

Prelude

Greeting/Announcements

Hymn “Beneath the Cross of Jesus” 107 LBW

Brief Order for Confession and Forgivenesspg 77 LBW

Kyriepg 78 LBW

Hymn of Praise “Christ, the Life of All the Living” 97 LBW

Prayer of the Day
Eternal and Immortal God, only you are able to transform the hopelessness of a shameful death into the hope and promise of eternal life. Empower us by your Holy Spirit to stand firm in the promise of eternal life through all of life’s trials and tragedies; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.

First Reading Isaiah 60:1-6

Second Reading Romans 5:1-11

Faith Seeds Faith Lutheran Puppets
 Faith Seeds is a time for children of all ages to come forward for a lesson geared to them.

The Gospel Acclamation:
**“Return to the Lord, your God,
 for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger,
 and abounding in steadfast love.”**

The Announcement of the Gospel **“Glory to You, O Lord”**

Gospel Mark 8:27-38

Response after the Gospel **“Praise to You, Oh Christ”**

Sermon “The Anti-Anti-Hero” Pastor Scott Grorud

Hymn “O Christ, Our King, Creator, Lord” (Tune: #230) 101 LBW

Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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.

Offering/Special Music “The Life of Faith”

O wondrous kingdom here on earth that Jesus Christ has founded, Thy glory peace and precious worth, No tongue has fully sounded. Invisible as mind and soul and yet of light the fountain. Thy brightness shines from pole to pole like beacons from the mountain.

***Chorus:* The life of faith, Oh, it calls to you and to the cross which makes us new and by your grace here in this place, you have called us to the life of Faith.**

Thy secret is the Word of God which does what it proposes, Which lowers mountains high and broad, and clothes the waste with roses. Thine is the glory of the King, Who bore affliction solely. That He the crown of life might bring to sinners poor and lowly. *Chorus*

And when His advent comes to pass, the Christian strife is ended; What here we see as in a glass shall then be comprehended. Then shall the kingdom bright appear With glory true and vernal. And usher in the golden year of peace and joy eternal. *Chorus*

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Prayers of the Church

The Lord's Prayer

Benediction

Closing Hymn "What Wondrous Love Is This" ... 385 LBW

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Faith Lutheran Church (LCMC)

8:00 a.m. First Word

February 28, 2021

Second Sunday in Lent

"What Does This Mean?"

Questions about Today's Worship Theme:
Mark 8:27-38

- † Why was Peter so shocked by Jesus' prediction of his suffering, death and resurrection?
- † Why is the message of Christ *crucified* still difficult for many people to accept?
- † Why might Jesus have responded so sharply to Peter's rebuke?
- † How does Jesus commitment to being an anti-hero make him the greatest hero of all?

