



2nd Sunday of Lent
February 28, 2021
10:00 a.m.

Welcome in the name of our
Lord Jesus Christ to today's
worship with *Shepherd of the*

Valley Lutheran Church. Our commitment is to
provide safe and meaningful worship during
COVID. To participate in the parking lot, tune to:
91.3 (NEW Station) on your FM radio. To access
live worship online, go to SOTV Facebook page or
sovluth.org.

Confession and Forgiveness

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
the keeper of the covenant,
the source of steadfast love,
our rock and our redeemer.

All: Amen.

L: God hears us when we cry, and draws us close in
Jesus Christ. Let us return to the one who is full of
compassion.

Silence is kept for reflection.

L: Fountain of living water,

All: pour out your mercy over us.

Our sin is heavy, and we long to be free.

Rebuild what we have ruined

and mend what we have torn.

Wash us in your cleansing flood.

Make us alive in the Spirit

to follow in the way of Jesus,

**as healers and restorers of the world you so
love. Amen.**

L: Beloved, God's word never fails.

The promise rests on grace:

by the saving love of Jesus Christ,

the wisdom and power of God,

your sins are ☩ forgiven, and God remembers
them no more.

Journey in the way of Jesus.

Amen.

Kyrie

**Have mercy on us, Lord,
and hear our solemn prayer.
We come to hear your living word;
it saves us from despair.**

**Have mercy on us, Christ,
and wash away our sin.
Pour out your grace and make us whole
that new life may begin.**

**Have mercy on us, Lord,
make sin and shame depart.
Renew us with your saving pow'r;
create in us new hearts!**

Greeting and Prayer of the Day

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

All: And also with you.

L: Let us pray. O God, by the passion of your
blessed Son you made an instrument of
shameful death to be for us the means of life.
Grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ that
we may gladly suffer shame and loss for the
sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and
Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the
Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

1st Reading

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

2nd Reading

Romans 4:13-25

Gospel Acclamation

**We are turning, Lord, to hear you; you are
merciful and kind— slow to anger, rich in
blessing, and with love to us inclined.**

Gospel: Mark 8:31-38

³¹[Jesus] began to teach them that the Son of Man
must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by
the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be
killed, and after three days rise again.³²He said all
this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and
began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and looking at
his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get
behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind
not on divine things but on human things."

³⁴He called the crowd with his disciples, and said
to them, "If any want to become my followers, let

them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

Sermon

Song *Eternal Lord of Love, Behold Your Church 321*

**1. Eternal Lord of love, behold your church
Walking once more the pilgrim way of Lent.
Led by your cloud by day, by night your fire,
Moved by your love and
toward your presence bent:
Far off yet here---the goal of all desire.**

**2. So daily dying to the way of self
So daily living in your way of love,
We walk the road, Lord Jesus, that you trod,
Knowing ourselves baptized into your death:
So we are dead and live with you in God.**

Prayers of God's People

Sharing of the Peace

Offering and Offering Prayer

Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic & Lord's Prayer

O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away; you suffered death our lives to save: have mercy now, we pray.

O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away; you set us free from guilt and grave: have mercy now, we pray.

O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away; eternal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

The Celebration of Holy Communion & Prayer

Blessing & Announcements

L: You are what God made you to be:
created in Christ Jesus for good works,
chosen as holy and beloved,
freed to serve your neighbor.
God bless you + that you may be a blessing,
in the name of the holy and life-giving Trinity.
All: Amen.

Song *Eternal Lord of Love, Behold Your Church 321*

**3. If dead in you, so in you we arise,
You the firstborn of all the faithful dead;
And as through stony ground
the green shoots break,
glorious in springtime dress of leaf and flow'r,
so into life and glory shall we wake.**

Dismissal

L: Go in peace. Share the good news!
All: Thanks be to God!

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Welcome to worship online today! If you would like to learn more about SOTV or prayer and spiritual counseling, please reach out to Pastor Wendy at wdkalan@gmail.com.

Join us on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. during Lent:

Hop on Zoom, bring the copy of The Stories We Tell devotional booklet, and bring a heart and mind open to the mysteries of God as we explore the concept of "Paradox." Journey with your SOTV friends during these 40 days. To join the discussion, go to www.zoom.us or call 1-312-626-6799. Enter Member ID#851 6393 0092
Passcode: 339004

Schedule a visit via Zoom, phone or in person with Pastor Wendy before March 29.

Saying good-bye is difficult but important. Pastor Wendy would like to spend a little time with you before her last Sunday on April 4th. To schedule time with her call or text her at 419.230.6780 or email her at wdkalan@gmail.com. Together, share your joys and struggles of the past 4 ½ years and prayer as we lean into God's faithfulness before our paths diverge.