



**PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH**

2nd Sunday in Lent

March 1, 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**

**GATHERING SONG**

*“Only By Grace”*

(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

**O God, our leader and guide, in the waters of baptism you bring us to new birth to live as your children. Strengthen our faith in your promises, that by your Spirit we may lift up your life to all the world 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

**“Be Still and Know”**

Words & Music by Victor C. Johnson

## FIRST LESSON

Genesis 12:1-9

<sup>1</sup>The Lord had said to Abram, “Go from your country, your people and your father’s household to the land I will show you. <sup>2</sup>“I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. <sup>3</sup>I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.” <sup>4</sup>So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he set out from Harran. <sup>5</sup>He took his wife Sarai, his nephew Lot, all the possessions they had accumulated and the people they had acquired in Harran, and they set out for the land of Canaan, and they arrived there. <sup>6</sup>Abram traveled through the land as far as the site of the great tree of Moreh at Shechem. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. <sup>7</sup>The Lord appeared to Abram and said, “To your offspring I will give this land.” So he built an altar there to the Lord, who had appeared to him. <sup>8</sup>From there he went on toward the hills east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. There he built an altar to the Lord and called on the name of the Lord. <sup>9</sup>Then Abram set out and continued toward the Negev.

The word of the Lord.....**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 121

<sup>1</sup>I lift up my eyes to the mountains—where does my help come from?

<sup>2</sup>**My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.**

<sup>3</sup>He will not let your foot slip—he who watches over you will not slumber;

<sup>4</sup>**indeed, he who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.**

<sup>5</sup>The Lord watches over you—the Lord is your shade at your right hand;

<sup>6</sup>**the sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night.**

<sup>7</sup>The Lord will keep you from all harm—he will watch over your life;

<sup>8</sup>**the Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore.**

## SECOND LESSON

Romans 4:13-17

<sup>13</sup>It was not through the law that Abraham and his offspring received the promise that he would be heir of the world, but through the righteousness that comes by faith. <sup>14</sup>For if those who depend on the law are heirs, faith means nothing and the promise is worthless, <sup>15</sup>because the law brings wrath. And where there is no law there is no transgression. <sup>16</sup>Therefore, the promise comes by faith, so that it may be by grace and may be guaranteed to all Abraham’s offspring—not only to those who are of the law but also to those who have the faith of Abraham. He is the father of us all. <sup>17</sup>As it is written: “I have made you a father of many nations.” He is our father in the sight of God, in whom he believed—the God who gives life to the dead and calls into being things that were not.

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. John, Chapter 3  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

**GOSPEL**

John 3:1-17

<sup>1</sup>Now there was a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus who was a member of the Jewish ruling council. <sup>2</sup>He came to Jesus at night and said, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him.” <sup>3</sup>Jesus replied, “Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again.” <sup>4</sup>“How can someone be born when they are old?” Nicodemus asked. “Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother’s womb to be born!” <sup>5</sup>Jesus answered, “Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. <sup>6</sup>Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. <sup>7</sup>You should not be surprised at my saying, ‘You must be born again.’ <sup>8</sup>The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit.” <sup>9</sup>“How can this be?” Nicodemus asked. <sup>10</sup>“You are Israel’s teacher,” said Jesus, “and do you not understand these things? <sup>11</sup>Very truly I tell you, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, but still you people do not accept our testimony. <sup>12</sup>I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things? <sup>13</sup>No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven—the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup>Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.” <sup>16</sup>For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. <sup>17</sup>For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

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

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE****SERMON****"What is this 'born again' thing?"**

Pr. Andrew Young

**HYMN OF THE DAY***"God Loved the World"*

ELW #323 (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*

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.

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## \*WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### \*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.**

## COMMUNION

The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen.**

*All who believe in the words, "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins" are welcome to come to the Lord's table. (Grape juice is on outside rim of serving tray. Bread is gluten free.)*

## 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

*“Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross*

ELW #335 (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:	Connie Holton
Greeters/Refreshments:	Zach Rogers-Sherman/Dave Hughes
Reader:	Tiina Smith
Acolyte:	Jackson Hampton
Council:	Val Ross/Derrick Monson/Carl Grassel/Mike Hansen
March Altar Guild:	Kris Bell/Katy Grassel/Donna Mellinger/Karlene Swenson

### **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 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



6:15 p.m. – Sign-up sheets in the Fellowship Hall

7:00 p.m. – Lenten Vespers

### **Addicted to Busy? Break Freely, Live Freely**

March 4th -- "Mind Over Matter" Philippians 2:5-11;

Prayer Point: Jesus, we need your mindfulness.

March 11th -- "Why the Solitude?" Mark 1:35;

Prayer Point: Find a place where you can meet with the Lord and open your mind and heart to His truth.

March 18th -- "Who's the Sabbath for?" Isaiah 58:13-14;

Prayer Point: God made the Sabbath for you to enjoy.

March 25th -- "Why this Peace is Different" Philippians 4:6-7;

Prayer Point: God's peace that surpasses all human understanding is like a shield.

**SERMON NOTES – March 1, 2026**

**Verbum Domini Manet in Aeternum**