

CELEBRATION THROUGH PROCLAMATION

SERMON

'People of Promise'

Rev. Russel Shuluga

CELEBRATION THROUGH COMMITMENT

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

THE LORD'S OFFERING

THE OFFERTORY

'Blessed Jesus At Thy Word'

S. Scheidt

*DOXOLOGY

No. 95

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Faithful God, you have kept your promises to us. Our lives give witness to your abundant blessings. May we faithfully keep our promises to you. Strengthen our commitment to live as true disciples of Jesus Christ. Your love sustains us, guides us, and empowers us. Take these gifts as signs of our promise to give ourselves completely into your care—to live without fear; to trust your love without reservation. Amen.

CELEBRATION THROUGH SENDING

*BENEDICTION

Pastor: Go in the love of God, whose promises are never broken.

People: **We go in the light of Christ, whose love transforms us.**

Pastor: Go in the power of the Holy Spirit, whose fire sustains and encourages us.

People: **We go now into the world as witnesses of God's love, light, and power.**

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

'Jesus, Remember Me'

No. 488

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

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*RECESSIONAL HYMN

'In the Cross of Christ I Glory'

No. 295

*POSTLUDE

'In the Midst of Earthly Life'

S. Scheidt

"WE TAKE THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD"



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SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

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Welcome Visitors: We are pleased you have chosen to worship with us today. If you have questions concerning the service, please feel free to ask an usher or a person sitting near you. If you do not have a permanent church home, please consider joining us. May God bless your experience in worship with us today. We are here to serve, so please let us know how we might better serve you.

ORDER OF WORSHIP 11:15AM

CELEBRATION THROUGH CENTERING

PRELUDE

'Jesus, Priceless Treasure'

J.G. Walther

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHIMES AND BRINGING FORTH THE LIGHT

GATHERING WORDS

This morning on this second Sunday in Lent for a brief space of time, we leave behind the world of home and work and school—the world where we have our lists of things to do, activities to participate in and tasks to complete. We come here this morning seeking something else. We come here seeking a shift—from the ordinary to the sacred, from doing to being. I invite you to let go of all that is weighing you down. Embrace this journey of Lent, as Jesus is being drawn to Jerusalem, we too are invited to join the journey. What are you seeing, hearing, experiencing, on this journey?

SILENT REFLECTION

As we extinguish the second candle, we acknowledge that God is calling each of us to the cross.

HYMN ‘Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross’ No. 301 (Refrain only)
In the cross, in the cross, be my glory ever, till my raptured soul shall find rest beyond the river.

THE SECOND CANDLE IS EXTINGUISHED

CELEBRATION THROUGH ADORATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: The race is set before us.

People: We journey with Jesus to places unknown.

Pastor: Soon we will arrive in Jerusalem.

People: But Jerusalem is noted for killing the prophets and those whom God sends.

Pastor: Fear not! God is with us and will guide us on this journey of faith.

People: We place ourselves completely in God’s care.

HYMN ‘The Old Rugged Cross’ No. 504

OPENING PRAYER

Lord, we come to you this morning with so many concerns and issues that demand our attention. Our lives are burdened; our spirits are tired. Guide our lives and our steps as we walk this Lenten journey, inward and outward. Help us to discern what you would have us do, that others may be healed. In Jesus’ name, we pray. AMEN.

INTROIT ‘El Shaddai’ No. 123
**El Shad-dai, El Shad-dai, El El-yon na A-do-nai;
age to age you’re still the same by the power of the name.
El Shad-dai, el Shad-dai, Er-kahm-ka na A-do-nai;
We will praise and lift you high, El Shad-dai.e**

CHILDREN’S MOMENTS

CELEBRATION THROUGH PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

HYMN OF PRAYER ‘Great Is Thy Faithfulness’ No. 140 V. 1

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD’S PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE ‘Great Is Thy Faithfulness’ No. 140 V. 3

CELEBRATION THROUGH THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Pastor: O Lord, open our eyes, our ears our minds, and our hearts.

People: that we might behold wondrous things out of your word.

CHORAL RESPONSE ‘Thy Word’ No. 601 (Refrain only)
“Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.”

FIRST LESSON Genesis 15: 1-12, 17-18

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ‘Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus’ No. 349
*“Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in his wonderful face,
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim in the light of his glory and grace.”*

Pastor: The Lord be with you,

People: and also with you.

Pastor: A reading from the Gospel of St. Luke.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

*THE GOSPEL IS READ Luke 13: 31-35

*THE GOSPEL RESPONSE

Pastor: The Gospel of the Living Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

*GLORIA PATRI No. 70