

LIVING STONE WORSHIP

† Second Sunday in Lent †

Sunday, March 1, 2026 at 10:45 a.m.

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Prayer Before Worship

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Prelude

Announcements & Greeting

Call Worship

Psalm 121

L "I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come?"

C **"My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth."**

L "The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade on your right hand."

C **"The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life."**

L He has shown His saving love to the world.

ALL **"The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore."**

Opening Song

"God So Loved"

Verse 1

**Come all you weary, come all you thirsty.
Come to the well that never runs dry.
Drink of the water, come and thirst no more.**

Verse 2

**Come all you sinners, come find His mercy.
Come to the table; He will satisfy.
Taste of His goodness, find what you're looking for.**

Chorus 1

**For God so loved the world that He gave us
His one and only Son to save us.
Whoever believes in Him will live forever.**

Verse 3

**Bring all your failures, bring your addictions.
Come lay them down at the foot of the cross.
Jesus is waiting there with open arms.**

Chorus 2

**For God so loved the world that He gave us
His one and only Son to save us.
Whoever believes in Him will live forever.
The power of hell, forever defeated.
Now it is well, I'm walking in freedom.
For God so loved, God so loved the world.**

Bridge

**Praise God, praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him, praise Him, for the wonders of His love.
(repeat)**

Chorus 3

**For God so loved the world that He gave us
His one and only Son...
For God so loved the world that He gave us
His one and only Son to save us.
Whoever believes in Him will live forever.
The power of hell, forever defeated.
Now it is well, I'm walking in freedom.
For God so loved, God so loved the world.**

Verse 4

**Bring all your failures, bring your addictions
Come lay them down at the foot of the cross.
Jesus is waiting, God so loved the world.**

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Confession of Sins and Absolution

LSB 151

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

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 ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

John 20:19–23

C **Amen.**

Salutation & Prayer of the Day

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.**

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.**

Holy Gospel

John 3:1–17

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

C **Glory 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.**

Song of the Day

“See a Victory”

Verse 1

The weapon may be formed, but it won't prosper.
When the darkness falls, it won't prevail.
'Cause the God I serve knows only how to triumph.
My God will never fail. My God will never fail.

Chorus

I'm gonna see a victory, I'm gonna see a victory.
For the battle belongs to You, Lord.
I'm gonna see a victory, I'm gonna see a victory.
For the battle belongs to You, Lord.

Verse 2

There's power in the mighty Name of Jesus.
Ev'ry war He wages He will win.
I'm not backing down from any giant.
I know how this story ends.
I know how this story ends.

Chorus

Bridge

You take what the enemy meant for evil,
And You turn it for good,
You turn it for good. (3x)

Chorus 2x/Bridge 2x

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Sermon

“Raised” Romans 4:1–8, 13–17

Song of Response

“By Faith”

Verse 1

By faith we see the hand of God
In the light of creation's grand design,
In the lives of those who prove His faithfulness,
Who walk by faith and not by sight.

Verse 2

By faith our fathers roamed the earth
With the pow'r of His promise in their hearts
Of a holy city built by God's own hand,
A place where peace and justice reign.

Chorus

We will stand as children of the promise;
We will fix our eyes on Him, our soul's reward.
Till the race is finished and the work is done,
We'll walk by faith and not by sight.

Verse 3

By faith the prophets saw a day
When the longed-for Messiah would appear
With the pow'r to break the chains of sin and death,
And rise triumphant from the grave.

Verse 4

By faith the church was called to go
In the pow'r of the Spirit to the lost,
To deliver captives and to preach good news
In ev'ry corner of the earth.

Chorus

Verse 5

By faith this mountain shall be moved
And the pow'r of the gospel shall prevail,
For we know in Christ all things are possible
For all who call upon His name.

Chorus

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Apostles' Creed

C 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, died and was 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 will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

Children's Message

Offering

The offertory is an important time to reflect with thanksgiving on the many blessings God has given us.

Offertory

“Lead Me to the Cross”

1 Savior I come, quiet my soul,
Remember redemption’s hill,
Where Your blood was spilled,
For my ransom.

2 You were as I, tempted and tried, human.
The word became flesh,
Bore my sin in death.
Now You're risen.

Pre-Chorus

Ev’rything I once held dear,
I count it all as loss.

Pre-Chorus

Chorus

Bridge

To Your heart. To Your heart.
Lead me to Your heart.
Lead me to Your heart.

Chorus

Lead me to the cross
Where Your love poured out.
Bring me to my knees,
Lord, I lay me down.
Rid me of myself, I belong to You.
Oh, lead me. Lead me to the cross.

Chorus (2x)

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Prayer of the Church

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

The Lord’s Prayer

Matthew 6:9–13

- P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- 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.**

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 ✠ give you peace.
- C **Amen.**

Numbers 6:24–26

Closing Song

“Your Love Awakens Me”

1 **There were walls between us.
By the cross You came and broke them down,
You broke them down.
And there were chains around us.
By Your grace we are no longer bound,
No longer bound.**

Pre-Chorus

**You called me out of the grave.
You called me into the light.
You called my name and then,
my heart came alive.**

Chorus

**Your love is greater. Your love is stronger.
Your love awakens, awakens, awakens me.
(REPEAT)**

2 **Feel the darkness shaking.
All the dead are coming back to life. I'm back to life.
Hear the song awaken All creation singing,
“We're alive 'Cause You're alive!”**

Pre-chorus & Chorus

Bridge

**And what a love we've found. Death can't hold us
down.
We shout it out: We're alive 'cause You're alive!
(REPEAT 3x)**

Chorus (2x)

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