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**The Second Sunday in Lent**

**March 12, 2017**

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**VISITORS – WE WELCOME YOU** to this house of prayer this morning. May you feel at home among friends as we worship together. We invite you to sign your name in the guest book in the back of the church and hope you will return again soon.

Prelude  
Welcome  
Ring of the Bell

Opening Hymn: #435, "Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain"

Invocation

P: In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

Catechism Review/Confession and Announcement of Grace

P: What is the Office of the Keys?

**C: The Office of the Keys is that special authority which Christ has given to His Church on earth to forgive the sins of repentant sinners, but to withhold forgiveness from the unrepentant as long as they do not repent.**

P: Where is this written?

**C: This is what St. John the Evangelist writes in chapter twenty: The Lord Jesus breathed on His disciples and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."**

P: What do you believe according to these words?

**C: I believe that when the called ministers of Christ deal with us by His divine command, in particular when they exclude openly unrepentant sinners from the Christian congregation and absolve those who repent of their sins and want to do better, this is just as valid and certain, even in heaven, as if Christ our dear Lord dealt with us Himself.**

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

*(Silence for personal confession)*

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

P: Do you believe that the forgiveness I speak is not my forgiveness but God's forgiveness.

**C: Yes.**

P: Let it be done for you as you believe. In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

Introit of the Day, prayed responsively ..... worship insert

Collect of the Day, spoken by Pastor

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 12:1-9

Response

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Choral Offering: "Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy"  
Turner/Hart

Epistle: Romans 4:1-8, 13-17

Response

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Lenten Verse: #422, "On My Heart Imprint Your Image"

Holy Gospel: John 3:1-17

Responses

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 3rd chapter.

**C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

*(The Gospel is read.)*

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to You, O Christ!**

The Apostles' Creed ..... back cover of the hymnal

Children's Message: "My Journey in Faith"

Hymn of the Day: #571, "God Loved the World So That He Gave"

Sermon: "A Blessing for All the Families of the Earth"

Offering

Prayer of the Church

P: Lord, in Your mercy.

**C: Hear our prayer.**

The Lord's Prayer ..... back cover of the hymnal

Blessing

Closing Hymn: #576, "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

Silent Prayer/Chimes

Announcements

Postlude