

**AES MINISTRIES  
EAST SVEADAHN LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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The Second Sunday in Lent

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**“Congregations joined in faith and fellowship to spread God’s love.”**  
AE Ministries Mission Statement

**Welcome to all who worship with us today! All are welcome at the Lord’s Table!**

**WORSHIP SETTING 10**

**PRELUDE, RINGING OF THE BELL, WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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**GATHERING SONG**

“God of Grace, God of Glory”

#705

**APOSTOLIC GREETING**

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**KYRIE**

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**HYMN OF PRAISE**

“Glory be to God”

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**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Let us pray . . .

**C: 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.**

**FIRST READING Genesis 12:1-4a**

<sup>1</sup> 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. <sup>2</sup> 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. <sup>3</sup> 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.”

<sup>4a</sup> So Abram went, as the Lord had told him, and Lot went with him.

L: Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 121**

<sup>1</sup> I lift up my eyes to the hills; from where is my help to come?

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

<sup>3</sup> The Lord will not let your foot be moved nor will the one who watches over you fall asleep.

<sup>4</sup> **Behold, the keeper of 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 strike you by day, nor the moon by night.**

<sup>7</sup> The Lord will preserve you from all evil and will keep your life.

<sup>8</sup> **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**

<sup>1</sup> What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? <sup>2</sup> For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. <sup>3</sup> For what does the scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.” <sup>4</sup> Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. <sup>5</sup> But to one who does not work but trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness. <sup>13</sup> For 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. <sup>14</sup> For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. <sup>15</sup> For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law, neither is there transgression. <sup>16</sup> For 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, <sup>17</sup> 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.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

“We are turning”

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## HOLY GOSPEL     **John 3:1-17**

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

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup> Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. <sup>2</sup> He 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.” <sup>3</sup> Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” <sup>4</sup> Nicodemus 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?” <sup>5</sup> Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. <sup>6</sup> What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup> Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ <sup>8</sup> The 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.” <sup>9</sup> Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” <sup>10</sup> Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? <sup>11</sup> “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. <sup>12</sup> If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? <sup>13</sup> No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup> And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup> that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. <sup>16</sup> “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that every-one who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. <sup>17</sup> “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.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## MESSAGE

## HYMN OF THE DAY

“Be Thou My Vision”

#793

## APOSTLES’ CREED

P: Lord, in your mercy . . .

C: **hear our prayer.**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

## SHARING THE PEACE

## THE OFFERING

**OFFERTORY RESPONSE**  
**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

“Create in Me”

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**HOLY COMMUNION**

Here at AES Ministries, we are committed to the inclusion of all God’s people, with no exception. Therefore, we practice open communion, welcoming all to the table to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion. Juice (light color) and the wine (dark red) are both available. Individually wrapped gluten free wafers are available as well. If you would like to receive communion, but are unable to physically come forward, please indicate that to an usher and communion will be brought to you.

**THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**THE INVITATION TO THE TABLE**

**DISTRIBUTION**

“How Great Thou Art” #856

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

**BLESSING**

**SENDING SONG**

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

#631

**DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord:      **C: Thanks be to God!**

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Lector: Lee Carlson

March 8: Dale Anderson

Usher: Wes Beck

**Prayer Concerns:** Lucy Christenson, Sonja Coleman, Janet Bloomquist, Dean Hoffman, Brandon Hagen, Lindsey Kulseth, Debbie McGuire, Roger Hagen, Nolan O’Connor, Judy Berg, Brenda Watson, Darrell Ask, Dennis Johnson, Mike Larson, Jamie (Noren) Seiner, Marie Christenson, Darryl Jensen, Phyllis Jurgens, Dave Finnegan, Tim Knaak, Don Flater, Bruce Ohland, Sam Christenson, Melissa Anderson, Steven Olson, Tom Anderson, Chloe Anderson, Orval Larson, Dennis Madison, Linda Madison, and Emma Overson.

Susan will be gone today through Monday, March 2.

**The second Lenten worship service** is Wednesday at East. Supper is at 5:30 followed by the service at 6:30 pm. Come hear about the “Water From a Rock” with Deacon Lyla.

The **AES Joint Council** meets on Thursday the 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm at East.

**Daylight Savings Time** BEGINS next Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup>. Turn your clocks AHEAD one hour before you go to bed!

**Activities this week: March 2 – March 8**

**Monday**      3:00 pm Study Group, East  
**Tuesday**    2:15 pm Augustana worship on cable tv  
**Wednesday** 5:30 pm Lenten Meal, East  
                  6:00 pm ROAR, East  
                  6:30 pm Lenten Service, East  
**Thursday**    7:00 pm AES Joint Council, East  
**Sunday**      9:00 am Communion Worship, Augustana  
                  10:30 am Communion Worship, East  
                  11:30 am Radio broadcast on 1370AM  
                  2:00 pm Bingo, Pleasant View

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