

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT — *Reminiscere*

March 4th, 2012

“*Reminiscere*” means remember. Remember Your mercy, O Lord, and Your steadfast love... Jesus remembers that love when He deals with us in prayer. That is why we cry in the *Kyrie*, “Mercy!” For He promises to remember! Even the outcast, the dog, and those who are far off receive His mercy when they call on Him in faith.

To our guests and visitors: Welcome to Epiphany! We pray that your time with us today will be a blessing to you as you hear the Good News of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Please sign our guest book on the wall in the entrance area of the church and join us for coffee after church in the board room.

We’re celebrating the Lord’s Supper today! The Lord’s Supper is a great blessing to those who are prepared and worthy to receive it. (To help you prepare, see page 329 in the hymnal).

A person is truly worthy and well prepared who has faith in Jesus’ words: “Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins” (referring to the body & blood of Christ in the bread & wine). For as the Bible says, “anyone [who] eats and drinks without recognizing the body [and blood] of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself”. Anyone not yet instructed, or in doubt, or who hold a different confession than that of this congregation and Lutheran Church-Canada, and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are asked to *first speak with the pastor* before the service.

We follow **DIVINE SERVICE, Setting One**, p.151.

*This bulletin contains all the options not contained in the service on p.151.
We suggest you use it as a bookmark in your Service Book.*

During Lent we “bury” the “Alleluia” to mark the somber mood of this penitential season. This means we omit the **Gloria in Excelsis**, use the **Lenten Verse** “Return to the Lord” before the Gospel, and the “Nunc Dimitiss” after the **Distribution**.

Hymn 423

“Jesus, Refuge of the Weary”

Introit

Ps. 25:1-2a, 7-8, 11; antiphon: Ps. 25:6, 2b, 22

Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your | steadfast love,*
for they have been | from of old.

Let not my enemies exult | over me.*
Redeem Israel, O God, out of all his | troubles.

To you, O LORD, I lift | up my soul.*
O my God, in you I trust; let me not be | put to shame.

Remember not the sins of my youth or my trans- | gressions;*
according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, | O LORD!
Good and upright | is the LORD;*
therefore he instructs sinners | in the way.
For your name's sake, | O LORD,*

pardon my guilt, for | it is great.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

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for they have been | from of old.
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Collect

O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 32:22-32

²²The same night he arose and took his two wives, his two female servants, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³He took them and sent them across the stream, and everything else that he had. ²⁴And Jacob was left alone. And a man wrestled with him until the breaking of the day. ²⁵When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he touched his hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. ²⁶Then he said, “Let me go, for the day has broken.” But Jacob said, “I will not let you go unless you bless me.” ²⁷And he said to him, “What is your name?” And he said, “Jacob.” ²⁸Then he said, “Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with men, and have prevailed.” ²⁹Then Jacob asked him, “Please tell me your name.” But he said, “Why is it that you ask my name?” And there he blessed him. ³⁰So Jacob called the name of the place Peniel, saying, “For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life has been delivered.” ³¹The sun rose upon him as he passed Peniel, limping because of his hip. ³²Therefore to this day the people of Israel do not eat the sinew of the thigh that is on the hip socket, because he touched the socket of Jacob's hip on the sinew of the thigh.

Psalm 121

Epistle Reading

1 Thessalonians 4:1-7

¹Finally, then, brothers, we ask and urge you in the Lord Jesus, that as you received from us how you ought to live and to please God, just as you are doing, that you do so more and more. ²For you know what instructions we gave you through the Lord Jesus. ³For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you abstain from sexual immorality; ⁴that each one of you know how to control his own body in

holiness and honor,⁵ not in the passion of lust like the Gentiles who do not know God; ⁶that no one transgress and wrong his brother in this matter, because the Lord is an avenger in all these things, as we told you beforehand and solemnly warned you. ⁷For God has not called us for impurity, but in holiness.

Lenten Verse: “*Return to the Lord*”, p. 157

Gospel Reading

Matthew 15:21-28
21Jesus went away from there and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon. 22And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and was crying, “Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely oppressed by a demon.” 23But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, “Send her away, for she is crying out after us.” 24He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” 25But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” 26And he answered, “It is not right to take the children’s bread and throw it to the dogs.” 27She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” 28Then Jesus answered her, “O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire.” And her daughter was healed instantly.

Hymn of the Day: 779

“*Come, My Soul, with Every Care*”

Sermon:

“*We Are Beggars*”

Distribution Hymns: 431

“*Not All the Blood of Beasts*”

433

“*Glory Be to Jesus*”

550

“*Lamb of God*”

Post-Communion Canticle: “*Nunc Dimittis*”, p.165

Closing Hymn 917

“*Saviour, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise*”

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“*A Canaanite woman... was crying,
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Matthew 15:22

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