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LORD'S PRAYER [TRADITIONAL]
COMMUNION VOLUNTARY— Jill Sousek
BLESSING
POST COMMUNION PRAYER
Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven.
Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for
justice; our alms, a making of peace; and our prayer, the song of
grateful hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

SENDING

BENEDICTION
HYMN #632 — *O God, Our Help in Ages Past* vs. 1-4]
DISMISSAL
POSTLUDE — Jill Sousek



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Second Sunday in Lent

MARCH 16, 2025

WELCOME TO ZION

PRELUDE — Jill Sousek [5 PM & 8 AM]
CALL TO WORSHIP — Kids of the Kingdom [10:30 AM]
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS
CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS
The sign of the cross † may be made in remembrance of Baptism.
Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**
Let us return to God, confessing our sin in the assurance
of God's abiding love. *Silence is kept for reflection.*
Compassionate One, you are slow to anger and abounding in
steadfast love, but our lives do not always reflect you and your
love for the world. We do not show others the tender compassion
you have shown to us. We do not welcome others with radical
hospitality you grant to all people. We oppress others even though
you have set us free again and again. We squander the abundant
gifts of the earth. Transform our lives and guide us again in the
way of the cross. **Amen.**

Beloved in Christ, God's arms are always stretched open wide to
welcome the wandering ones home. In † Christ your sins are forgiven.
You have a place in God's house forever. **Amen.**

HYMN #325 — *I Want Jesus to Walk with Me*

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And, also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of the covenant, in the mystery of the cross you promise everlasting life to the world. Gather all peoples into your arms, and shelter us with your mercy, that we may rejoice in the life we share in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING — *Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18*

After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, “Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.” But Abram said, “O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” And Abram said, “You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.” But the word of the LORD came to him, “This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.” He brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your descendants be.” And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Then he said to him, “I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess.” But he said, “O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?” He said to him, “Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon.” He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away. As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him. When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, “To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates.”

SECOND READING — *Philippians 3:17—4:1*

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

The Holy Gospel, according to St. Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL — *Luke 13:31-35*

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to Jesus, “Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.” He said to them, “Go and tell that fox for me, ‘Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.’ Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, ‘Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.’”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN’S SERMON

THE SERMON — Pastor Scott Ludford

HYMN #785 — *When Peace Like a River*