

FOR
God
so loved the world,
that He gave His only begotten Son,
that
whosoever
believeth in
Him should
not perish,
but have
everlasting
life.
JOHN 3:16

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March 1, 2026 – 8:00am & 10:30am

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THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

March 1, 2026 – 8:00am & 10:30am

PRELUDE

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

arr. Karl Osterland

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

#702

(We rise.)

INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

P Before God, who so loved the world as to send a Savior, let us confess our sin with a contrite heart.

(Silence for reflection and self-examination.)

P Almighty God,

C We confess that we are a broken people who put ourselves before others. Too often, we have not shared bread with the hungry, given the homeless a home, clothed the naked, and worked for justice among all peoples. We cry from the depths of our sin, O Lord, even as we put our trust in Your word. Heal us by your grace, and take from us all that would separate us from Your love. Amen.

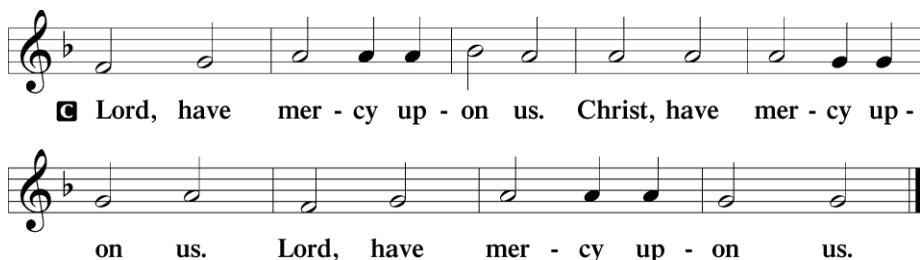
P With the Lord there is mercy and full redemption. We are refreshed and renewed in the living water of Christ. Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for You and for His sake forgives You all Your sins. As a called and ordained servant of

Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive You all Your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

✠ DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING THREE ✠

KYRIE



C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray together:

C O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

(We are seated.)

ANTHEM

Adult Choir

(8:00) "Lord, Thee I Love With All My Heart" (LSB #708)...arr. Donald Busarow

Lord, thee I love with all my heart;
I pray thee, never from me depart; With tender mercy cheer me.
Earth has no pleasure I would share,

Yea, heaven itself were void and bare if thou, Lord, wert not near me.
And should my heart for sorrow break, my trust in thee can nothing shake.
Thou art the portion I have sought; Thy precious blood my soul has bought.
Lord Jesus Christ, My God and Lord, forsake me not! I trust thy Word.

Yea, Lord, 'twas thy rich bounty gave
My body, soul, and all I have in this poor life of labor.
Lord, grant that I in every place
May glorify thy lavish grace and serve and help my neighbor.
Let no false doctrine me beguile, let Satan not my soul defile.
Give strength and patience unto me to bear my cross and follow thee.
Lord Jesus Christ, my God and Lord, in death thy comfort still afford.

Lord, let at last thine angels come,
To Abraham's bosom bear me home, that I may die unfearing;
And in its narrow chamber keep
My body safe in peaceful sleep until thy reappearing.
And then from death awaken me, that these mine eyes with joy may see,
O Son of God, thy glorious face, my Savior and my fount of grace.
Lord Jesus Christ, my prayer attend, and I will praise thee without end!

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 12:1-9

¹The LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. ²And 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. ³I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."
⁴So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. ⁵And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother's son, and all their possessions that they had gathered, and the people that they had acquired in Haran, and they set out to go to the land of Canaan. When they came to the land of Canaan, ⁶Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. ⁷Then the LORD appeared to Abram and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built there an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him. ⁸From there he moved to the hill country on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with

Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. And there he built an altar to the LORD and called upon the name of the LORD. ⁹And Abram journeyed on, still going toward the Negeb.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING

Romans 4:1-8, 13-17

¹What then shall we say was gained by Abraham, our forefather 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 counted to him as righteousness.” ⁴Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due. ⁵And to the one who does not work but trusts him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness, ⁶just as David also speaks of the blessing of the one to whom God counts righteousness apart from works: ⁷“Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven, and whose sins are covered; ⁸blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin.”

¹³For the promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of the world did not come 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 there is no transgression. ¹⁶That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring—not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all, 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.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

(We rise.)

HOLY GOSPEL READING

John 3:1-17

VERSE FOR LENT



C Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for He is gra - cious and



mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in



stead-fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

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

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. ²This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him.” ³Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.” ⁴Nicodemus said to him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born?” ⁵Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. ⁶That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’ ⁸The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, 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? ¹¹Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. ¹²If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And 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, that whoever believes in him should not perish

but have eternal life. ¹⁷For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

NICENE CREED

C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both
the living and the dead,
Whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,

who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

(10:30 – During the Hymn of the Day, children age 3 through first grade are invited to attend “Kids of the Kingdom” children’s church. They will return following the sermon.)

(We are seated.)

HYMN OF THE DAY “God Loved the World So That He Gave” #571

(We rise for stanza 6.)

SERMON

“Jesus Saves”

Text: John 3:1-17 – Pastor Danny Eggold

RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP and GATHERING OF OUR OFFERINGS

VOLUNTARY

“Jesus, Lead Thou On”

arr. Paul Manz

OFFERTORY

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it



from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

(We rise.)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P In these days of Lenten spring, let us pray to God the Father for the world, the church, and all people according to their needs.

(A brief silence.)

P Heavenly Father, grant that Your Church may faithfully proclaim Your great love for the world in the preaching of Christ crucified and risen. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer.**

P Heavenly Father, pour out Your blessing upon all nations and families of the earth, and give peace, justice, and daily bread to all people. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer.**

P Heavenly Father, by Your Spirit deepen our Lenten discipline, that our hearts may be turned toward those who are poor, weak, and vulnerable, and that we may serve them in love. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer.**

P Heavenly Father, look with compassion upon all who suffer in mind, body, or spirit; grant them help, healing, and safety in Your tender care. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer.**

P Heavenly Father, bless those who will be born of water and the Spirit at Easter, that they may grow in grace, remain steadfast in faith, and rejoice in Your promises. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer.**

(Here other intercessions may be offered.)

P Heavenly Father, keep us in the fellowship of all Your saints, that trusting in Christ who was lifted up on the cross for our salvation, we may share with them in the resurrection of the dead and the life everlasting. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer.**

P Into Your hands, O merciful Father, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

PREFACE

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 Him thanks and praise.**

PROPER PREFACE

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

LORD'S PRAYER

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C 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.

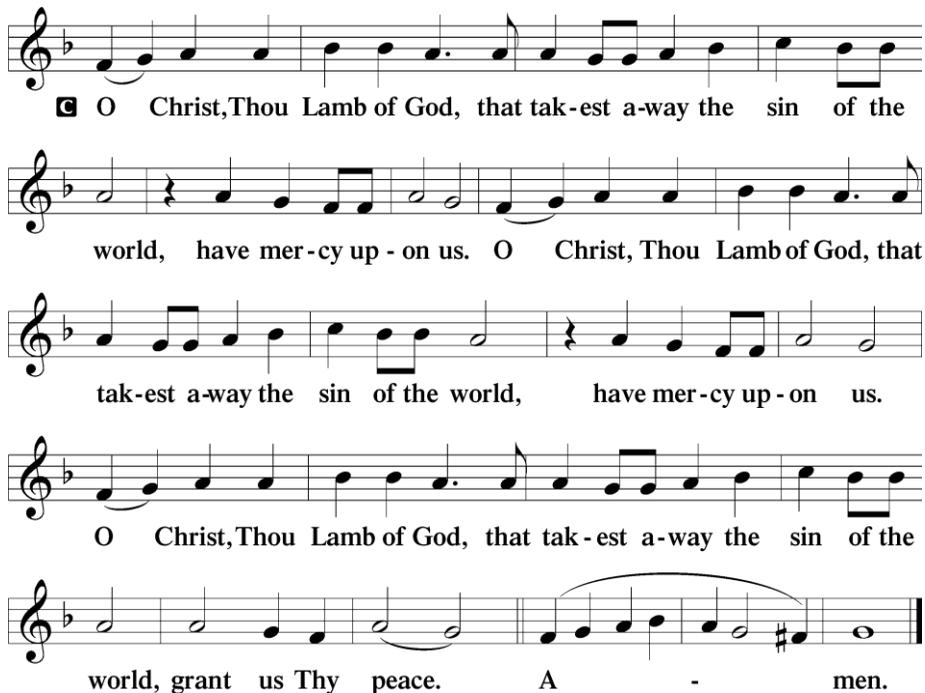
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C Amen.

AGNUS DEI



C O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

(We are seated.)

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

DISTRIBUTION ANTHEM and HYMNS

(8:00) “In Remembrance”...Courtney/Red

Adult Choir

In remembrance of me, eat this bread,
In remembrance of me, drink this wine.
In remembrance of me, pray for the time when God’s own will is done.

In remembrance of me, heal the sick.
In remembrance of me, feed the poor.
In remembrance of me, open the door and let your brother in, let him in.

Take, eat, and be comforted. Drink, and remember too,
That this is my body and precious blood, shed for you.

In remembrance of me, search for truth.
In remembrance of me always love.
In remembrance of me, lift up your heart to God.

Do this in remembrance of me. In remembrance of me.

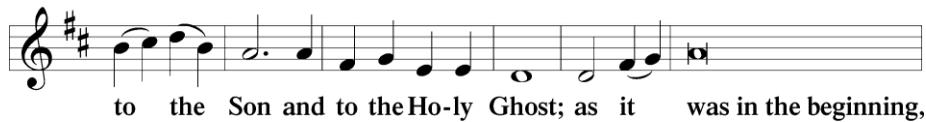
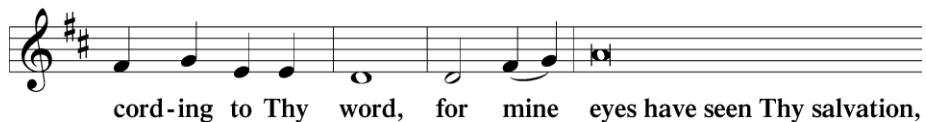
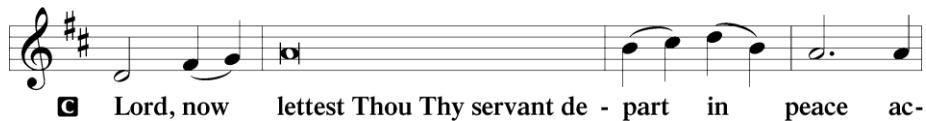
“Jesus, Lead Thou On”	#718
“The Gospel Shows the Father’s Grace”	#580
“In the Cross of Christ I Glory”	#427

(We rise.)

DISMISSAL

- P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✝ in peace.
- C** **Amen.**

NUNC DIMITTIS



POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P Heavenly Father, we have tasted the good food of Your table of grace. Nourished by the life of Your Son, may we live as children of the light, sharing Your good news; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

BENEDICTION and DISMISSAL

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

P Goodness and mercy shall follow You all the days of Your life.
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

CLOSING HYMN **“Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer”** **#918**

POSTLUDE

“God Loved the World So That He Gave”

arr. Wayne Wold