FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH The Second Sunday In Lent February 28, 2021

"Profit And Loss In God's Kingdom" Mark 8:27-38

A global pandemic ... climate change ... change in leadership in government ... change in fiscal policies ... global supply lines ... our material economy is vulnerable to many factors. We have a spiritual burden of debt that we cannot pay from our own resources. God calls us in humility and repentance. He leads us in gratitude by His abundant grace. Lent points the way to the **once for all** transaction of God's grace in the person and the work of the Christ.

WE LIVE UNDER GOD'S ECONOMY (Mark 8:31-32)

•	God	does	not	trade	in	silver	or	gold
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1 Peter 1:18-19 Acts 3:6-8

The exchange rate never changes.

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John 1:29	Romans 5	:15-	-17	

HIS ECONOMY IS SUSTAINED BY THE PROMISE (Mark 8:34-35)

- Paradox defines the promise.
- The promise connects us to His global economy. Genesis 17:7
- The promise dispels fear and anxiety. Matthew 6:25-34
- The promise protects His children. Psalm 37:23-28

HIS PROMISE GIVES PURPOSE TO OUR LIFE TOGETHER (Mark 8:36-38)

- Perseverance leads to spiritual growth. Romans 5:3-5
- We are messengers of hope for one another. Psalm 22:23-24
- We are servants who offer practical help. Acts 4:32-35, 6:1-7

FAITH FAMILY AT PRAYER

A Resource for Home Devotions February 28 – March 6

Readings from Holy Scripture

The following lessons may be read in the morning and evening, or in any way that works best for your schedule.

Sunday	Gen. 16:1-15	Mark 6:1-13
Monday	Gen. 18:1-15	Mark 6:14-34
Tuesday	Gen. 21:1-21	Mark 6:35-56
Wednesday	Gen. 22:1-19	Mark 7:1-23
Thursday	Gen. 24:1-31	Mark 7:24-37
Friday	Gen. 24:32-52	Mark 8:1-21
Saturday	Gen. 27:1-29	Mark 8:22-38

SMALL CATECHISM

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

The Ninth Commandment

You shall not covet your neighbor's house.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we do not scheme to get our neighbor's inheritance or house, or get it in a way which only appears right, but help and be of service to him in keeping it.

What does God forbid in the Ninth Commandment?
God forbids every sinful desire to get our neighbor's possessions openly or by trickery.

Micah 2:1-2 Woe to those who devise wickedness ... who oppress a man and his house.

1 Timothy 6:8-10 If we have food and clothing, with these we will be content ... for the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. It is through craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs.

DAILY PRAYER

INVOCATION

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

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Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

PRAYERS FOR OTHERS and OURSELVES

Sunday: The joy of the resurrection, for godly worship and preaching of God's Word.

Monday: Faith to live in Holy Baptism; vocation, daily work, the unemployed, our neighbors, government, peace.

Tuesday: from temptation; the addicted and despairing; the oppressed; those struggling with sins.

Wednesday: Marriage, family, single parents, schools, universities, seminaries.

Thursday: Church, pastors, deaconesses, missionaries, faithful use of the Sacraments.

Friday: Preaching of the cross of our Lord in our community and the world.

Saturday: Faithfulness; the dying; those fallen away; open hearts for worship.

LORD'S PRAYER

CLOSING PRAYER

Almighty God, create in us new and contrite hearts that we might repent of our sins and may obtain from Your mercy complete forgiveness through Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

For Next Sunday:

Exodus 20:1-17; Psalm 19; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31; John 2:13-22