

Second Sunday in Lent
March 1, 2026

Prelude / Imposition of Ashes,

“Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.”

Bell / Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

L: Faithful God, you sent your Son into the world to save it and not condemn it. Come among us today, convicting us and comforting us, that we might grow in faith and do your will. Beloved of God, you have come into a land flowing with milk and honey.

C: The Lord has brought us into a land where brooks and fountains spring from the valleys and hills.

L: Camp here at the oak of Moreh and wait for God's appearance.

C: Though we are surrounded by strangers who worship other gods, we will worship the Lord.

L: Build an altar and await the Lord's coming.

All: We will pitch our tent and call upon the Lord's name.

Gathering Hymn

Oh, Love, How Deep

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Confession and Forgiveness

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

C: Amen.

L: Let us confess our sin before God, who removes our guilt and blots out all offenses.

Gracious God,

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

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

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

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

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

L: 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.

L: 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.

L: 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.

L: 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.

L: 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.**

Greeting: L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit is with you all. **C: And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day L: O God, **C: 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.**

Reading

Genesis 12:1-4a

Pew Bible Pg. 17

Responsive Psalm 121

Nordland Mission Fest is June 27, 2026, The Fest is an important fundraiser as we commit to send \$5,000 to ELCA Missions each year. We need a committee, contact Becky Thompson or Diane Christle. – NLCW

March is Food Shelf Month; the Nordland shopping cart is available for your donations of non-perishable grocery items and/or monetary. Please specify "Food Shelf" in memo if you are writing a check.

If you are a Thrivent member and have 2025 Thrivent Choice dollars available, you have until March 31 to distribute them. Go online to www.thrivent.com, log into your account and direct them to your favorite (Nordland?) charitable organization.

Simply Giving is a great way (and easy) way to both help your own personal budget (regular periodic outflows) and Nordland's operating budget (fund the council can count on to cover regular expenses). Form is available for download from the Nordland website. Paper forms are available from the church office.

The Nordland Lutheran Church Council calls a Special Congregational Meeting on today, March 1, 2026 immediately following worship to discuss renovation projects.