

the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace, Amen.

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The Nunc Dimittis

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace, according to Thy Word. For mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people. A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost! As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end, Amen.

Pastor: Oh give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good!  
People: And His mercy endureth forever!

The Benediction

People: Amen, amen, amen.

Hymn 354 — In the Cross of Christ I Glory

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Announcements

- **Next Sunday** — Grace-Sleepy Eye worship services begin at 9 a.m. Worship here at Faith, begins at 10:45 a.m. A Church Council meeting is scheduled to follow next Sunday’s worship service.
- **Lutheran Spokesman & Meditations Booklets:** As a reminder, Lutheran Spokesman devotional magazines and Meditations daily devotional booklets are available to members of the congregation on the table at the back of the sanctuary. Please help yourself to them!
- **CLC News:** The Rev. Michael Gurath has accepted the call to Holy Cross Lutheran, Phoenix AZ, and will be installed March 25th.

Our Response of Faith — February 26, 2012

2/22 Attendance: 24

Unified Budget.....	\$355.00
Russ Coleman Memorial.....	\$500.00
Total.....	\$855.00

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*“Whoever desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me.” - Mark 8:34*

MARCH 4, 2012 – 2ND SUNDAY IN LENT

**Pre-service Meditation:** Ps. 77, pg. 139  
**Organist:** Kristen Friedrichs

**Pastor:** Opening Prayer

**Hymn 379** — *I Do Not Come Because My Soul*

**Pastor:** The Invocation  
**People:** Amen.

**Pastor:** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart, and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord!

**People:** *Who made heaven and earth.*

**Pastor:** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

**People:** *And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.*

**All:** O Almighty God, merciful Father, I a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto Thee all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended Thee, and justly deserved Thy temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them, and sincerely repent of them, and I pray Thee of Thy boundless mercy; and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Thy beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

**Pastor:** The Absolution  
**People:** Amen.

## The Scripture Reading – Romans 5:1-11

Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, 2 through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. 3 And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; 4 and perseverance, character; and character, hope. 5 Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us. 6 For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. 7 For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. 8 But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. 9 Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. 10 For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life. 11 And not only that, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation.

## The Nicene Creed -- Hymnal, pg. 22

**Hymn 384** — *Oh, How Great Is Thy Compassion*

## The Sermon – Mark 8:31-38

And He began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things, and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. 32 He spoke this word openly. And Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him. 33 But when He had turned around and looked at His disciples, He rebuked Peter, saying, "Get behind Me, Satan! For you are not mindful of the things of God, but the things of men." 34 When He had called the people to Himself, with His disciples also, He said to them, "Whoever desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. 35 "For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel's will save it. 36 "For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? 37 "Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul? 38 "For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him the Son of Man also will be ashamed when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels."

***“A Backwards Mentality ... Or Is It?”***

## The Offertory

*Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, And take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, And uphold me with Thy free spirit.*

**Hymn 421** — *Come, Follow Me, the Savior Spake*

## The Offering and Prayer

**Communion Today** -- Confessional Lutherans teach and believe that participation in the Lord's Supper is not only a precious means of grace, but also a statement of agreement with your fellow-communicants concerning the Bible's teachings. If you are a guest here today, before thinking of communing with us you will want to have an opportunity to compare the teachings of our church with your own beliefs. If you have questions or would like to consider communing with us in the future, please speak to the pastor to set up an appointment.

## The Service of Communion

**Pastor:** The Lord be with you.  
**People:** *And with thy spirit.*  
**Pastor:** Lift up your hearts.  
**People:** *We lift them up unto the Lord.*  
**Pastor:** Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.  
**People:** *It is meet and right so to do.*

### **Pastor: The Prefaces**

**People:** *Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth! Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory! Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord! Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest!*

### **Pastor: The Lord's Prayer**

**People:** *For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever, Amen.*

### **Pastor: The Words of Institution**

**All:** *Amen. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God that takest away the sin of*