

Second Sunday in Lent – February 24, 2013

Music Prelude		Glenda Teachey
Call To Worship	“Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus” <i>Join in on Chorus</i>	#349
Welcome & Announcements		
*Procession	“In the Cross of Christ I Glory”	#295
*Lighting of the Altar Candles		
Praises & Prayer Requests		
Hymn of Preparation	“Spirit of the Living God”	#393
Liturgy of the Word:		
Old Testament	Genesis 22:1-13	Dawn Smith
Psalms	Psalm 27:1-9 <i>(Responsively)</i>	
Anthem	“Speak O Lord”	Rockland Choir
*Gospel	Luke 9:51-62	Pastor Bill Faupel

*L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
P: Thanks be to God.*

Message: “Victim or Victor? That is the Question” Pastor Bill Faupel



I shall never forget my American Literature course that I took my freshman year in college. On the opening day of class my Professor gave his definition of literature. “Literature” he said, is the genre of writing that either depicts characters caught in a web of circumstances and are shaped into its mold, or presents characters who respond to their circumstances by shaping them into their vision through the force of their will.” In other words people are either victims for victors. Whatever else they are, the Gospels are literature. All four present Jesus as the main character. How do they depict Jesus? Is He a Victim caught in a web of circumstances beyond his control? Or is he a Victor taking his circumstances and twisting them into his vision by the force of his will? Our gospel today begins the second half of Luke. Luke has just brought us to the first climax of our Lord’s ministry. On the Mount of Transfiguration, the voice from heaven has just declared him to be God’s son. In today’s gospel, Luke tells us that he has come down from the mountain and has set his face toward Jerusalem “where he will be taken up.” Clearly as Luke presents this final journey, he presents Jesus, not as a character caught in a web of circumstances beyond his control, but rather a person in charge of his circumstances who if facing Jerusalem looks beyond the cross to his resurrection and ascension to the Father. No victim here, Jesus is Victor, Jesus is Victor indeed!

***Affirmation of Faith** #888

***Please stand as you are able**

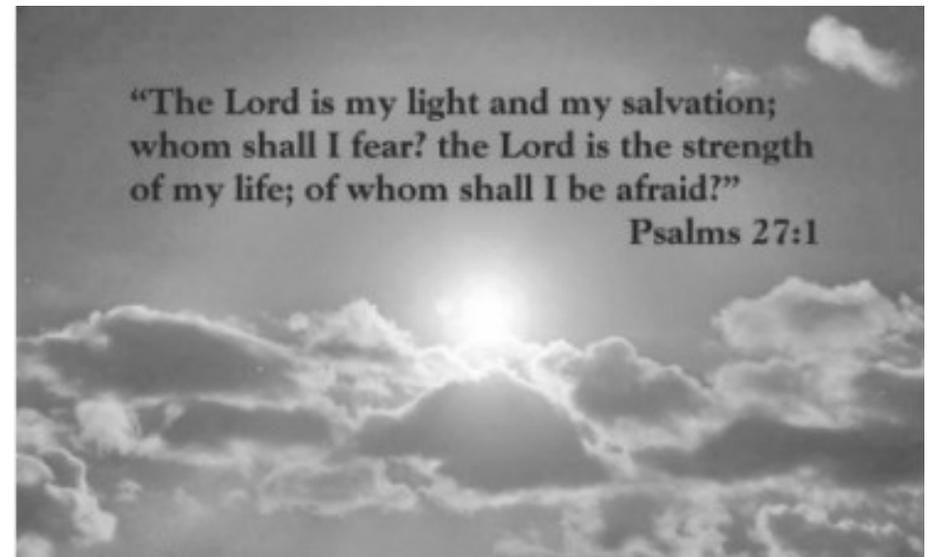
Liturgy of the Table:	
+Holy Communion	Mike & Vicki Scobell
<i>+Everyone is welcome to take Holy Communion who has accepted Jesus Christ as their Savior and Lord. Please receive the bread from the server in your cupped hands, and either dip it into the chalice before eating or take an individual cup from the third server.</i>	
*Closing Hymn	“Great Is Thy Faithfulness” #140
*Blessing	Pastor Bill Faupel
*Benedictory Response	“God Will Take Care of You” V4 #130
Postlude	Glenda Teachey

Next Sunday’s Scriptures:

Exodus 3:1-15; Psalm 113; I Corinthians 10:1-13; Luke 13:1-9

To our Guests, thank you for visiting us today. Please fill out a visitor’s card located in the pews and place it in the offering plate, or see an usher or the Pastor. Join us in the Overflow Room for a “Meet & Greet” after the service...

We welcome you to worship with us again!



“The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear? the Lord is the strength
of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?”

Psalms 27:1

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