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that whoever believes in him should not perish  
but have eternal life.

John 3:16



**St. Paul's**  
Missouri Synod Lutheran

***Second Sunday in Lent - March 1, 2026***

**Welcome!**

**Service Setting Two - LSB 167**

*Bold face type - read by congregation*

**Opening Hymn - 571  
God Loved the World So That He Gave**

*Please Stand*

*The sign of the cross may be made  
by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

**Invocation**

**Exhortation** LSB 167

*Please Kneel/Sit*

*Silence for reflection on God's Word  
and for self-examination.*

**Confession of Sins** LSB 167

**Absolution** LSB 167

*Please Stand*

**Introit** Psalm 105:4-7;  
antiphon: v. 8

He remembers his covenant forever,  
**the word that he commanded,  
for a thousand generations.**  
Seek the Lord and his strength;  
**seek his presence continually!**  
Remember the wondrous works that  
he has done,  
**his miracles, and the judgments he uttered,**  
O offspring of Abraham, his servant,  
**children of Jacob, his chosen ones!**

He is the Lord our God;  
**his judgments are in all the earth.**  
**Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;**  
**as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**  
He remembers his covenant forever,  
**the word that he commanded,  
for a thousand generations.**

**Kyrie** LSB 168

**Hymn - 805  
Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow**

**Salutation and Collect of the Day** LSB 172

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

Let us pray.

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.**

*Please be Seated*

**Old Testament Reading** Genesis 12:1-9

<sup>1</sup>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. <sup>2</sup>And 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. <sup>3</sup>I 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."

<sup>4</sup>So Abram went, as the Lord had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. <sup>5</sup>And 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, <sup>6</sup>Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. <sup>7</sup>Then 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. <sup>8</sup>From 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. <sup>9</sup>And Abram journeyed on, still going toward the Negeb.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Gradual

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, despising the shame,  
**and is seated at the right hand of the  
throne of God.**

### Epistle

Rom 4:1–8, 13–17

<sup>1</sup>What then shall we say was gained by Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh? <sup>2</sup>For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. <sup>3</sup>For what does the Scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness." <sup>4</sup>Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but

as his due. <sup>5</sup>And to the one who does not work but trusts him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness, <sup>6</sup>just as David also speaks of the blessing of the one to whom God counts righteousness apart from works:

<sup>7</sup>"Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven, and whose sins are covered; <sup>8</sup>blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin." . . .

<sup>13</sup>For 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. <sup>14</sup>For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. <sup>15</sup>For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression.

<sup>16</sup>That 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, <sup>17</sup>as 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.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Please Stand

### Verse

John 3:16

**For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.**

## Holy Gospel

John 3:1–17

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

### Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. <sup>2</sup>This 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.” <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.”

<sup>4</sup>Nicodemus 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?”

<sup>5</sup>Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. <sup>6</sup>That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup>Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’ <sup>8</sup>The 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.”

<sup>9</sup>Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” <sup>10</sup>Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? <sup>11</sup>Truly, 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. <sup>12</sup>If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? <sup>13</sup>No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup>And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

<sup>16</sup>“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. <sup>17</sup>For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

### Praise to You, O Christ.

*Please be Seated*

## Sermon Hymn - 708

### Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart

## Sermon

*Please Stand*

## The Second Article of the Creed and Its Meaning

Luther's Small Catechism

## Redemption

**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.**

## What does this mean?

**I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil;**

not with gold or silver, but with His holy,  
precious blood and with His innocent  
suffering and death, that I may be His own  
and live under Him in His kingdom and serve  
Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence,  
and blessedness,

just as He is risen from the dead,  
lives and reigns to all eternity.

This is most certainly true.

### Prayer of the Church

Lord's Prayer LSB 179

*Please be Seated*

### Offering

*Please Stand*

### Offertory Prayer

### Closing Prayer

Benediction LSB 183

### Closing Hymn - 971 - There Is a Redeemer

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1 There is a Re - deem - er— Je - sus, God's own Son;  
2 Je - sus, my Re - deem - er, Name a - bove all names;  
3 When I stand in glo - ry, I will see His face;



Pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes-si - ah, Ho - ly One.  
Pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes-si - ah, Hope for sin - ners slain.  
There I'll serve my King for - ev - er In that ho - ly place.



*Refrain*  
Thank You, O my Fa - ther, For giv-ing us Your Son,



And leav - ing Your Spir-it Till the work on earth is done.

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## Prayer Concerns

**Ashley Forba** - Ongoing health issues

**Mary Ellen Mills** - Eye issues

**Janet Finn** - Continued mobility issues

**Elaine Decker** - Ongoing health issues

**Vladimir and Marie Dutko** - Healing and well-being - Marina Yarasavage's parents

**Keith Mitchell's father** - Kendall Health issues

**All those in the armed forces, including Kyle Stackhouse**

**All those suffering due to natural disasters**

## Church Events

**Meet with Pastor Josh** - Sign-up sheet in narthex

**Youth Activities** - Please contact Liz Stackhouse 570-833-5971

## New Bible Study

Join us Wednesday's during Lent for a '**Back to the Basics**' Bible Study as we look at what we believe as Christians and why we believe it. We will use Luther's Small Catechism to review and discuss the Six Chief Parts of the Christian faith. We also learn how are prayer life can be shaped by knowing the basics of the Christian faith.

## Council Meetings

March 9 - 4 pm

April 13 - 4 pm

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## Please join us for Sunday services at 10 am

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**Offering** - Monthly offering needs are \$10,888.75

February offering total \$13,575

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## Business cards and bookmarks are available for everyone to use!

Please pick-up a handful and give them out to invite friends and neighbors to church.

## Birthdays

March 4 Jack Pencek

March 21 Ella Tyler

March 25 Rebekah Durland

March 28 Jerry Decker

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*Preserve my understanding from error, my affections from love of idols, my lips from speaking guile, my conduct from stain of vice, my character from appearance of evil, that I may be harmless, blameless, rebukeless, exemplary, useful, light-giving, prudent, zealous for thy glory and the good of my fellow-men. Amen*

A Puritan Prayer

## March 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4 Bible Study 5 pm	5	6	7
8 Communion	9 Council Meeting 4 pm	10	11 Bible Study 5 pm	12	13	14
15	16	17	18 Bible Study 5 pm	19	20	21
22 Communion	23	24	25 Bible Study 5 pm	26	27	28
29 Communion Palm Sunday	30	31				

## April 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 No Study	2 Maundy Thursday 7pm service	3 Good Friday 7 pm	4
5 Easter Communion	6	7	8 Bible Study 5 pm	9	10	11
12	13 Council Meeting 4 pm	14	15	16	17	18
19 Communion	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

## Those Who Serve

Date	Reader	Ushers	Acolyte
Mar 1	Donna W	Willy F & Kevin D	Kayla S
Mar 8	Bill Y	Kevin D & Don S	Kayla S
Mar 15	Pete W	Bill Y & Keith M	Nate J
Mar 22	Diane T	Willy F & Jack W	Kayla S
Mar 29	Nancy P	Don S & Keith M	Nate J
April 5	Donna W	Bill Y & Don S	Nate J
April 12	Karen M	Kevin D & Keith M	Kayla S

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