



If anyone would
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let him deny
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up his cross and
follow me.

Mark 8:34

St. Paul Lutheran Church and School

Bonduel, Wisconsin
February 25/28, 2021

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

Welcome to the House of the Lord



Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Hymn **10:15am** *Dearest Jesus, We Are Here* **592 (1, 3)**

Dearest Jesus, we are here,
Gladly Your command obeying;
With this child we now draw near
In response to Your own saying
That to You it shall be given
As a child and heir of heaven.

Therefore we have come to You,
In our arms this infant bearing.
Truly here Your grace we view;
May this child, Your mercy sharing,
In Your arms be shielded ever,
Yours on earth and Yours forever.

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Baptism **10:15am** *Finn Edward Kienast*

Introduction

“Stop the ride! I want to get off! This isn’t what I was expecting!” Something like a child’s response (or Mom’s or Dad’s) to a fast-turning, free-falling Six Flags amusement park ride captures the sense of Jesus’ words in today’s Gospel – He paints a radical portrait of Christian life. Are you sure you want to follow Jesus? We surely are interested in escaping hell. When we are not too preoccupied with life’s pleasures, we look forward to His return and to spending eternity on the new earth. If today’s sermon does not make you a little uncomfortable, then I am not getting through to you the way Jesus did to His disciples when He asked them on the way to Caesarea Philippi (in today’s Gospel reading) “Who do you say that I am?” There is overwhelming reason for us to have sure hope, to trust in Jesus, His forgiveness, and the resurrection to come at the last, but meanwhile, He also says, **“If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.”**

An Example

The year was 1544. The city, Regensberg. Pastor Schalling was forced to make a choice: Will I remain faithful to Jesus by opposing the teachings of a man named Matthaius Flacius? Or will I preserve my livelihood? Forced to

The following hymn is listed among the most powerful texts in all of hymnody. That’s no minor tribute. The intense feeling, glorious hope, and power of this hymn emerges from Martin Schalling’s life’s events and God’s Word. For faithful Christians of his day lived through and sometimes died in a stream of fierce doctrinal conflicts erupting in violence with little escape. Unsympathetic rulers, religious politics, and the fallout of war collectively stymied Christian faithfulness. With this real-life backdrop, Pastor Schalling’s hymn expresses clear themes:

- ❖ Hope and faith can be placed only in Christ (“Lord, Thee I love”) because nothing else in life is reliable (“earth has no pleasure”).
- ❖ The greatest fear – death – for you or for one you love, may not be far off (“And should my heart for sorrow break”).
- ❖ In the midst of “this poor life of labor” God’s strong, forgiving presence is not intangible or abstract. It is a sacramental reality (“Thy precious blood my soul has bought”).
- ❖ Temptations and threats against one’s faith and trust are very real. Therefore, prayers for God’s strength take on urgent tones (“Let no false doctrine me beguile...”).
- ❖ For Christians, the end of this life is the beginning of joy in the next (“Lord, let at last Thine angels come”).

Lord, Thee I love with all my heart;
I pray Thee, ne'er from me depart,
 With tender mercy cheer me.
Earth has no pleasure I would share.
Yea, heav'n itself were void and bare
 If Thou, Lord, wert not near me.
And should my heart for sorrow break,
My trust in Thee can nothing shake.
 Thou art the portion I have sought;
 Thy precious blood my soul has bought.
Lord Jesus Christ, my God and Lord, my God and Lord,
Forsake me not! I trust Thy Word.

Yea, Lord, 'twas Thy rich bounty gave
My body, soul, and all I have
 In this poor life of labor.
Lord, grant that I in ev'ry place
May glorify Thy lavish grace
 And help and serve my neighbor.
Let no false doctrine me beguile;
Let Satan not my soul defile.
 Give strength and patience unto me
 To bear my cross and follow Thee.
Lord Jesus Christ, my God and Lord, my God and Lord,
In death Thy comfort still afford.

Lord, let at last Thine angels come,
To Abr'ham's bosom bear me home,
 That I may die unfearing;
And in its narrow chamber keep
My body safe in peaceful sleep
 Until Thy reappearing.
And then from death awaken me,
That these mine eyes with joy may see,
 O Son of God, Thy glorious face,
 My Savior and my fount of grace.
Lord Jesus Christ, my prayer attend, my prayer attend,
And I will praise Thee without end.

Salutation and Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

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.

Amen.

Old Testament Reading — Genesis 17:1–7, 15–16

When Abram was ninety-nine years old the Lord appeared to Abram and said to him, “I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless, ²that I may make my covenant between me and you, and may multiply you greatly.” ³Then Abram fell on his face. And God said to him, ⁴“Behold, my covenant is with you, and you shall be the father of a multitude of nations. ⁵No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham, for I have made you the father of a multitude of nations. ⁶I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make you into nations, and kings shall come from you. ⁷And I will establish my covenant between me and you and your offspring after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. . . . ¹⁵And God said to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. ¹⁶I will bless her, and moreover, I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall become nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading — Romans 5:1–11

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ²Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. ³More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. ⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷For one

will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die—⁸but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. ¹¹More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Music 7:00pm *Grace Flows Down*

The Holy Gospel

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the eighth chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

And Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi. And on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” ²⁸And they told him, “John the Baptist; and others say, Elijah; and others, one of the prophets.” ²⁹And he asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Christ.” ³⁰And he strictly charged them to tell no one about him. ³¹And he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²And he said this plainly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.” ³⁴And he called to him the crowd with his disciples and said to them, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. ³⁵For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel’s will save it. ³⁶ For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? ³⁷For what can a man give in return for his life? ³⁸For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come 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.**

Hymn

Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

685 (1, 3)

Let us ever walk with Jesus, follow His example pure,
Through a world that would deceive us and to sin our spirits lure.
Onward in His footsteps treading, pilgrims here, our home above,
Full of faith and hope and love, let us do the Father's bidding.
Faithful Lord, with me abide; I shall follow where You guide.

Let us gladly die with Jesus. Since by death He conquered death,
He will free us from destruction, give to us immortal breath.
Let us mortify all passion that would lead us into sin;
And the grave that shuts us in shall but prove the gate to heaven.
Jesus, here with You I die, there to live with You on high.

Sermon

“Who Would Want to Follow Jesus?”

Mark 8:27–38

Confirmation 7:45am *Don and Allie Gardner*

Offering *Online or in the narthex*

Prayer of the Church

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

Benediction

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.
Amen.

Closing Hymn

Chief of Sinners Though I Be

611 (1, 4, 5)

Chief of sinners though I be,
Jesus shed His blood for me,
Died that I might live on high,
Lives that I might never die.
As the branch is to the vine,
I am His, and He is mine.

Chief of sinners though I be,
Christ is all in all to me;
All my wants to Him are known,
All my sorrows are His own.
He sustains the hidden life
Safe with Him from earthly strife.

O my Savior, help afford
By Your Spirit and Your Word!
When my wayward heart would stray,
Keep me in the narrow way;
Grace in time of need supply
While I live and when I die.

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Serving the Lord in Worship

Pastors Rev. Timothy J. Shoup Rev. Mark R. Palmer
Organists 7:00pm and 10:15am — Mrs. Debbie Welch
7:45am and 9:00am — Mrs. Lorraine Doell
Pianist and Vocalist Mr. and Mrs. Dennis and Kimberly Brei
Acolytes Will Baciak Audrey Jacobs Jackson Rudzinski

Prayers

In Need of Healing . . . *Bob Buettner, Lori Cathey, Ruby Christensen, Gabe Delzer, Shirley Kieckhafer, Gregory Kopitske, Jr., Patrick Luepke, Judy Manthei, Sue Nohr, Rachel Olson, Mary Peterman, Charlie Rosin, Donna Seefeldt, Jerry Steif, and Rachel Wussow.*



Baptism . . . *Finn Edward Kienast*, son of Kyle and Ashley Kienast, was born on January 11, 2021, and will be baptized during our 10:15am service this weekend. His sponsors are *Derek Hanamann* and *Laura Hanamann*.

We pray for . . . the continuing work of our Online Ministry Team.

Announcements

Special Voters' Meeting . . . will take place **today**, February 28, after the 10:15 service. This is for a recommendation to call a 6th grade teacher. Meeting remotely is also an option. Details may be found in the narthex.

Attended/Communed— February 17, 18, & 21, 2021

Wednesday	2/17	10:00am	177/ 65
Wednesday	2/17	11:30am	25/ 24
Wednesday	2/17	7:00pm	93/ 83
Thursday	2/18	7:00pm	53/ 46
Sunday	2/21	7:45am	103/ 89
Sunday	2/21	9:00am	40/ 28
Sunday	2/21	<u>10:15am</u>	<u>57/ 45</u>
Total			548/380

Online Services Livestream Views 231

Men's Club . . . will **not** be meeting in March.

Unused Contribution Envelopes . . . may be dropped off in the box in the narthex or in the church office. The envelopes get recycled for chapel offerings.

The Lutheran Hour . . . "A Place to Belong" (Mark 11: 1-26)

A house is not a person—but, could a Person be a house, a place to belong? Dr. Michael Zeigler talks about finding that place, in Christ. Tune in next Sunday at 7:30am on WTCH/960 AM, at 10:00am to WRVM/102.7 FM, or go to www.lutheranhour.org.

WRLHS Trivia Event . . . The 7th Annual Trivia Event will be held on March 14 at Wolf River Lutheran High School in Shawano. Theme: *Let's Go To The Movies*. Flyers with the details are on the tables in the narthex. Sign up has begun!

Fish Fry . . . Wolf River Lutheran High School will have a drive-thru fish fry on Friday, March 12, from 4:00pm – 7:30pm. This event is CASH ONLY. Cost will be \$10 for fish, and \$6 for chicken tenders. Please call contact 715-745-2400 for more information.

Wolf River Lutheran High School (WRLHS) . . . is looking for a full-time Administrative Assistant. The position starts immediately as part-time and will become full-time starting July 1, 2021. If interested, contact Collin Arvey at 715-745-5045 or send your resume to karvey4668@charter.net by March 5, 2021. The position requires knowledge, skill and mental development equivalent to the completion of high school, preferably supplemented by business or vocational school with course work in secretarial science, office practices, accounting and/or business. An Associate Degree is preferred. Position requires three years of clerical work experience in accounting, bookkeeping, and advanced secretarial skills or any combination of training and experience which provides the required knowledge, skills and abilities. Computer and QuickBooks knowledge and skills are especially necessary.

- Requires a friendly personality, professional habits, and polite speaking voice.
- Requires ability to communicate effectively with students, parents, faculty, and the general public.
- Requires ability to read, comprehend, and follow oral and written instructions.
- Requires the ability to operate a computer, digital copier, and other office machines such as phone and FAX machine, etc.

LCMS Life Conference . . . LCMS Life Ministry will host its first-ever virtual life conference March 19-20, under the theme “Making Disciples: Valuing Life.”

Registration is open now at www.lcms-life.org. Join us!

- Be equipped to speak up for the sanctity of life within your community and our society
- Gain ideas on how to care for all human life
- Interact with fellow Lutherans on Life Ministry topics
- Be a part of the LCMS Life Ministry community

Dozens of experts in Life Ministry will present throughout the conference with multiple video presentations available for immediate on-demand viewing as soon as you login. Engage in live Question and Answer sessions with experts in Life Ministry.

Acolyte Schedule Next Week

March 3	John Parsons	
March 4	Ethan McClone	
March 7	Jackson Krause	Paige Niquette

SCRIP Schedule Next Week

March 4	Sandy Staszak	
March 7	Patti Rosin	Barb Wickman

EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

- Sunday 2/28** 7:45am Worship (livestreamed)
9:00am Worship (Mandatory Masks)
10:15am Worship
11:15am Voters' Meeting
- Monday 3/1** 6:00pm Board of Trustees
6:00pm Board of Parish Fellowship
7:00pm Online Ministry Team Meeting
- Tuesday 3/2** 7:00am Bible Study
8:00am Quilting
5:30pm Board of Evangelism
7:00pm Board of Elders
7:00pm Parent Confirmation Meeting
- Wednesday 3/3** 8:15am 4K-Grade 2 Chapel
10:00am Midweek Lenten Worship
5:00pm Public School Confirmation
6:00pm 5th/6th Grade Public School Confirmation
7:00pm Midweek Lenten Worship
- Thursday 3/4** 1:30pm Ladies Aid
7:00pm Worship — Holy Communion
- Friday 3/5**
- Saturday 3/6**
- Sunday 3/7** 7:45am Worship — Holy Communion (livestreamed)
9:00am Worship — Holy Communion (Mandatory Masks)
10:15am Worship — Holy Communion



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