



**AUGUST 3, 2025**

*Abraham - A Journey of Faith*

**WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD**

Prelude  
Welcome  
Moment of Preparation

**WE PRAISE & THANK GOD**

Call to Worship  
*#195 Come, Thou Almighty King*  
Confession of Sin  
Affirmation of Forgiveness  
Isaiah 53:5

*As it Is in Heaven*

Prayers of the People

Paul Reader

Offertory – *Ave Verum Corpus*

**WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

Scripture Reading  
Matthew 11:20-24

Message

Rev. Keith Fink

**Judgment on Sodom and Us**

Genesis 19:1-38

**WE CELEBRATE AT GOD'S TABLE**

*10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)*  
Sacrament of Communion

*The elements served during communion this morning are gluten free.*

**WE DEPART TO SERVE GOD'S WORLD**

*#372 Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross*  
Benediction  
Postlude

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**Judgment on Sodom and Us**  
Genesis 19:1-38

**Question:** How should we rightly respond to God's judgement that many find so troubling and distasteful?

*<sup>28</sup> Likewise, just as it was in the days of Lot—they were eating and drinking, buying and selling, planting and building, <sup>29</sup> but on the day when Lot went out from Sodom, fire and sulfur rained from heaven and destroyed them all— <sup>30</sup> so will it be on the day when the Son of Man is revealed. Lk. 17:28-30 (Jesus speaking to his disciples)*

*<sup>7</sup> just as Sodom and Gomorrah and the surrounding cities, which likewise indulged in sexual immorality and pursued unnatural desire, serve as an example by undergoing a punishment of eternal fire. Jude 7*

*The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness... Acts 17:30-31a (Paul speaking in Athens)*

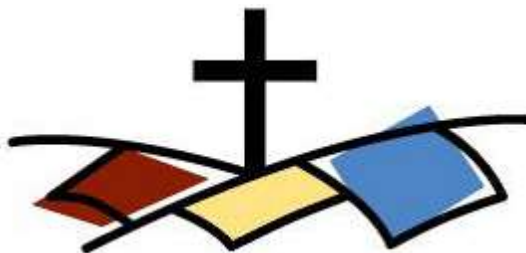
*<sup>23</sup> And you, Capernaum, will you be exalted to heaven? You will be brought down to Hades. For if the mighty works done in you had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day. <sup>24</sup> But I tell you that it will be more tolerable on the day of judgment for the land of Sodom than for you." Mt. 11:23-24 (Jesus speaking)*

*"Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" And they said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved... Acts 16:30b-31a (The jailer asking a question which is answered by Paul and Silas)*

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**Point to Ponder:** When it comes to the mention of judgment who are we most like: a) Lot's future sons-in-law who thought it was a joke, b) Lot's wife – who couldn't keep her eyes off the things of this world, or c) the Philippian jailer who asked what must I do to be saved?

Next Sunday we will continue our sermon series *Abraham – A Journey of Faith* by considering **Genesis 20:1-18** "Besetting Sin Trumps Faith."



## **The Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord:

Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried;  
He descended into hell.

The third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven,  
and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty;  
from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.