

The Second Sunday in Lent

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to the congregation's preparation for worship, and please make sure
all electronic devices are turned off or set to silent mode.*

-DRAWING NEAR TO GOD-

Welcome and Silent Prayer

Almighty God, who through the Lord Jesus Christ has overcome death, and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Draw our hearts to you this day, guide our minds, and control our wills, that we may be wholly dedicated to you; and then use us, we pray, as you desire, and always to your glory and the welfare of your people. Amen.

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 98.1-6

***Prayer of Adoration**

***Song of Praise to God**

Hymn No. 2

O WORSHIP THE KING

-HAVING OUR HEARTS CLEANSED-

Confession of Sin

Almighty God, we confess that we are unworthy of your mercy and grace. We have not loved you as we ought, nor have we loved or forgiven others as you, for Christ's sake, have loved and forgiven us. Too often we have lived in selfishness and pride, receiving the good gifts you have given, but failing to use them to bless and relieve the burdens of others. Pardon our offenses, we pray. Grant us the grace to feel and lament our share in the evil that made it necessary for Jesus to suffer and die for our salvation. Give us a true longing to be free from sin, through the deliverance wrought by our Lord and only Redeemer. Amen.

Silently Add Your Own Confession of Sin

***Song of Praise to Christ**

Hymn No. 295

CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS

***Confession of Faith**

What does God require in the sixth, seventh, and eighth commandments?

Sixth, that we do not hurt, or be hostile to our neighbor, but be patient and peaceful, pursuing even our enemies with love. Seventh, that we abstain from sexual immorality and live purely and faithfully, whether in marriage or in single life, avoiding all impure actions, looks, words, thoughts, or desires, and whatever might lead to them. Eighth, that we do not take without permission that which belongs to someone else, nor withhold any good from someone we might benefit.¹

—The New City Catechism, 11

Prayer for the Church and the World

-ATTENDING TO THE WORD-

Scripture Lesson

Luke 9.1-17

Sermon

**“The Proclamation of the Kingdom”
Mr. Ronnie Curfman, Pastoral Intern**

¹ For the commandments, “You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself” (Rom 13.9).

*Song of Response

Hymn No. 146

BREAK THOU THE BREAD OF LIFE

Worship of God with Tithes and Offerings

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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-OBSERVING THE SACRAMENT-

The Lord's Supper

We celebrate the Lord's Supper by coming forward and partaking of the bread and the cup. Wine is served in the inner ring of each tray; grape juice in the outer ring. We warmly invite to the Table all baptized Christians, who are living under the authority of Christ and his Church. By eating the bread and drinking of the cup, you are admitting that you are a sinner, without hope except in the sovereign mercy of God, and that you are trusting in Christ alone for salvation. If this does not describe you, we are glad you are here and commend to you the following prayers for your use during this time.

A Prayer for those Searching for the Truth

Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. Guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and leads to the life you promise. Amen.

A Prayer of Belief

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever believed, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross, and offering forgiveness and new life. I turn from my sins and receive you as Savior and Lord. Amen.

***Song of Thanksgiving**

Hymn No. 55

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

-GOING FORTH TO SERVE-

***Benediction**

Numbers 6.24-26

Postlude and Silent Prayer

O God, forasmuch as without your help we are unable to please you: Mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*Please stand if able.

Our Nursery Helpers

Worship

Today: Samantha Schroeder

Next Week: Jenni Early

Gatherings

A Children's Catechism Class, taught by Pastor Ron and Pastoral Intern Ronnie Curfman, meets twice a month (generally the second and fourth Thursdays of each month, during the school year), from 3:30 to 5:00 PM, at the church.

The Martin Home Fellowship Group led by Eric Carpenter and Ronnie Curfman, meets at Kathy Martin's (213 Chapra St), the first and third Tuesdays of each month, from 6:30 to 8:00 PM. They are studying the Gospel of Luke and all are welcome.

The Men's Group meets Wednesdays, from 6:00 to 7:30 AM in the chapel, for Bible study, fellowship and prayer. The group is currently studying Exodus and all men are invited.

Prayer Meeting: We meet the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month, at 5:15 PM in the chapel, to pray for one another, the kingdom, and our world. Please join us.

Psalm Sing meets Sunday evenings at 6:30, at the Schroeder's (55 Buttonquail Ln). All ages and voices are invited.

The Women's Study: A study of the Book of Acts, led by Cherry Gonzales, meets Thursdays, from 3:30 to 5:00 PM at the Church (childcare is provided), and all are welcome.

Sermon Notes: "The Proclamation of the Kingdom" (Luke 9.1-17)

1. Coming of the Kingdom

2. Ministry of the Kingdom

3. Nourishment of the Kingdom

Prayer Concerns

Rev. Andrew Allen had surgery this week to relieve heavy fluid around his heart and right pleura which caused breathing difficulty. The good news is he is not anemic and has the will to press on. Pray the procedures were successful and that fluid will not recur. Pray also that his oxygen and breathing remain steady. Pray for little Kat as she'll be away from Mom and Dad, and continue to pray for complete healing from the cancer.

Brian & Gail Frey (Boise): Pray for Brian as he gives leadership to the RUF team, cares for students during this, his last semester on the Boise State campus, and prepares to begin planting a PCA church in downtown Boise once the school year has ended.

Cherry Gonzales' surgery went well. Pray the procedure was effective, that she has a speedy recovery, and is kept in God's peace throughout.

Barb McLean's knee replacement surgery was a success. Pray that her recovery and rehab go well, and that she knows God's presence and strength as she recuperates.

Vickie Myers' surgery was a success as well. Pray for her recovery, that she soon returns to full strength, and that she is kept from further incidents.

Coram Deo Presbyterian Church: Pray for Rev. Kyle Parker, our church-planter in Spokane, that his efforts yield much fruit and that the church is strengthened under his leadership.

Announcements

Birthdays this Week:

March 19 Anna Vander Griend

Financial Update: The February financial statement has been posted to the church website. If you need the password to view it, Jacob Schroeder would be happy to give it to you.

Session Meeting: The elders are meeting this Thursday to pray for and conduct the business of the church. Pray for them as they do, and please let them know how they can pray for you.

Visitors: Welcome to Covenant! We are glad you are here and would love to have you join us next door, following the service, for some refreshments and fellowship.

Explanation of Cover Symbol

In the Greek language of the early Christian era abbreviations were typically the first and last letters of words, often with a superscription to indicate the missing letters. IC is a standard abbreviation of IHCOYC, the Greek "Jesus," XC the abbreviation of XPICTOC, "Christ"; and NIKA means "He conquers." The symbol then reads, "Jesus Christ Conquers by the Cross" or "Jesus Christ, Victor."