



PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
1st Sunday in Lent
February 22, 2026 **9:00 a.m.**
WE PREPARE FOR WORSHIP
Silent Meditation, Personal Confession, Announcements, Prelude
WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP
Sojourners and Pilgrims

GATHERING

LENTEN CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

We gather in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

Come and let us walk as sojourners and pilgrims in the light of the Lord.

And he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths.

Father of mercies and God of all consolation; come to the aid of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may attend to your Word, confess our sins, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of your Son Jesus Christ, our Lord and our Redeemer. Amen

We are witnesses to all that Jesus did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree. But God raised him on the third day and made him to appear. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.

(Acts 10:39-40, 43)

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Gracious God...

Have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen**

BAPTISM OF ELOWYN BOS

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GATHERING SONG

"I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"

ELW #611 (Attached)

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the unity of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us Pray

Lord God, our strength, the struggle between good and evil rages within and around us, and the devil and all the forces that defy you tempt us with empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your word, and when we fall, raise us again and restore us through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

CHOIR

“God So Loved the World”

Lloyd Larson

FIRST LESSON

Genesis 3:8-21

⁸ Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the Lord God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the Lord God among the trees of the garden. ⁹ But the Lord God called to the man, “Where are you?” ¹⁰ He answered, “I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid.” ¹¹ And he said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?” ¹² The man said, “The woman you put here with me—she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it.” ¹³ Then the Lord God said to the woman, “What is this you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.” ¹⁴ So the Lord God said to the serpent, “Because you have done this, “Cursed are you above all livestock and all wild animals! You will crawl on your belly and you will eat dust all the days of your life. ¹⁵ And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel.” ¹⁶ To the woman he said, “I will make your pains in childbearing very severe; with painful labor you will give birth to children. Your desire will be for your husband, and he will rule over you.” ¹⁷ To Adam he said, “Because you listened to your wife and ate fruit from the tree about which I commanded you, ‘You must not eat from it,’ “Cursed is the ground because of you; through painful toil you will eat food from it all the days of your life. ¹⁸ It will produce thorns and thistles for you, and you will eat the plants of the field. ¹⁹ By the sweat of your brow you will eat your food until you return to the ground, since from it you were taken; for dust you are and to dust you will return.” ²⁰ Adam named his wife Eve, because she would become the mother of all the living. ²¹ The Lord God made garments of skin for Adam and his wife and clothed them.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 32:1-7

¹ Blessed is the one whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

² **Blessed is the one whose sin the Lord does not count against them and in whose spirit is no deceit.**

³ When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long.

⁴ **For day and night your hand was heavy on me; my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer.**

⁵ Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.” And you forgave the guilt of my sin.

⁶ **Therefore let all the faithful pray to you while you may be found; surely the rising of the mighty waters will not reach them.**

⁷ You are my hiding place; you will protect me from trouble and surround me with songs of deliverance.

SECOND LESSON

Romans 5:12-19

¹² Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all people, because all sinned— ¹³ To be sure, sin was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not charged against anyone’s account where there is no law. ¹⁴ Nevertheless, death reigned from the time of Adam to the time of Moses, even over those who did not sin by breaking a command, as did Adam, who is a pattern of the one to come. ¹⁵ But the gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died by the trespass of the one man, how much more did God’s grace and the gift that came by the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, overflow to the many! ¹⁶ Nor can the gift of God be compared with the result of one man’s sin: The judgment followed one sin and brought condemnation, but the gift followed many trespasses and brought justification. ¹⁷ For if, by the trespass of the one man, death reigned through that one man, how much more will those who receive God’s abundant provision of grace and of the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ! ¹⁸ Consequently, just as one trespass resulted in condemnation for all people, so also one righteous act resulted in justification and life for all people. ¹⁹ For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the one man the many will be made righteous.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Restore in Us, O God

1 Re - store in us, O God, the splen-dor of your love; re -
2 O Spir - it, wake in us the won - der of your pow'r; from

new your im - age in our hearts, and all our sins re - move.
fruit-less fear un - furl our lives like spring-time bud and flow'r.

The holy gospel according to St. Matthew, Chapter 4
Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL

Matthew 4:1-11

Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ² After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. ³ The tempter came to him and said, “If you are the Son of God, tell

these stones to become bread.”⁴ Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.’”⁵ Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple.⁶ “If you are the Son of God,” he said, “throw yourself down. For it is written: ‘He will command his angels concerning you, and they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.’”⁷ Jesus answered him, “It is also written: ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’”⁸ Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor.⁹ “All this I will give you,” he said, “if you will bow down and worship me.”¹⁰ Jesus said to him, “Away from me, Satan! For it is written: ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.’”¹¹ Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

GOSPEL RESPONSE

Restore in Us, O God

3 Bring us, O Christ, to share the full-ness of your joy; bap -
4 Three-per - soned God, ful - fill the prom - ise of your grace, that

tize us in the ris - en life that death can - not de - stroy.
we, when all our search - ing ends, may see you face to face.

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE
SERMON**

“Let’s Be Real”

Pr. Andrew Young

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Amazing Grace”

ELW #779 (Attached)

THE SMALL CATECHISM OF MARTIN LUTHER:

In ancient and modern times, Lent has been the time for instruction of candidates preparing for their baptism at the Easter Vigil. At the same time, the whole Church anticipates Easter through acts of repentance and spiritual renewal. It is therefore appropriate that we review the basics of our faith during these Sundays in Lent, so that we all might be renewed by our baptismal covenants and made ready for the celebration of Easter.

The First Article of the Apostles' Creed concerns Creation. What does it mean?

I believe that God has created me and all that exists. He has given me and still preserves my body and soul with all their powers. He provides me with food and clothing, home and family, daily work, and all I need from day to day. God also protects me in time of danger and guards me from every evil. All this he does out of fatherly and divine goodness and mercy, though I do not deserve it. Therefore I surely ought to thank and praise, serve and obey him. This is most certainly true.

The Second Article of the Creed concerns Redemption. What does this mean?

I believe that Jesus Christ -- true God, Son of the Father from eternity, and true man, born of the Virgin Mary -- is my Lord. At great cost he has saved and redeemed me, a lost and condemned person. He has freed me from sin, death, and the power of the devil -- not with silver or gold, but with his holy and precious blood and his innocent suffering and death. All this, he has done that I may be his own, live under him in his kingdom, and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as he is risen from the dead and lives and rules eternally. This is most certainly true.

The Third Article of the Creed concerns Sanctification. What does this mean?

I believe that I cannot by my own understanding or effort believe in Jesus Christ my Lord, or come to him. But the Holy Spirit has called me through the Gospel, enlightened me with his gifts, and sanctified and kept me in true faith. In the same way he calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it united with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian church day after day he fully forgives my sins and the sins of all believers. On the last day he will raise me and all the dead and give me and all believers in Christ eternal life. This is most certainly true.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Lord, In Your Mercy

RESPONSE: “*Hear Our Prayer*”

PEACE

The peace of our Lord, Jesus Christ be with you always

And also with you.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY HYMN

Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring

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1 Ac - cept, O Lord, the gifts we bring to place up - on your ta - ble.
 2 The vines were plant - ed, seeds were sown. They grew in your good plea - sure.
 3 Our hopes and dreams, our toils and cares we lift in prayer be - fore you.

We do not wor - ship as we ought but on - ly as we're a - ble.
 What once was com - mon, dail - y food be - comes a ho - ly trea - sure.
 Lord, by your grace now come to us, as hum - bly we a - dore you.

***LORD'S PRAYER**

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.

SENDING

Blessed are those whose strength is in you,
whose hearts are set on pilgrimage.
 They go from strength to strength,
till each appears before God in Zion.

Let us pray.

Compassionate God, sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice; our alms, a making of peace; and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts, through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.

As you travel on your way, may Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, bless you and keep you. May his face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. May he look upon you with favor and give you his peace.

SENDING SONG

"There Is a Redeemer"

(Attached)

Fellow Pilgrims and Sojourners... go in peace to love and serve.....**Thanks be to God.**

WE GO AND WORK IN THE LORD'S KINGDOM

Ministers: All who believe

Pastor: Andrew Young

Piano:	Lorrie Hansen
Greeters/Refreshments:	Bill & Debby Young
Reader:	Dave Hughes
Acolyte:	Grayson Forsberg
Council:	Val Ross/Derrick Monson/Carl Grassel/Mike Hansen
Feb. Altar Guild:	Jenn Kolling/Amy Young/Char Somers/Julie Hanson

Prayers for Healing and Hope

Trish Severson's daughter, Joey, severely injured her neck. She will be going to the Mayo Clinic in early March for more evaluations and treatment options.

Deb Durham is once again being treated for pneumonia. Prayers for her.

Jen Andres continues with cancer treatment. Pray for strength for her whole family!

Prayers for Diane Oddy's sister-in-law, LuAnn, as she has been moved to a long term care facility. Her ALS is quickly advancing.

Through the miracle of modern AI technology, Dee Feddes's friend Megan can now speak! Megan was diagnosed several years ago with ALS; this now enables her to communicate!

Kane Tandy is having intestinal complications.....prayers for healing and recovery.

Jodi Robbins has started a new treatment plan, due to the recurrence of her cancer.

Diane Oddy health issues.

Erin Waynes parents Bob & Judy Ficke, cancer treatment. Prayers for their medical team and recovery.

Dwain and Olive Lavinder, dealing with cancer.

Carl Watts, friend of the Young family....wife Jane in a care facility because of advanced Parkinson's.

Yoki Johnson, friend of Larry & Char Somers, metastatic breast cancer.

Prayers for Comfort and Peace

Prayers for Fred & Martin Haas and their families on the passing of their mother, Connie.

Prayers of Thanks and Praise

Larry Somers' sister, Sandra has been moved to a rehab unit in Salt Lake City. Continued prayers for recovery and rehabilitation.

Prayers for Blessings and Encouragement

Christ's Gift Academy in Mbita, Kenya