

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

Missouri Synod



The Second Sunday in Lent

March 1, 2026

Divine Service, Setting Three – LSB 184

8:00 & 10:30*am, 5:00 pm

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AS WE GATHER

“Born again” has become a catch phrase in our age. It is not merely that Jesus says one must be born again but born *from above*. This new birth happens not from human will or desire but solely from the love and act of God working by the Spirit. Baptismal water is the womb through which we are born again and born from above to the life that death cannot overcome and is eternal.

As we make our way through Lent, we are constantly reminded of the truth of Luther’s explanation: we cannot by our own reason or strength believe in Christ, our Lord, or come to Him. The Spirit calls us to the font, gathers the baptized around His Word and Table, delivers us from the darkness of unbelief, and makes holy those who belong to the Lord. Thanks be to God!

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✠ ✠ ✠ GATHERING ✠ ✠ ✠

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC – *The God of Abraham Praise* (arr. Meyer Lyon)

HYMN OF INVOCATION – LSB 798 – *The God of Abraham Praise* (vv. 1-3, 8-9)



1 The God of A-br'ham praise, Who reigns en-throned a - bove;
2 The God of A-br'ham praise, At whose su - preme com - mand
3 The God of A-br'ham praise, Whose all - suf - fi - cient grace
8 The God who reigns on high The great arch - an - gels sing,
△ 9 The whole tri - um - phant host Give thanks to God on high.



An - cient of ev - er - last - ing days And God of love.
From earth I rise and seek the joys At His right hand.
Shall guide me all my pil - grim days In all my ways.
And "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly!" cry, "Al - might - y King!
"Hail, Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost!" They ev - er cry.



Je - ho - vah, great I AM! By earth and heav'n con - fessed;
I all on earth for - sake, Its wis - dom, fame, and pow'r,
He deigns to call me friend; He calls Him - self my God.
Who was and is the same And ev - er - more shall be:
Hail, A-br'ham's God and mine! I join the heav'n - ly lays:



I bow and bless the sa - cred name For - ev - er blest.
And Him my on - ly por - tion make, My shield and tow'r.
And He shall save me to the end Through Je - sus' blood.
Je - ho - vah, Fa - ther, great I AM! We wor - ship Thee!"
All might and maj - es - ty are Thine And end - less praise!

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INVOCATION

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

C Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C **who made heaven and earth.**
P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

(silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination)

P O almighty God, merciful Father,
C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**
P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.



✠ ✠ ✠ **WORD** ✠ ✠ ✠

INTROIT – Psalm 105:4–7; antiphon: v. 8

Leader: He remembers his covenant for- | ever,*
the word that he commanded, for a thousand gener- | ations.



C **Seek the LORD | and his strength;***
seek his presence con- | tinually!

Leader: Remember the wondrous works that | he has done,*
his miracles, and the judgments he | uttered,

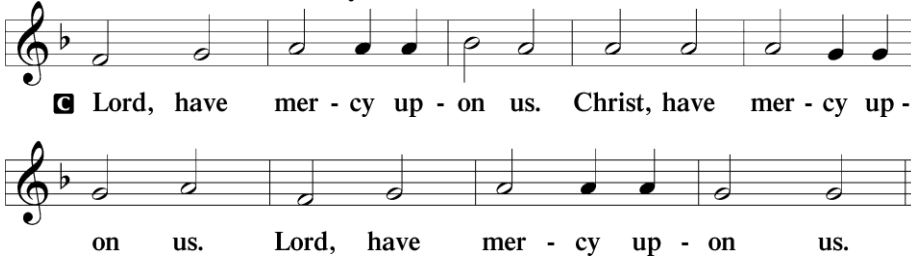
C **O offspring of Abraham, his | servant,***
children of Jacob, his | chosen ones!

Leader: He is the | LORD our God;*
his judgments are in | all the earth.

C **Glory be to the Father and | to the Son***
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

He remembers his covenant for- | ever,*
the word that he commanded, for a thousand gener- | ations.

KYRIE – Lord, Have Mercy



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 with thy spirit.
- P** Let us pray... one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

FIRST LESSON – 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.

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL – Sung by congregation. – *Hebrews 12:2*



**O come, let us fix our eyes on | Jesus,*
the founder and perfecter | of our faith,
who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despis- | ing the shame,*
and is seated at the right hand of the | throne of God.**

EPISTLE – 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.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.


VERSE – Joel 2:13b



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.

HOLY GOSPEL – John 3:1-17

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



C Glo-ry be to Thee, 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 be to Thee, O Christ.

8:00 am – 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 am & 5:00 pm – APOSTLES’ CREED

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.

10:30 am – CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY – LSB 708 – Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart



1 Lord, Thee I love with all my heart; I pray Thee, ne'er from
2 Yea, Lord, 'twas Thy rich boun-ty gave My bod - y, soul, and
3 Lord, let at last Thine an - gels come, To A - br'ham's bos - om



me de - part, With ten - der mer - cy cheer me. Earth
all I have In this poor life of la - bor. Lord,
bear me home, That I may die un - fear - ing; And



has no plea - sure I would share. Yea, heav'n it - self were
grant that I in ev - 'ry place May glo - ri - fy Thy
in its nar - row cham - ber keep My bod - y safe in



void and bare If Thou, Lord, wert not near me. And should my
lav - ish grace And help and serve my neigh - bor. Let no false
peace-ful sleep Un - til Thy re - ap - pear - ing. And then from



heart for sor - row break, My trust in Thee can noth - ing shake.
doc - trine me be - guile; Let Sa - tan not my soul de - file.
death a - wak - en me, That these mine eyes with joy may see,

Thou art the por - tion I have sought; Thy pre - cious
Give strength and pa - tience un - to me To bear my
O Son of God, Thy glo - rious face, My Sav - ior
blood my soul has bought. Lord Je - sus Christ, my God and
cross and fol - low Thee. Lord Je - sus Christ, my God and
and my fount of grace. Lord Je - sus Christ, my prayer at -
Lord, my God and Lord, For - sake me not! I trust Thy Word.
Lord, my God and Lord, In death Thy com - fort still af - ford.
tend, my prayer at - tend, And I will praise Thee with - out end.

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SERMON – All God’s Promises Fulfilled in Christ – Genesis 12:1-9

OFFERING – Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart (arr. J. G. Walther)

OFFERTORY – Psalm 51:10-12

C 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.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

A Let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

A ...one God forever.

C Amen.

10:30 am & 5:00 pm – Continue with the Lord’s Prayer (page 10)
and conclude with the **Benediction and Closing Hymn** (page 14).

✠ ✠ ✠ SACRAMENT ✠ ✠ ✠ 8:00 am – LSB 194

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

P Lift up your hearts.

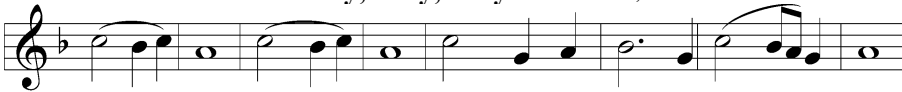
C We lift them up unto the Lord.

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

C It is meet and right so to do.

P It is truly meet, right, and salutary...evermore praising you and singing:

SANCTUS – LSB 195 – Holy, Holy, Holy – Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9



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,

For Guests and Visitors Desiring the Sacrament


As a congregation of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, we confess, in accord with the Scriptures, that **in this sacred meal Jesus Himself is truly present to forgive our sin and strengthen our faith.**

Participation in this meal indicates that you **believe, have been baptized, and have been taught** according to our Lord’s command **and are in doctrinal agreement** with this confession.

- **If you are visiting from outside the Lutheran Church or are new to the faith,** we welcome you to come to the altar with arms crossed to receive a blessing.
- **If you desire to receive instruction for the Lord’s Supper,** please speak with one of our pastors.



 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


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 – The Peace of the Lord – John 20:19

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


AGNUS DEI – LSB 198 – Lamb of God - John 1:29



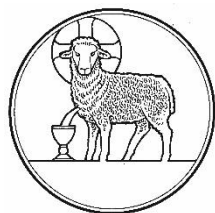
C O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the



 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.

DISTRIBUTION

Anthem – *Lord Jesus, Think on Me* (arr. Georgiann H. Toole)

LSB 722 – Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me

1 Lord, take my hand and lead me Up - on life's way;
2 Lord, when the tem - pest ra - ges, I need not fear,
3 Lord, when the shad - ows length - en And night has come,

Di - rect, pro - tect, and feed me From day to day.
For You, the Rock of A - ges, Are al - ways near.
I know that You will strength - en My steps toward home.

With - out Your grace and fa - vor I go a - stray;
Close by Your side a - bid - ing, I fear no foe,
Then noth - ing can im - pede me, O bless - ed Friend;

So take my hand, O Sav - ior, And lead the way.
For when Your hand is guid - ing, In peace I go.
So take my hand and lead me Un - to the end.

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If you need **gluten-free wafers**, please let one of the pastors know.

Non-alcoholic grape juice, containing a trace amount of wine, is available in the center of the tray.

Lord Jesus,
think on me,
and purge away my sin.

From earth-born passions set me free,
and make me pure within.

Lord Jesus,
think on me,
amid the battle's strife.

In all my pain and misery
be thou my health
and life.

Lord Jesus,
think on me,
nor let me go astray.
Through darkness and perplexity
point thou the heavenly way.

Lord Jesus,
think on me,
that, when this life is past,
I may eternal brightness see,
and share thy joy at last.

LSB 642 – O Living Bread from Heaven



1 O liv - ing Bread from heav - en, How well You
2 My Lord, You here have led me To this most
3 You gave me all I want - ed; This food can
4 Lord, grant me then, thus strength - ened With heav'n - ly



feed Your guest! The gifts that You have giv - en
ho - ly place And with Your - self have fed me
death de - stroy. And You have free - ly grant - ed
food, while here My course on earth is length - ened,



Have filled my heart with rest. Oh, won - drous food of
The trea - sures of Your grace; For You have free - ly
The cup of end - less joy. My Lord, I do not
To serve with ho - ly fear. And when You call my



bles - ing, Oh, cup that heals our woes! My heart, this
giv - en What earth could nev - er buy, The bread of
mer - it The fa - vor You have shown, And all my
spir - it To leave this world be - low, I en - ter,



gift pos - sess - ing, With prais - es o - ver - flows.
life from heav - en, That now I shall not die.
soul and spir - it Bow down be - fore Your throne.
through Your mer - it, Where joys un - min - gled flow.

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LSB 632 – O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee



1 O Je - sus, bless - ed Lord, to Thee My heart - felt
2 Break forth, my soul, for joy and say: What wealth is



thanks for - ev - er be, Who hast so lov - ing -
come to me this day! My Sav - ior dwells with -



ly be - stowed On me Thy bod - y and Thy blood.
in my heart: How blessed am I! How good Thou art!

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POST-COMMUNION SONG – LSB 767 – Jesus, Remember Me

Sung as the distribution comes to a close and repeated as needed.



Je - sus, re-mem-ber me when You come in - to Your king - dom.



Je - sus, re-mem-ber me when You come in - to Your king - dom.

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THANKSGIVING

P O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good.

C and His mercy endureth forever.

P Let us pray... one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

HYMN TO DEPART – LSB 422 – On My Heart Imprint Your Image



On my heart im - print Your im - age, Bless - ed Je - sus, King of grace,



That life's rich-es, cares, and plea-sures Nev - er may Your work e-raise;



Let the clear in - scrip-tion be: Je - sus, cru - ci - fied for me,



Is my life, my hope's foun - da - tion, And my glo - ry and sal - va - tion!

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SILENT PRAYER / ANNOUNCEMENTS

POST-SERVICE MUSIC – *The God of Abraham Praise* (arr. Steven Wentz)



Today's altar flowers are given to the glory of God by **Richard A'Hern** in loving memory of his late wife, **Janet Lee A'Hern** (Feb. 25, 1947 - May 29, 2016) who passed away from Parkinsons.

TODAY: March 1

11:30am **Spirit Camp planning meeting**

MONDAY, March 2

5:30pm **School Board**

6:00pm **Health & Human Care Ministry Team** (Zoom)

6:30pm **Stewardship Ministry Team**

TUESDAY, March 3

9:30am **Chinese Bible Study** (Grand Hall)

1:00pm **Fellowship Ministry Team**

5:15pm **First Steps in Music**

WEDNESDAY, March 4 Midweek Lenten Worship

12:00pm **Worship** † 12:30pm **Meal**

5:45pm **Meal** † 7:00pm **Worship**

7:45pm **Senior Choir** (sanctuary)

FRIDAY, March 6

6:30pm **Ladies' Night Out** (Grand Hall)

SATURDAY, April 11 LWML Spring Gathering (St. John's, White Creek)

SATURDAY, April 18 Generosity Feeds

WEDNESDAY, April 25 Spirit Camp Registration OPENS for congregation & preschool families

SUNDAY, April 27 (10:30am) Rite of Confirmation



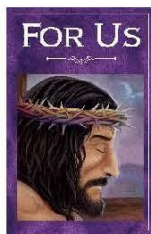
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Lent - Easter 2026

Ash Wednesday – February 18

Noon & 7 pm **Worship** *with Holy Communion*

✠ **Imposition of Ashes** in the sanctuary ✠

30 mins. before & immediately after each service

Wednesdays – February 25: March 4, 11, 18, 25

Midweek Lenten Fellowship & Worship:

Noon **Worship** ✠ 12:30pm **Meal**

5:45pm **Meal** ✠ 7pm **Worship**

✠ **Personal confession/absolution** ✠

see the pastors before or after any service

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Holy Week

Palm/Passion Sunday – March 29

8 & 10:30 am **Procession with Palms**

Divine Service *with Holy Communion*

11:30 am **Easter Egg Hunt**

5 pm **Divine Service** *with Holy Communion*

Maundy Thursday – April 2

Noon & 7 pm **Worship** *with Holy Communion*

Good Friday – April 3

Noon **Stations of the Cross**

8 pm **Tenebrae** (*Service of Darkness*)

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The Resurrection of our Lord

Easter Vigil – April 4

8 pm **at University Lutheran**

Easter Sunday – April 5

8 & 10:30 am **Festival Worship** (*Holy Comm. & special music*)

9:15 am **Easter Breakfast**