

# SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT FEBRUARY 28, 2021

WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Prelude

Welcome, Announcements & Greeting Time      Brice Smith

Song #123      “Fairest Lord Jesus”      *CRUSADER’S HYMN*

**\*Call to Worship**

Give glory to God, O children of the Covenant!

Praise the Lord, O descendants of Abraham!

**The Lord does not despise the afflicted.**

**God hears those who cry out in distress.**

Praise the Lord, O seekers of God!

May your hearts live forever!

**The poor will eat and be satisfied.**

**All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord.**

To God, indeed, shall all bow down!

Even the dead shall worship God!

Therefore, I will live for the Lord!

**Our children and theirs will know what the Lord has done.**

**They will tell those yet unborn that God has delivered them.**

Timothy Matthew Slemmons, “When Heaven Stands Open: Liturgical Elements for Reformed Worship.” Cascade Books: 2013. All rights reserved.

**\*Invocation Prayer      The Reverend Doctor Ivan E. Greuter**

**Call to Confession & Unison Prayer: Redeeming God, we admit that we are overwhelmed by human, worldly concerns.**

**We have not set our minds on things divine and heavenly. We diminish ourselves and discount others when we value ourselves more highly than we should. Forgive us of or sin! Do not let us be put to shame. Help us embrace, for the sake of the gospel, whatever losses, and whatever gains you will for us, in your divine wisdom and love.**

**Declaration of Forgiveness**

Song of Faith    “Open the Eyes of Our Hearts” Worship Team  
“Give Thanks”

**The Prayer of the People and 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever.

**WE HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD**

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

**The Second Reading      Romans 4:13-25**

**\*Gospel Reading      Mark 8:31-38**

**Responsorial    “How Deep the Father’s Love for Us”      WT**

**Children’s Message    (3<sup>rd</sup> Grade and younger to Junior Church)**

**Invitation to the Offerings, Prayer, and Offertory Special**

**Message      “The Covenant of Blood: Sacrifice”**  
**The Reverend Doctor Ivan E. Greuter, Senior Minister**

**RESPONDING TO THE HOLY SPIRIT IN FAITH & SERVICE**

**\*Invitation to Faith and Fellowship –** If the Spirit of God is moving you to receive God’s forgiving love in Jesus, calling you to be a follower of Jesus in the waters of baptism, or encouraging you to join this Christian Church, please come forward during this song.

**\*Song #351    “‘Take Up Your Cross’ the Savior Said” *DISTRESS***

**\*Spoken Benediction**

**\*Postlude**

\*Please stand if able



## SERMON SERIES – The Problem: God's Solution to Our Biggest Problem

– Pastor Ivan is teaching a six-part sermon series on our biggest problem and how God is fixing it. Watch the entire series on the Church's YouTube channel:

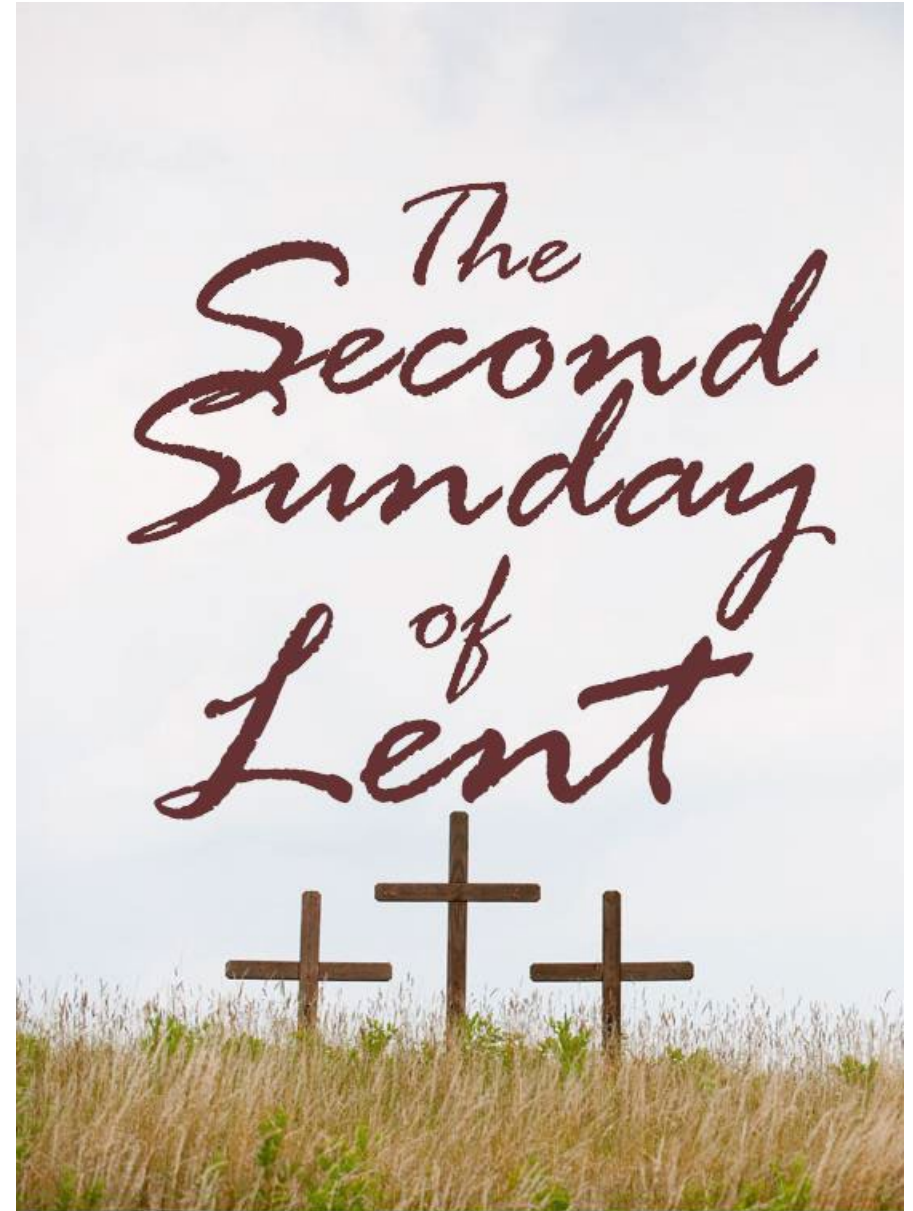
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCbIF8rvtPVFk2jJWJMCQHKw>

**BELIEVER'S BAPTISM** – We practice “believer’s baptism” which is the immersion of a person in water – regardless of age – who receives Jesus Christ as his/her personal Savior and publicly professes faith to walk the Jesus way. The Council schedules baptisms on most Sunday mornings throughout the year. If you would like to be baptized, then come to the front during the last song.

**THE LORD'S SUPPER** – We celebrate the Lord's Supper (Holy Communion) on the first Sunday of each month. All persons, regardless of age, race, or church affiliation, are welcome to partake of the Table of the Lord. In solidarity with our brothers and sisters, we use only non-alcoholic grape juice. Please hold each element until everyone is served, then we will feast together.

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