> For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. <sup>36</sup> For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? <sup>37</sup> Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? <sup>38</sup> Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

*Pastor: The gospel of the Lord...* **Congregation: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**MOMENT TO REFLECT** (*We pause in silence.*)

**WE RESPOND**

**APOSTLES’ CREED**

Hymnal Pg. 105

**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.**

**OFFERING/CHILDREN’S TIME**

*(You are invited to mail or drop off your offering, or donate online – go to our website at [holynativity.net](http://holynativity.net) and click on “Make Donation.” Thank you!)*

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*(After each prayer petition... P: Lord, in your mercy, C: hear our prayer.)*

**LORD’S PRAYER** (unison) **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 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:** Now may the light of God surround us, the love of God enfold us, and the presence of God watch over and protect us. For wherever we are, our God is also there. We close as we began, in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen**

1 Let us ev - er walk with Je - sus, fol - low his ex - am - ple pure,  
2 Let us suf - fer here with Je - sus, and with pa - tience bear our cross.  
3 Let us glad - ly die with Je - sus. Since by death he con - quered death,  
4 Let us al - so live with Je - sus. He has ris - en from the dead

through a world that would de - ceive us and to sin our spir - its lure.  
Joy will fol - low all our sad - ness; where he is there is no loss.  
he will free us from de - struc - tion, give to us im - mor - tal breath.  
that to life we may a - wak - en. Je - sus, you are now our head,

On - ward in his foot - steps tread - ing, trav - 'lers here, our home a - bove,  
Though to - day we sow no laugh - ter, we shall reap ce - les - tial joy:  
Let us mor - ti - fy all pas - sion that would lead us in - to sin;  
we are your own liv - ing mem - bers; where you live, there we shall be

full of faith and hope and love, let us do our Sav - ior's bid - ding.  
all dis - com - forts that an - noy shall give way to mirth here - af - ter.  
and the grave that shuts us in shall but prove the gate of heav - en.  
in your pres - ence con - stant - ly, liv - ing there with you for - ev - er.

Faith-ful Lord, with me a - bide; I shall fol - low where you guide.  
 Je - sus, here I share your woe; help me there your joy to know.  
 Je - sus, here with you I die, there to live with you on high.  
 Je - sus, let me faith - ful be; life e - ter - nal grant to me.

**DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace, joined together in Christ.

C: Thanks be to God.

**SENDING MUSIC**

*“Jesus, Still Lead On”*

Paul Manz

**WEEKLY INFORMATION**

<p><b>Sunday, February 28</b>  <b>Second Sunday in Lent</b>          9:30am Worship (in person and online)          12:00pm Word of Life worship          6:00pm Word of Life Youth</p>	<p><b>Thursday, March 4</b>          Office Hours 9:00am – 3:00pm          12:00pm Bible Study (online)          7:00pm Word of Life Worship</p>
<p><b>Monday, March 1</b>          Office Hours 9:00am – 3:00pm          5:30pm – 6:30pm Centering Prayer (on Zoom)          6:00pm – 8:00pm Empty Bowls Pop Up Shoppe (Plymouth)</p>	<p><b>Friday, March 5</b>          Office Hours 9:00am – 1:00pm          7:00pm Word of Life Choir</p>
<p><b>Tuesday, March 2</b>          Office Hours 9:00am – 3:00pm          2:30pm Staff Meeting (on Zoom)          7:00pm Empty Bowls (online)</p>	<p><b>Saturday, March 6</b>          10:00am – 1:00pm Worship Area &amp; Fellowship Hall reserved</p>
<p><b>Wednesday, March 3</b>          Office Hours 9:00am – 3:00pm          11:15am HNCCCC Chapel          7:00pm Lenten Worship (online)</p>	<p><b>Sunday, March 7</b>  <b>Third Sunday in Lent</b>          9:30am Worship w/Communion (in person and online)          10:30am Sunday Forum (online)          10:30am Youth Forum (online)          6:00pm Word of Life Youth          7:00pm High School Youth Forum (online)</p>
<p><b>PRISM is accepting donations</b> Monday to Friday from 10:00am – 4:00pm. See diaper drive info below!  <b>February’s Mission Offering</b> is designated to Greater Minneapolis Crisis Nursery. <b>March’s Mission Offering</b> is designated to PRISM.</p>	

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## **TODAY...**

### **Education Hour is at 10:30am:**

- **Sunday School** is online! Video lessons are being posted on YouTube here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mv4IANtS9Rs>.
- **No Youth or High School Forums today.**

## **THIS WEEK...**

**Empty Bowls Event 2021 - Help support PRISM!** The 11th Annual Robbinsdale Empty Bowls is on Tuesday at 7:00pm and it's virtual! Watch online here: [www.youtube.com/user/robbinsdaleschools](http://www.youtube.com/user/robbinsdaleschools). Funds raised during Empty Bowls are given to PRISM and NEAR Food Shelves, which continue to see an increase in families experiencing food insecurity. Empty Bowls Pop Up Shoppe is on Monday from 6:00 – 8:00pm. Stop by Pilgrim Lane Performing Arts Center in Plymouth, pick up a handmade bowl/piece, and make a donation to this years Empty Bowls event!

**Join us for our Lenten worship series this year, Faith and the Movies!** Each Wednesday during Lent join us on Facebook Live as we worship together at 7:00pm. We will use the Holden Evening Prayer liturgy and our focus each week will be on a movie and the themes related to faith that can be found within! Here is the rest of the schedule: March 3 - Frozen 2, March 10 - Groundhog Day, March 17 - Captain America: The First Avenger, March 24 – Contact.

**Online Bible Study in March!** The Tuesday morning Bible Study will not meet in person in March, but will re-evaluate for April. However, join us for a new online Bible Study on Thursdays from noon-1pm led by Pastor Jason beginning March 4. We'll meet over Zoom and begin by studying the book of Isaiah together. Feel free to eat your lunch while we meet. No preparation is required, so please join us!

The Online Bible Study Zoom link is:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83344434256?pwd=ZkRyT3ZrM0I3TTUyK01hdmFPaDRoQT09>.

Calling in is also an option. Contact Pastor Jason for more information.

## **MORE INFORMATION...**

**We have begun our return to in-person worship!** The link for signing up is available and there are slots open! <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050b48afad2ca3f49-inperson>. A total of 15 can sign up for each Sunday, so that we have no more than 25 in the space including worship leaders. You will input your information into the form, and include the number of people in your household who will be present. If you don't have access to the internet, you may call the church office at 763-545-1647 starting at the same time, and we will sign you up! [See our website](#) for more information.

**Palm Sunday Silent Auction is coming!** Once again, the youth of Holy Nativity will be hosting the Palm Sunday Silent Auction. A few things will look different due to the pandemic, but many things will remain the same. The auction itself will take place online, with virtual bidding. Stay tuned for more information on that as we get closer to the date. What will remain the same is that we would still love your help. We are looking for donations again this year! See the February *Tidings* for more details and please contact Wendy Grimes ([wendy.grimes@yahoo.com](mailto:wendy.grimes@yahoo.com)) with any questions or to arrange a donation.

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**Minneapolis Area Synod Assembly 2021 is Virtual!** One male voting member of Holy Nativity still needed to attend. Dates are Friday, April 23, 6:00-9:00 p.m. and Saturday, April 24, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. via Zoom. Holy Nativity has the following members attending the Assembly this year virtually: Pastor Jason, Pastor Ashley, Tina Haugstad, and Alice Loddigs. For balance, one male voting member of Holy Nativity is still needed to attend. Contact Pastor Jason if interested (pastorjason@holynativity.net).

**Thank you for your continued financial support!** During this time of online worship, there are still many ways you can financially support Holy Nativity!

1. **Mail your offering** (you may use your offering envelopes or mail checks to us at Holy Nativity, 3900 Winnetka Avenue N, New Hope, MN 55427).
2. **Give online** via [our link](#). Or just go to our website at holynativity.net and click on “Make Donation.”
3. **Ask the office to send you a Simply Giving form** for automatic withdrawals.

*People & needs to keep in your prayers this week:  
Geri Lingen, Michelle Hanson.*

*If you have a prayer request or update, or wish to be added to our prayer group, please contact the church office at 763-545-1647 or [office@holynativity.net](mailto:office@holynativity.net).*