

Sunday, March 1, 2026

Second Sunday in Lent, Year A



Ringling of Bell

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

◆ PLEASE STAND

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures
forever.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin before God, who
removes our guilt and blots out all offenses.
Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Gracious God,

**C: have mercy on us according to your
steadfast love.**

P: For seeking worldly delights that deceive
us and dishonor you: Gracious God,

**C: have mercy on us according to your
steadfast love.**

P: For desiring self-reliance instead of hungering
for your word: Gracious God,

**C: have mercy on us according to your
steadfast love.**

P: For failing to recognize your coming reign,
and for hindering the work of the Spirit:
Gracious God,

**C: have mercy on us according to your
steadfast love.**

P: For drawing from the well of self-serving
ambition, and for disdaining the living water
Christ offers: Gracious God,

**C: have mercy on us according to your
steadfast love.**

P: For disregarding voices from the margin,
and for distrusting signs of your healing and
hope in the world: Gracious God,

**C: have mercy on us according to your
steadfast love.**

P: For dwelling in tombs of self-pity and discontent,
and for disregarding Christ's call to come forth
to life: Gracious God,

**C: have mercy on us according to your
steadfast love.**

P: God's steadfast love, grace, and forgiveness
abound. Through faith, the free gift of God,
you have been clothed in the righteousness
of Christ. In the name of † Jesus Christ,
your sins are forgiven. The Spirit of the One
who raised Christ from the dead dwells in you,
pours God's love into your hearts, and gives
you life and peace. **C: Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

ELW 451

We Are Baptized in Christ Jesus

- 1 We are baptized in Christ Jesus, we are
baptized in his death; that as Christ is raised
victorious, we might live a brand new life.
And if we have been united in a dreadful death
like his, we will all be reunited, for he lives.**
- 2 In the water and the witness, in the breaking
of the bread, in the waiting arms of Jesus
who is risen from the dead, God has made a
new beginning from the ashes of our past;
in the losing and the winning we hold fast.**
- 3 Glory be to God the Father, glory be to Christ
the Son, glory to the Holy Spirit, ever three
and ever one; as it was in the beginning,
glory now resounds again in a song that has
no ending. Amen**

PRAYER OF THE DAY *We pray together*

L: O God, our leader and guide, in the waters of
baptism you bring us to new birth to live as your
children.

**C: 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.**

PLEASE BE SEATED

FIRST READING: GENESIS 12:1-4A

The blessing of God upon Abram

¹ 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 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 the one who curses you I
will curse, and in you all the families of the earth
shall be blessed." >>

^{4a} So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him.

WORD OF GOD. WORD OF LIFE. **THANKS BE GOD.**

PSALM 121 *We read responsively*

L: I lift up my eyes to the hills; from where is my help to come?

C: My help comes from the LORD, the maker of heaven and earth.

L: The LORD will not let your foot be moved nor will the one who watches over you fall asleep.

C: Behold, the keeper of Israel will neither slumber nor sleep;

L: the LORD watches over you; the LORD is your shade at your right hand;

C: the sun will not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.

L: The LORD will preserve you from all evil and will keep your life.

C: The LORD will watch over your going out and your coming in, from this time forth forevermore.

SECOND READING: ROMANS 4:1-5, 13-17

The promise to those who share Abraham's faith

¹What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? ²For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. ³For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness." ⁴Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. ⁵But to one who does not work but trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

¹³For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law, neither is there transgression.

¹⁶For this reason the promise depends on faith, in order that it may rest on grace, so that it may be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (who is the father of all of us, ¹⁷as 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.

WORD OF GOD. WORD OF LIFE. **THANKS BE GOD.**

◆ GOSPEL: JOHN 3:1-17

C: GLORY TO YOU, O LORD!

The mission of Christ: to save the world

¹Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ²He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with that person." ³Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." ⁴Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" ⁵Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' ⁸The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." ⁹Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" ¹⁰Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?"

¹¹"Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen, yet you do not receive our testimony. ¹²If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

¹⁷"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him."

THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD. **PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST!**

PLEASE BE SEATED

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON *Rev. D.J. Chatelaine*

HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW 323

God Loved the World

1 **God loved the world so that he gave his only Son the lost to save, that all who would in him believe should everlasting life receive.**

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- 2 **Christ Jesus is the ground of faith, who was made flesh and suffered death; all who confide in Christ alone are built on this chief cornerstone.**
- 3 **If you are ill, if death draws near, this truth your troubled heart can cheer: Christ Jesus rescues us from death; that is the firmest ground of faith.**
- 4 **Be of good cheer, for God's own Son forgives all sins that you have done, and justified by Jesus' blood, your baptism grants the highest good.**
- 5 **All glory to the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Three in One! To you, O blessed Trinity, be praise now and eternally!**

◆ APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Hear us, O God, **your mercy is great**

SHARING OF PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

PLEASE BE SEATED

OFFERING—OFFERTORY—GLOBE OFFERING

Children are invited to bring an offering to the globe at the front of the church

OFFERING SONG ELW 186

Create in Me a Clean Heart

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.

◆ OFFERING PRAYER

P: O God, maker of heaven and earth, your steadfast love embraces all creation. You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth and bring forth its bounty.

C: Through these gifts of bread and wine, draw us into the death and life of your Son, who calls us to bear witness to his saving work. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING *Spoken*

P: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**
P: Lift up your hearts. **C: We lift them to the Lord.**
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION & LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO COMMUNION:

Come to the table.
Feast on God's goodness and mercy.

PLEASE BE SEATED

DISTRIBUTION -&- HYMN ELW 714

O God of Mercy, God of Light

1 **O God of mercy, God of light, in love and mercy infinite, teach us, as ever in your sight, to live our lives in you.**

2 **You sent your Son to die for all, that our lost world might hear your call; oh, hear us lest we stray and fall! We rest our hope in you.**

3 **Teach us the lesson Jesus taught: to feel for those his blood has bought, that ev'ry deed and word and thought may work a work for you.**

4 **For all are kindred, far and wide, since Jesus Christ for all has died; grant us the will, and grace provide, to love them all in you.**

5 **In sickness, sorrow, want, or care, may we each other's burdens share; may we, where help is needed, there give help as though to you.**

6 **And may your Holy Spirit move all those who live to live in love, till you receive in heav'n above all those who live in you.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: God of our salvation, we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls, reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey.

C: Through the body and blood of your Son, may we become Christ's body in the world, bearing witness to your love for all creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

BENEDICTION

P: Receive the blessing of the holy Trinity:
God who calls all things into existence,
Jesus Christ who redeems us, and the
Holy Spirit whose breath sustains creation,
✠ bless you now and always. **C: Amen.**

◆ SENDING SONG ELW 803

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross >>

- 1 **When I survey the wondrous cross on which the prince of glory died, my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.**
- 2 **Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the death of Christ, my God; all the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood.**
- 3 **See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down. Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?**
- 4 **Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small; love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.**

Ring of Bell

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Believe the good news.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

PARTICIPANTS

PASTOR—Rev D.J. Chatelaine
 ACOLYTE—Scarlett Eggert
 ORGAN/PIANO—Tammy Hanson
 WORSHIP ASSISTANT— Harris Haugen
 GREETER(S)—Heidi Haugen
 COMMUNION SET-UP—Heidi Haugen
 COMMUNION SERVERS—Harris Haugen, **2 needed**
 COFFEE—Carmen & Brad
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CALENDAR

Sun Mar 1	9 AM WORSHIP - <i>2nd Sun in Lent</i> 10 AM Coffee 10 AM Sunday School Class  <i>Carmel Roll Fundraiser Begins</i> 10 AM FLCW Meeting
Wed Mar 4	5:30 PM WED SUPPER & BIBLE STUDY 6:30 PM WED WORSHIP
Thu Mar 5	2-5 PM Garage Sale Set-Up
Fri Mar 6	9-11 AM Garage Sale Set-Up
Sat Mar 7	8-12 NOON Garage Sale OPEN
Sun Mar 8	9 AM WORSHIP - <i>3rd Sun in Lent</i> 10 AM Coffee 10 AM Sunday School Class
Mon Mar 9	2 PM Grief Support

Lenten Suppers & Worship

3/04, 3/11, 3/18, 3/25
Suppers at 5:30
Worship at 6:30
Use Sign Up in the Basement to help



SATURDAY MARCH 7
GARAGE SALE & Bake Sale.

For Qstns or help call Susan 907-854-5959
VOLUNTEER SIGN-UPS NEEDED for Garage & Bake Sale - Sign Up in the basement

GARAGE & BAKE SALE | VOLUNTEER NEEDS

Wed 3-4	aftr church (7-ish)	<i>move chairs</i>
Thu 3-5	2- 5 pm	<i>carry & organize sale items</i>
Fri 3-6	9 - 11 am	<i>carry & organize sale items</i>
Sat 3-7 Garage Sale	7:45-Noon (2 time slots)	<i>greet, elevator assist, cashiers, help customers, final clean up</i>
Sat 3-7 Bake Sale	7:45-Noon (2 time slots)	<i>package food, cashiers, final clean up</i>



SYNOD EVENT Council as Leaders -

Saturday Mar 14 9 am – 3:30 pm at St Olaf Church in Austin. Registration Fee \$20 Includes Lunch & Workshops.