

✠ **Second Sunday in Lent** ✠  
**February 28–March 1, 2026**  
**5:00 p.m.; 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m.**

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**Silent Prayer Before Worship**

Eternal God, You so loved the world that You gave Your only Son into death for our sin. Take our lives, Lord, and use them to lift up Your Son so that all will be drawn to Him and find eternal life, for He lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

✠ **Divine Service – Setting One** ✠

*Please stand at the introduction to the hymn.*

**Prelude**

*(11:00)* **Choral Introit**

**“Sing, My Soul, His Wondrous Love”**

*Ned Rorem*

Sing, my soul, His wondrous love, Who, from yon bright throne above,  
Ever watchful o’er our race, Still to man extends His grace.

Heaven and earth by Him were made, All is by His scepter swayed;  
What are we that He should show So much love to us below?

God, the merciful and good, Bought us with the Savior’s blood,  
And, to make our safety sure, Guides us by His Spirit pure.

Sing, my soul, adore His name; Let His glory be Thy theme;  
Praise Him till He calls thee home, Trust His love for all to come.

*Anon., 1800*

**Opening Hymn**

**“Salvation Unto Us Has Come”** *LSB 555*

*Stanzas 1–6*

**Confession and Absolution**

**Invocation**

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**Exhortation**

*1 John 1:8–9*

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*Silence for reflection on God’s Word and self-examination..*

## Confession of Sins and Absolution

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

**C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
*John 20:19–23*

**C** Amen.

## Service of the Word

### Kyrie

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**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,

and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise

let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.

**C** A - men.

### Salutation and Collect

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

### Old Testament Reading

*Genesis 12:1-9*

The LORD said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother's son, and all their possessions that they had gathered, and the people that they had acquired in Haran, and they set out to go to the land of Canaan. When they came to the land of Canaan, Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. Then the LORD appeared to Abram and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built there an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him. From there he moved to the hill country on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. And there he built an altar to the LORD and called upon the name of the LORD. And Abram journeyed on, still going toward the Negeb.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

(8:00, 11:00) **Psalmody - Psalm 121** (*sung by choir*)

*Chant: Henry Walford Davies*

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills: from whence cometh my help.  
My help cometh even from the Lord: who hath made heaven and earth.  
He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: and He that keepeth thee will not sleep.  
Behold, He that keepeth Israel: shall neither slumber nor sleep.  
The Lord Himself is thy keeper: the Lord is thy defense upon thy right hand;  
So that the sun shall not burn thee by day: neither the moon by night.  
The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil: yea, it is even He that shall keep thy soul.  
The Lord shall preserve thy going out, and thy coming in: from this time forth for evermore.

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.

## Epistle Reading

*Romans 4:1–8, 13–17*

What then shall we say was gained by Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the Scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness." Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due. And to the one who does not work but trusts him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness, just as David also speaks of the blessing of the one to whom God counts righteousness apart from works:

"Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven, and whose sins are covered;  
blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin." . . .

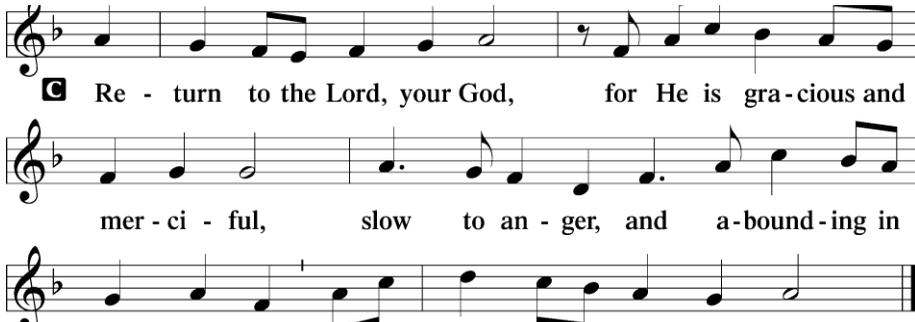
For the promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of the world did not come through the Law but through the righteousness of faith. For if it is the adherents of the Law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the Law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression.

That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring—not only to the adherent of the Law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all, as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Verse for Lent



**C** Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for He is gra-cious and  
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a-bound-ing in  
stead-fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

### Holy Gospel

*John 3:1–17*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the third chapter.



**C** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. This man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, “Rabbi, we know that You are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him.” Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.” Nicodemus said to Him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born?” Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’ The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.”

Nicodemus said to Him, “How can these things be?” Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except He who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the

wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in Him may have eternal life.

“For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through Him.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

## Nicene Creed

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**C** I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life  $\dagger$  of the world to come. Amen.

## Hymn of the Day

“Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart” LSB 708

(8:00, 11:00) Stanza 2 sung by choir, setting by J.S. Bach

(5:00, 8:00, 9:30) Sermon

“Raised” Romans 4:1–8, 13–17

## Prayer of the Church

- $\dagger$  Dixie Keathley and family for peace and guidance during her cancer treatments.
- $\dagger$  All who mourn the death of Karen Eatherton, mother of Sam Eatherton.
- $\dagger$  All who mourn the death of Mathilda Reinhardt, mother of Marcia Lewis.

## Offering

(8:00, 11:00) **Offering Anthem** “God Loved the World” *Melchoir Vulpius, ed. Edward Klammer*  
*Text: see LSB 571*

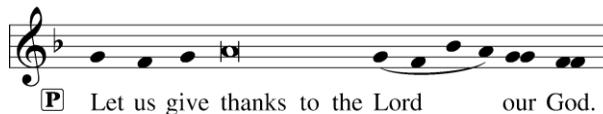
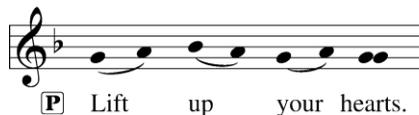
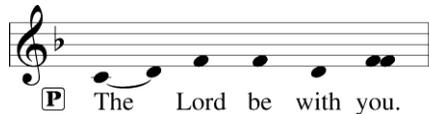
(11:00) **Sermon**

“**Raised**” *Romans 4:1–8, 13–17*

## Service of the Sacrament

### Preface

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### Proper Preface

- P** It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## Sanctus – “Holy, Holy, Holy”

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**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:  
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -  
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

## Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9–13

**C** 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.

## The Words of Our Lord

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## Pax Domini – “Peace of the Lord”

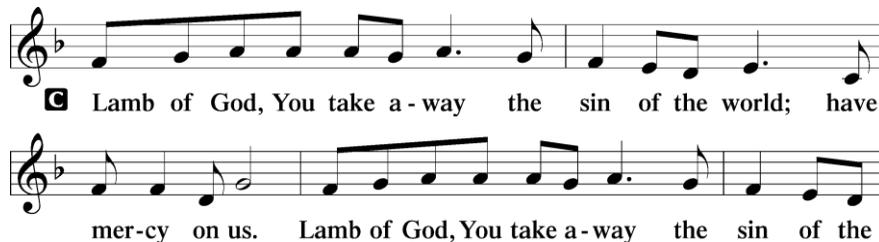
John 20:19

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** Amen.

## Agnus Dei – “Lamb of God”

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**C** Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the

world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

Distribution Motet

“Sing, My Soul, His Wondrous Love” *Ned Rorem*  
*Text see p.1*

Distribution Hymns

“God Loved the World” *LSB 571*  
“Savior, When in Dust to Thee” *LSB 419*  
“Nunc Dimittis” *LSB, p. 165*

Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace; Your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va-tion which You have prepared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re-veal You to the na-tions and the glo-ry of Your peo-ple Is - ra - el. Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Spir-it; as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.

## Post-Communion Collect

- P** Let us pray.  
O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

## Benediction

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and  $\text{✠}$  give you peace.
- C** Amen.

## Closing Hymn

**“Salvation Unto Us Has Come”** *LSB 555*

*Stanzas 7–10*

## Postlude

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**Preaching**  
**Liturgist**  
**Assisting Seminarists**

**Choir**  
**Organist**

**Pastor Wade**  
*(8:00, 11:00)* **Pastor Thompson**  
*(5:00)* **Jacob Diercks**  
*(8:00)* **Jordan Fasnacht**  
*(11:00)* **Paul Blessing**  
**St. Paul’s Intergenerational Choir**  
*(Saturday)* **Nancy Peterson**  
*(Sunday)* **Kantor Gerhardt**

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