



Our Savior's Lutheran Church – Cleveland, MN

Second Sunday of Lent

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We are called to let our light shine as instruments of the Holy Spirit so all may know God's love.



We Are Small, We Are Numerous, We Are Deep

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Inspired by Matthew 13:31-32

11"x14" Acrylic, mustard seed on paper

The Good News is... *so good it catches us by surprise.*

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Call to Worship

The good news of the gospel is:

**manna in the desert, water turned into wine,
love after loss, forgiveness after pain.**

The good news of the gospel is:

**release for the captive, hope for the hopeless,
mourning turned to dancing, and strangers turned to friends.**

So come on in. There's no time to waste!

This surprising good news is here for you.

Let us worship this good-news God.

Song

In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful *(repeated)*



In the Lord I'll be ev - er thank - ful, in the Lord I will re -
El Se - ñor es mi for - ta - le - za, el Se - ñor es mi can -



joice! Look to God, do not be a - fraid; lift up your
ción. Él nos da la sal - va - ción. En él con -



voic - es, the Lord is near; lift up your voic - es, the Lord is near.
fí - o, no te - me - ré. En él con - fí - o, no te - me - ré.

Text: Taizé Community
Tune: Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994
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Prayer of the Day

Holy One, it is easy to see the mustard plant and forget to marvel at the seed. It is easy to miss the holy that is in our midst. So, as we turn to your text today, we pray, surprise us. Speak to us. Move through us. Draw us closer to your good news. We wait with bated breath. Amen.

Song In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful *(repeated)*

Reading *The Parable of the Mustard Seed* Matthew 13:31-32

Artist's Reflection

Song In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful *(repeated)*

Prayer Around the Cross

In Christ Jesus we meet the God who knows our weakness and bears the wounds of the world. Therefore, let us be bold as we pray, trusting that God draws near to those in any kind of need.

Tonight's prayer is twofold:

1. You are invited to take a pebble, hold it in your hand, and remember how small you are in the big picture of creation. Then, remembering what God can do with the smallest seed, add your stone to the jar and watch the water rise
2. Light a candle for a specific prayer and place it in the sand

Concluding Prayer

God of all compassion, gather our prayers in your mercy and grant to us what you know we need, that we may walk in the life and the peace of your Spirit, through Jesus Christ, our hope and our salvation. **Amen.**

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.

Song

Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil

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Lord, let my heart be good soil, open to the seed of your word.

Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is understood.

When my heart is hard, break the stone away. When my heart is cold,

warm it by the day. When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.

Lord, let my heart, Lord , let my heart, Lord let my heart be good soil.

Blessing

As you leave this place,

when you meet anger, **speak with love.**

When you meet fear, **speak with hope.**

When you meet pain, **speak with gentleness.**

But no matter what, **speak this good news.**

For the good news of the gospel is

love and justice for all.

It is joy that surprises,

and nonviolence that transforms.

The good news of the gospel is alive in the world,

so we go forth speaking.

For if you won't, then who will?

Thanks be to God for this good, good news.

Amen.

Sending

Go in peace. Share the Good News.

Thanks be to God.

A greeting of peace may be shared by all.