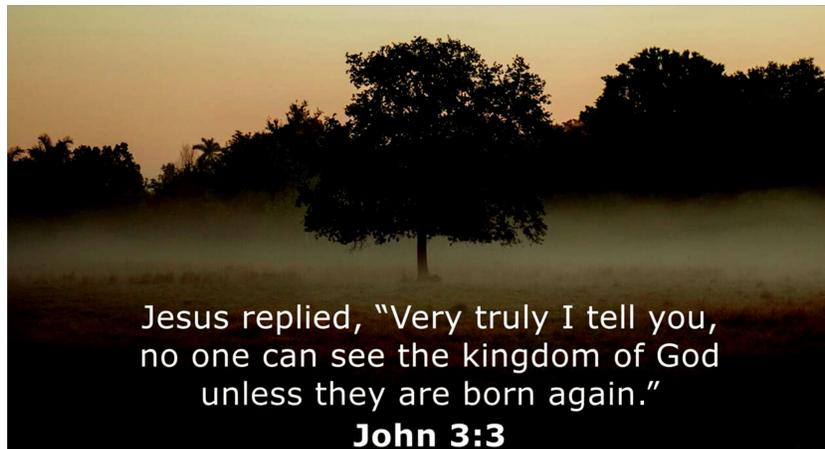


Sunday, March 1, 2026  
Second Sunday in Lent  
10:30am



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# HOLY COMMUNION

*Please Silence Your Phones & Devices*

**PRELUDE**

Jacob Wilson

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## GATHERING

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

*You are invited to stand as able.*

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*All may make the sign of the cross, as the presiding minister begins.*

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

**Amen.**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Gracious God,

**have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For seeking worldly delights that deceive us and dishonor  
you:

Gracious God,

**have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For desiring self-reliance instead of hungering for your  
word:

Gracious God,

**have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For failing to recognize your coming reign,  
and for hindering the work of the Spirit:  
Gracious God,  
**have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For drawing from the well of self-serving ambition,  
and for disdaining the living water Christ offers:  
Gracious God,  
**have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For disregarding voices from the margin,  
and for distrusting signs of your healing and hope in the  
world:  
Gracious God,  
**have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For dwelling in tombs of self-pity and discontent,  
and for disregarding Christ's call to come forth to life:  
Gracious God,  
**have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

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.  
**Amen.**

GATHERING SONG

ELW #666

What Wondrous Love Is This



1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What  
 2 When I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, sink - ing down, when  
 3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; to  
 4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; and



won - drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this  
 I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, when I was sink - ing down  
 God and to the Lamb I will sing; to God and to the Lamb,  
 when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm free,



that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dread-ful curse for my  
 be - neath God's righ-teous frown, Christ laid a - side his crown for my  
 who is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will  
 I'll sing God's love for me, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing



soul, for my soul, to bear the dread-ful curse for my soul?  
 soul, for my soul, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul.  
 sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing.  
 on, I'll sing on; and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

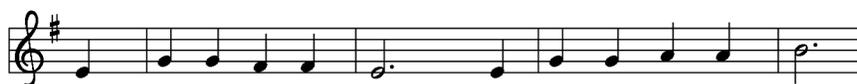
Text: North American folk hymn, 19th cent., alt.  
 Music: WONDROUS LOVE, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

## GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## KYRIE



- 1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
- 2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
- 3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.  
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.  
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

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.**

## WORD

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

### FIRST READING

Genesis 12:1-4a

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM

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

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

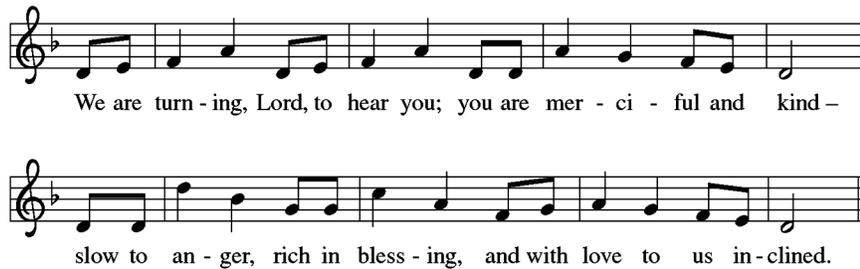
**CHOIR ANTHEM**

There is a Savior

**CHILDREN'S TIME**

*You are invited to stand as able*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



**GOSPEL**

John 3:1-17

The holy gospel according to John, the 3rd Chapter.

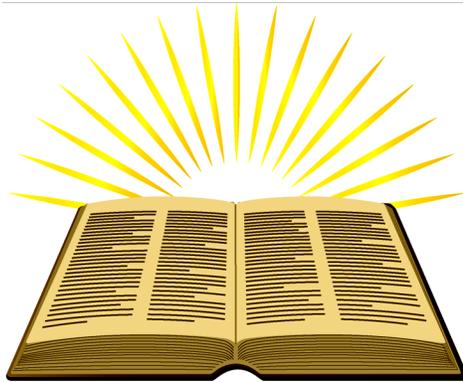
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

**SERMON**



*You are invited to stand as able.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**      ELW#323

**God Loved the World**



1 God loved the world so that he gave his on - ly  
2 Christ Je - sus is the ground of faith, who was made  
3 If you are ill, if death draws near, this truth your  
4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son for - gives all  
5 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly



Son the lost to save, that all who would in  
flesh and suf - fered death; all who con - fide in  
trou - bled heart can cheer: Christ Je - sus res - cues  
sins that you have done, and jus - ti - fied by  
Spir - it, Three in One! To you, O bless - ed



him be - lieve should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.  
Christ a - lone are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.  
us from death; that is the firm - est ground of faith.  
Je - sus' blood, your bap - tism grants the high - est good.  
Trin - i - ty, be praise now and e - ter - nal - ly!

Text: *Gesangbuch*, Bollhagen, 1791; tr. August Crull, 1846–1923, alt.  
Music: ROCKINGHAM OLD, Edward Miller, 1731–1807, adapt.

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the  
dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*Each portion of the prayers ends:*

Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**



*The prayers conclude:*

Receive our prayers, O God, through Jesus Christ, our strength and salvation.

**Amen.**

## **PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*The people greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say "peace be with you," or similar words.*

*Please be seated.*

## **MEAL**

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

## **OFFERING**

*An offering is received for the mission of the church.*

**SOLO** - Karen Linfor

"Bless His Holy Name"

*By Andrae Crouch*

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray.

O God, maker of heaven and earth,

**your steadfast love embraces all creation.**

**You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth  
and bring forth its bounty.**

**Through these gifts of bread and wine,**

**draw us into the death and life of your Son,**

**who calls us to bear witness to his saving work.**

**We ask this in Jesus' name.**

**Amen.**

## **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
through our Savior Jesus Christ.  
You call your people to cleanse their hearts  
and prepare with joy for the paschal feast,  
that, renewed in the gift of baptism,  
we may come to the fullness of your grace.  
And so, with all the choirs of angels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,  
 heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.  
 Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
 san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,  
 you have brought us this far along the way.

In times of bitterness you did not abandon us,  
 but guided us into the path of love and light.  
 In every age you sent prophets  
 to make known your loving will for all humanity.  
 The cry of the poor has become your own cry;  
 our hunger and thirst for justice is your own desire.  
 In the fullness of time, you sent your chosen servant  
 to preach good news to the afflicted,  
 to break bread with the outcast and despised,  
 and to ransom those in bondage to prejudice and sin.

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
 our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
 broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
 Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
 Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup  
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection,  
we await the day when Jesus shall return  
to free all the earth from the bonds of slavery and death.  
Come, Lord Jesus! And let the church say, Amen.

**Amen.**

Send your Holy Spirit, our advocate,  
to fill the hearts of all who share this bread and cup  
with courage and wisdom to pursue love and justice in all  
the world. Come, Spirit of freedom! And let the church say,  
Amen.

**Amen.**

Join our prayers and praise with your prophets and  
martyrs of every age, that, rejoicing in the hope of the  
resurrection, we might live in the freedom and hope of  
your Son. Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the  
Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father,  
now and forever.

**Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

**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 forever. Amen.**

## COMMUNION

*All are welcome at Christ's table. Come forward at the usher's invitation. Those not yet communing will receive a blessing. Bread will be placed in your open hands. Grape juice is in the pink glasses in the center of the tray. Please let the server know if you would like grape juice. Individual communion packets are available near the entrance for those who prefer them.*

## COMMUNION SONG



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;

you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray.

God of our salvation,

**we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls,  
reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey.**

**Through the body and blood of your Son,  
may we become Christ's body in the world,  
bearing witness to your love for all creation,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

## **SENDING**

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

## **BLESSING**

Receive the blessing of the holy Trinity:

God, who calls all things into existence,

Jesus Christ, who redeems us,

and the Holy Spirit, whose breath sustains creation,

✠ bless you now and always.

**Amen.**

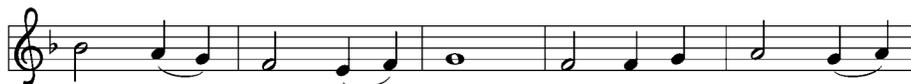


**SENDING SONG** ELW# 803

**When I Survey the Wondrous Cross**



1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross on which the  
2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the  
3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and  
4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were a



prince of glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I  
death of Christ, my God; all the vain things that  
love flow min - gled down. Did e'er such love and  
pres - ent far too small; love so a - maz - ing,



count but loss and pour con - tempt on all my pride.  
charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.  
sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?  
so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748  
Music: HAMBURG, Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Believe the good news.

**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

Jane Fanucci

## Worship Assistants

Altar Care:	Carol Carney
Announcements:	Sarah Madison
Communion Servers:	Faith Thomas, Bob Behr, & Scott Kelly
Reader:	Karen Linfor
Prayer Leader:	Peggy Moser
Refreshments:	Carole & Mack Vance
Song Leader:	Karen Linfor
Ushers:	Gaylen Everett & Cathy Davis

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## THIS WEEK AT ST. LUKE'S

March 1- 7, 2026

Today	Choir Practice	9:30a.m.- 10:15a.m.
	Holy Communion	10:30a.m.
Monday	Soul Sisters—Room 4	12:00p.m.
Tuesday	Bible Study—Zoom	10:30a.m.
Wednesday	Soup Supper	6:00p.m.
Thursday	Executive Board	3:00p.m.



Join the Choir - the choir is currently  
looking for new members .  
If interested—See Jane Fanucci

Choir Practice will be on Sunday's  
from 9:30am –10:15am





Each board will be hosting weekly Wednesday Lenten Soup Suppers at 6:00pm. Followed by a brief sermon from Pastor Rob in Schultz Hall at 6:45pm. All are Welcome.

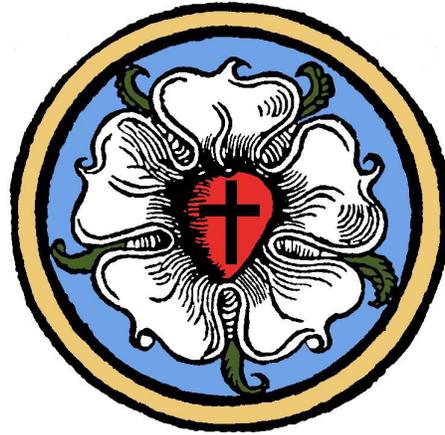
**March 4** – Council and Christian Education

**March 11** – Youth, Worship and Music and Choir

**March 18** – Property and Finance

**March 25** – Congregation

\*Sign-up sheets are in the narthex for donations of soup, bread and desserts.



Through the power of the  
Holy Spirit, we accept  
God's call to spread the  
Good News, serve those  
in need,  
and share the Victory of  
Jesus Christ  
throughout the world.

-St. Luke's Mission Statement