

WELCOME

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

SAT. FEBRUARY 28/SUN. MARCH 1, 2026



"Born Anew from Above"

AS WE GATHER

Abraham looms over the Old and New Testaments. Abraham is also our father because we are in Christ. We are his heirs, who live within the promise God made to us through Abraham. We are also his heirs as a people whose righteousness is not by accomplishment but by faith, not by works but by trusting in the promise of God to save us. Paul urges both Jew and Gentile to see in Abraham the model of faith who many times was left only with faith in God's promises and still believed. So now are we commended to show forth that we are his heirs by our own faith in Christ, our righteousness. Like Abraham, we have no real options. Our hope is

bound to the Father's gracious promises fulfilled in Christ.

WELCOME

✠ PREPARATION ✠

OPENING HYM "The God of Abraham Praise"
LSB 798

Stzs 1, 4, 6, 7, 9

HYPERLINK

<https://youtu.be/Cw15q-AhsqI?si=2pVFHKuApzFo2sbg&t=40>

**1 The God of Abr'ham praise,
Who reigns enthroned above;
Ancient of everlasting days
And God of love.
Jehovah, great I AM!
By earth and heav'n confessed;
I bow and bless the sacred name
Forever blest.**

**4 He by Himself has sworn;
I on His oath depend.
I shall, on eagle wings upborne,
To heav'n ascend.
I shall behold His face;
I shall His pow'r adore
And sing the wonders of His grace
Forevermore.**

**6 The goodly land I see,
With peace and plenty blest:
A land of sacred liberty
And endless rest.
There milk and honey flow,
And oil and wine abound,
And trees of life forever grow**

**7. There dwells the Lord our king,
The Lord our righteousness,
Triumphant o'er the world and sin,
The Prince of Peace.
On Zion's sacred height
His kingdom He maintains
And glorious with His saints in light
Forever reigns.**

***9 The whole triumphant host
Give thanks to God on high.
“Hail, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!”
They ever cry.
Hail, Abr’ham’s God and mine!
I join the heav’nly lays:
All might and majesty are Thine
And endless praise!**

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son
and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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

People: But if we confess our sins, God, who is
faithful and just, will forgive our sins and
cleans us from all unrighteousness.

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

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

People: 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.

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen.

✠ WORD ✠

KYRIE



Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

Lord God, heavenly Father, You promised Abraham that he would become the father of many nations. Grant to us that we may see in Jesus the final fulfillment of Your promise and covenant, with Your holy church, sealed in His blood on the cross. Bring us to the righteousness that comes by faith in Christ, our Savior; in the holy name of Jesus, who with You and the Holy Spirit, is one God and one Lord, now and forever.

People: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis

12:1–9

12 Now 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. ² 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. ³ 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.”

⁴ 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. ⁵ 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, ⁶ Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. ⁷ 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. ⁸ 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. ⁹ And Abram journeyed on, still going toward the Negeb.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

Romans 4:1–8, 13–17

⁴ What then shall we say was gained by Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh? ² For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. ³ For what does the Scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness.” ⁴ Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due. ⁵ And to the one who does not work but believes in him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness, ⁶ just as David also speaks of the blessing of the one to whom God counts righteousness apart from works:

⁷ “Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven,
and whose sins are covered;
⁸ blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin.”

¹³ 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. ¹⁴ For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵ For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression.

¹⁶ 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, ¹⁷ 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.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

**Return to the Lord, your God,
for He is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love,
and abounding in steadfast love.**

HOLY GOSPEL *John 3:1–17*

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

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

3 Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. ² 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.” ³ Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.” ⁴ 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?” ⁵ Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot

enter the kingdom of God. ⁶ That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷ Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’ ⁸ 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.”

⁹ Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” ¹⁰ Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? ¹¹ Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you^[f] do not receive our testimony. ¹² If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? ¹³ No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴ And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵ that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶ “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ 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.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY “Lord, Thee I Love with All
My Heart” *LSB 708*

HYPERLINKS

https://youtu.be/jOg4Rmy_14E?si=f1plCw_C23TNc_aL&t=51

**1 Lord, Thee I love with all my heart;
I pray Thee, ne'er from me depart,
With tender mercy cheer me.
Earth has no pleasure I would share.
Yea, heav'n itself were void and bare
If Thou, Lord, wert not near me.
And should my heart for sorrow break,
My trust in Thee can nothing shake.
Thou art the portion I have sought;
Thy precious blood my soul has bought.
Lord Jesus Christ, my God and Lord,
my God and Lord, Forsake me not! I trust Thy
Word.**

**2 Yea, Lord, 'twas Thy rich bounty gave
My body, soul, and all I have
In this poor life of labor.
Lord, grant that I in ev'ry place
May glorify Thy lavish grace
And help and serve my neighbor.
Let no false doctrine me beguile;
Let Satan not my soul defile.
Give strength and patience unto me
To bear my cross and follow Thee.
Lord Jesus Christ, my God and Lord,
my God and Lord,
In death Thy comfort still afford.**

**3 Lord, let at last Thine angels come,
To Abr'ham's bosom bear me home,
That I may die unfearing;
And in its narrow chamber keep
My body safe in peaceful sleep
Until Thy reappearing.
And then from death awaken me,
That these mine eyes with joy may see,
O Son of God, Thy glorious face,
My Savior and my fount of grace.
Lord Jesus Christ, my prayer attend,
my prayer attend,
And I will praise Thee without end.**

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Timothy Oswald

CONFESSION OF FAITH - The Nicene Creed

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 + of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

OFFERING

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE *2 Timothy 4:22*

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, 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 accomplished the salvation of mankind by the tree of the cross that, where death arose, there life also might rise again and that the serpent who overcame by the tree of the garden might likewise by the tree of the cross be overcome. 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

LSB 161

**Holy, holy, holy Lord
God of pow'r and might:
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.
Hosanna. Hosanna.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He
who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24;

Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He brake it and gave it to His disciples saying, *“Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”*

After the same manner also He took the cup when He had supped, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, *“Drink ye all of it; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the remission of sins. This do, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of Me.”*

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST *1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20*

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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.**

PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
People: Amen.

**Lamb of God, You take away
the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, You take away
the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, You take away
the sin of the world;
grant us peace.**

+DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION+

By communing, a person says publicly that they -

- are baptized and confirmed*
- believe Christ's words*
- repent of their sins*
- fully agree with all that the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod teaches.*

How to receive –

- anyone may come to the altar but keep hands folded if not receiving Communion
- the center of the tray has a cup with just a drop of wine for those who must minimize alcohol
- smile, exude your joy, but keep a reverent demeanor as others commune

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

“All Depends on Our Possessing” *LSB 732*

HYPERLINK

<https://youtu.be/nk8bNTGCfBg?si=AMN8UvgOqOLvZh7g&t=27>

**1 All depends on our possessing
God’s abundant grace and blessing,
Though all earthly wealth depart.
They who trust with faith unshaken
By their God are not forsaken
And will keep a dauntless heart.**

**2 He who to this day has fed me
And to many joys has led me
Is and ever shall be mine.
He who ever gently schools me,
He who daily guides and rules me Will remain
my help divine.**

**3 Many spend their lives in fretting
Over trifles and in getting
Things that have no solid ground.
I shall strive to win a treasure
That will bring me lasting pleasure
And that now is seldom found.**

**4 When with sorrow I am stricken,
Hope anew my heart will quicken;
All my longing shall be stilled.
To His loving-kindness tender
Soul and body I surrender,
For on God alone I build.**

**5 Well He knows what best to grant me;
All the longing hopes that haunt me,
Joy and sorrow, have their day.
I shall doubt His wisdom never;**

**As God wills, so be it ever;
I commit to Him my way.**

**6 If my days on earth He lengthen,
God my weary soul will strengthen;
All my trust in Him I place.
Earthly wealth is not abiding,
Like a stream away is gliding;
Safe I anchor in His grace.**

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

“On My Heart Imprint Your Image”

LSB 422

**On my heart imprint Your image,
Blessed Jesus, King of grace,
That life’s riches, cares, and pleasures
Never may Your work erase;
Let the clear inscription be:
Jesus, crucified for me,
Is my life, my hope’s foundation,
And my glory and salvation!**

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray.

O God, in Your mercy You promised faithful Abraham that he would be the father of a great multitude and counted him righteous by faith. You sent Your own Son to accomplish this promise and establish a church for all nations and a people declared righteous in Christ. Grant that we who have received of Your goodness in this Holy Sacrament may live in holiness and faith all the days of our lives, until at last we are reunited with all of the heirs of Abraham in the glory of life everlasting; through Jesus Christ, Abraham's Son and Lord, who with the Father and the Holy Spirit, is one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24–26*

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

“Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me” *LSB 722*

HYPERLINKS

https://youtu.be/jY_1J3Y7zM?si=1HR1jGUrW91pCqu3&t=36

**1.Lord, take my hand and lead me
 Upon life’s way;
 Direct, protect, and feed me
 From day to day.
Without your grace and favor
 I go astray;
 So take my hand, O Savior,
 And lead the way.**

**2.Lord, when the tempest rages,
 I need not fear,
 For You, the Rock of Ages,
 Are always near.
Close by Your side abiding,
 I fear no foe,
For when Your hand is guiding,
 In peace I go.**

**3. Lord, when the shadows lengthen
And night has come,
I know that You will strengthen
My steps toward home.
Then nothing can impede me,
O blessed Friend;
So take my hand and lead me
Unto the end.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT:
“Dedicated to knowing Christ and making Christ
know to others”**

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- **Preacher (Sat.): Rev. Dr. Timothy Oswald**
- **Liturgist (Sun.): Rev. Maurice Lind, Pastor Emeritus**
- **Sat. Organist: Lina Schaal**
- **Sun. Organist: George Kelm**
- **Choir Director: Gail Feick**
- **A/V Team: Brian & Amanda Larie,
Stan & Cheryl Grey, Dawn Oswald**
- **Please call (757-831-6948) or e-mail Pastor Oswald
(oswald1@charter.net) with your prayer requests.**

- **Kindly turn off your cellphone prior to Divine Worship.**
- **PASTOR'S NOTE ON COMMUNION: Just a loving reminder that taking Holy Communion together, is among other things, a public declaration of common faith.**
(I Cor 10¹⁷ Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread. ¹⁸ Consider the people of Israel: are not those who eat the sacrifices participants in the altar? Acts 2⁴² And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers . . . ⁴⁴ And all who believed were together . . .)
So the expectation is that communicants have been taught what Lutherans believe, especially about this sacrament, that they believe it themselves, and that their intent is eventually to be in full fellowship by joining The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. If you have questions or discussion, please ask pastor.
- **LENTEN MIDWEEK SERVICE - Join us in the fellowship hall for supper at 6pm then worship 7pm.**
- **BOWLING is tonight at 5:00pm at Towne & Country Lanes in Burlington, WI. \$2 per game of bowling, \$2 shoe rental, \$2 food and drink menu. Everyone is welcome and little kids have their own lane with bumpers. Any questions, ask Brian and Amanda.**
- **TASTY FELLOWSHIP: We would appreciate additional help in providing treats after Sunday services. If you are interested or would like more information, please see Tami Voigt.**

- **ATTENTION ALL HOPE KIDS!**
 Hope Lutheran will be hosting an Easter Egg hunt event for the Twin Lakes and surrounding area on Saturday, March 28 from 11am-1pm. The event will include an egg hunt, prizes, games, a craft, and **FREE LUNCH!** There will be a "Journey to Easter" walk down our hallway, telling the account of Easter in the Bible as we go. Last but not least, we will have **LIVE BUNNIES** with an opportunity to hold them and take pictures. Mark your calendars and invite your friends! This is an amazing opportunity to share the Good News of Jesus with our community.
- **VOLUNTEERS AND CANDY NEEDED FOR OUR EGG HUNT.**
 We are collecting candy to fill our eggs for the egg hunt. Please bring any donations and place in the box in the Narthex of the church. You can direct any questions to MaryBeth Fragassi. We also need several volunteers to help make our event a success. Please contact Tabra Gomski or Dawn Oswald if you would like to help in any way. **THANK YOU!**
- **Monthly Mites for March will be March 7 and 8 (Saturday/Sunday). Extra Mite boxes on the WOH table in narthex, help yourself and any handouts there.**
- **LADIES LUNCHEON will be THURSDAY MARCH 12 at 11:30 am. NEW LOCATION CORNER KITCHEN in TWIN LAKES. Address 100 N. Lake Avenue. Plenty of parking, Subway is also located there on the right, Corner Kitchen is on the left. We look forward to seeing you there and friends are always welcomed. Contact is Kim Zembal for any questions, let her know if you can be there. Her**

phone # is 262-537-4294 or text her. We will start rotating our dates, next month it will be a Tuesday and the following month will be a Thursday. Date to be confirmed later.

- **SPIRITUAL CONVERSATION WORKSHOP, March 15 after Voters Assembly Meeting - Jesus called His disciples to go as witnesses throughout the world. But how do we do that when we are reluctant to even talk about our faith in everyday life? This workshop will help you assess your own readiness for witness and make a spiritual growth plan. We expect that we will spend at least 90 minutes in spiritual reflection during this video-based workshop. Lunch will be provided.**
- **GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN in Pleasant Prairie is hosting a marriage retreat March 7th & 8th. See Pastor Tim for details.**
- **HOPE'S TWIN LAKES FOOD PANTRY DONATION LOCATION-The donation location is moving from under the coat rack to the wire baskets at the top of the stairway to the lower level. Signs on the baskets identify which baskets are for Twin Lakes Food Pantry and which are for the Sharing Center. Thank you for your support of these ministries.**

THIS WEEK

Reader: Brian Larie
Communion: Mike Gomski

Ushers: Brian Larie & Kyle Wachholder
Fellowship: Peter & Tami Voigt
Altar Guild: John & Peggy Tueting

NEXT WEEK

Reader: Paul Trettin
Communion: Mike Gomski
Ushers: Bob & Kathleen Blume
Fellowship: Bob & Kathleen Blume
Altar Guild: John & Peggy Tueting

BIRTHDAYS

3/1 Christy Bloomer
3/2 Kevin Meyer
3/7 Lee Peschke
3/8 Floyd Bergstrom
3/8 Wayne Olsen

ANNIVERSARY

3/6 Kevin & Melissa Meyer

Calendar of Events This Week

3/02/26 – 03/08/26

Monday: 11:00am Twin Lakes Seniors

Tuesday:

**Wednesday: 6:00pm Lenten Soup Supper
7:00pm Lenten Service**

**Thursday: 8:00am Men's Breakfast
6:00pm AA Meeting**

Saturday: 9:30am Worship Service

**Sunday: 8:15am Choir Rehearsal
9:00am Worship Service
10:20am Bible Study &
Children's Sunday School
7:00pm AA Meeting**