

February 28 - March 1, 2026
Second Sunday in Lent Readings

First Reading

A Reading from Genesis

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.

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.

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.”

So Abram went, as the Lord had told him, and Lot went with him.

(pause)

Reader: **Word of God, word of Life.**

Congregation: Praise to you, O Christ.

Second Reading

A Reading from Romans

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.

For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null, and the promise is void.

For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law, neither is there transgression.

For this reason, the promise depends on faith, in order that it may rest on grace, so that it may be guaranteed to all of 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, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations"),

in the presence of the God in whom Abraham believed, who gives life to the dead, and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

(pause)

Reader: **Word of God, word of Life.**

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Gospel

A Proclamation of the Holy Gospel According to John

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.”

Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?”

Jesus answered him,
“Are you the teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

“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.

If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe,
how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things?

No one has ascended into heaven
except the one who descended from heaven,
the Son of Man.

And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness,
so must the Son of Man be lifted up,

that whoever believes in the Son of Man may have eternal life.

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

“Indeed, God did not send the Son of Man
into the world to condemn the world
but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

Pastor: **The Gospel of the Lord.**

Congregation: Thanks be to God.