

# St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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## Second Sunday in Lent

March 1, 2026

### HOLY COMMUNION

**TO OUR GUESTS AND MEMBERS:** We receive the Lord's Supper, believing the Word of Jesus, that He gives into our mouths His true body and blood, miraculously united to the bread and wine, to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins, and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His Word, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love one another, even as He forgives and loves us.

God's Word teaches us that those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood in an unworthy manner do so to their great harm, and that this Holy Communion is a confession of the faith that is confessed in this church. Therefore any who are not yet instructed, who are in doubt, or are members of a congregation not in the fellowship of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, and yet desire to commune, are asked to kindly speak with the pastor ahead of time. (*Matt. 5:23f.; 10:32f.; 18:15-35; 26:26-28; 1 Cor. 10:16-21; 11:17-34*)

### The Order of the Holy Communion

#### Prelude

#### Hymn – #392

“Blest Is the Man, Forever Blest”

#### Stand

#### Invocation

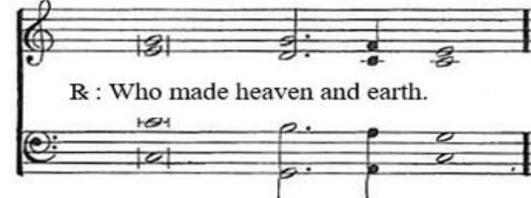
In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.



#### The Confession of Sins

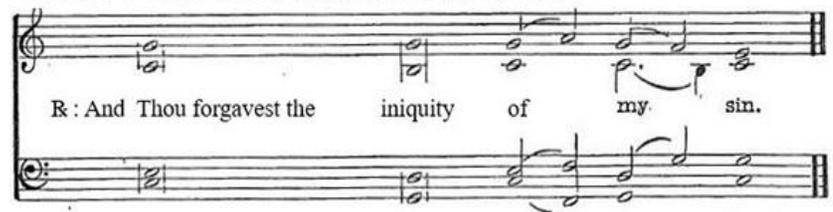
Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

V: Our help is in the name of the Lord.



R: Who made heaven and earth.

V: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord



R: And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.

**O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner confess unto Thee all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended Thee and justly deserved Thy temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray Thee of Thy boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Thy beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

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 Ghost.



**Introit** Ps. 105:4-7; antiphon: Ps. 105:8

*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.*

**He remembers his covenant forever,  
the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations.**

**Gloria Patri**

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

**Kyrie**

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

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

**The Salutation**

V: The Lord be with you.

R: And with thy Spir - it.

Let us pray.

**The Collect for The Day**

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.

Ry: A - - - - men.

*Sit*

**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.

## Epistle Romans 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.” . . .

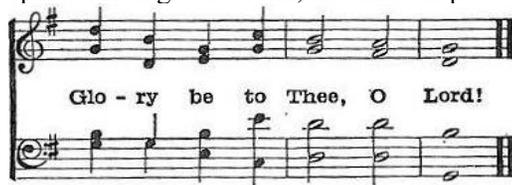
<sup>13</sup>For the promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of the world did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith. <sup>14</sup>For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. <sup>15</sup>For the law 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.

*Stand*

## Holy Gospel John 3:1-17

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



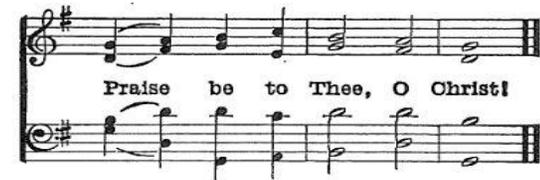
<sup>1</sup>Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. <sup>2</sup>This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him.” <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered him, “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.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



## The Nicene Creed

**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 Ghost 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 sitteth on the right hand of the Father; And**

He shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord and Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spake by the Prophets. And I believe 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.

Sermon Hymn #373, v, 1, 2, 4, 5, 7

“By Grace I’m Saved, Grace Free and Boundless”

Sermon – “God’s Promise to You Is Certain”

Romans 4:16

- I. God’s promise to Abraham and his seed is that he would be heir of the world.
- II. This promise is by faith and in accordance with grace.
- III. This makes the promise certain.

Stand

The 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.

Sit

The Offering

Stand

The General Prayer

The Preface

V: The Lord be with you.

R: And with thy spir - it.

V: Lift up your hearts.

R: We lift them up un - to the Lord.

V: Let us give thanks unto the lord our God.

R: It is meet and right so to do.

It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto Thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God: who on the tree of the cross didst give salvation unto mankind that whence death arose, thence Life also might rise again; and that he who by a tree once overcame might likewise by a tree be overcome, through Christ our Lord; through whom with angels and archangels and with all the

company of heaven we laud and magnify Thy glorious name, evermore praising Thee and saying:

### The Sanctus

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.

### The 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;

R: For Thine is the king - dom and the power and the  
glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

### The Words of Institution

Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread; and when He had given thanks, He brake it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

After the same manner also He took the cup when He had supped, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of it; this cup is the New Testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the remission of sins. This do, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of Me."

### The Pax Domini

V: The peace of the Lord be with you always!

R: A - - - - men.

**The Agnus Dei**

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.

*Sit*

**Communion Distribution**

- Hymn #149 -- "Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain"
- Hymn #245 -- "God Loved the World So that He Gave"
- Hymn #40 -- "The God of Abraham Praise"

*Stand*

**The Nunc Dimittis**

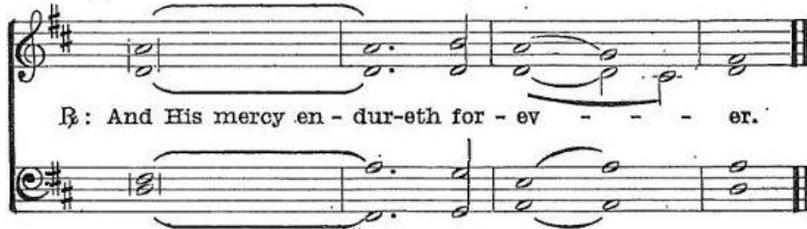
Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-cord-ing to Thy word, For mine eyes have seen Thy Salvation: which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people, a Light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the Glo - ry of Thy peo-ple Is - - - - - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and to the 'Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; As it was in the be-



ginning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with-out end.. A-men.

### The Thanksgiving

*V:* Oh, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.



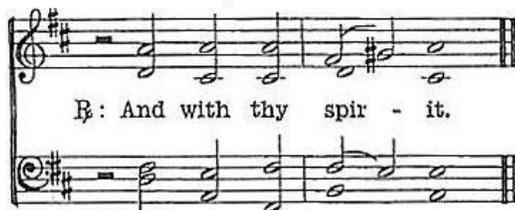
*R:* And His mercy en - dur-eth for - ev - - - er.

We give thanks to Thee, Almighty God, that Thou hast refreshed us through this salutary gift; and we beseech Thee that of Thy mercy Thou wouldst strengthen us through the same in faith toward Thee and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.



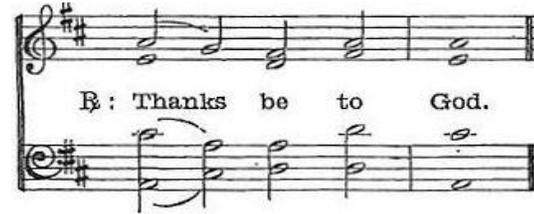
*R:* A - - - - - men.

*V:* The Lord be with you.



*R:* And with thy spir - it.

*V:* Bless we the Lord.



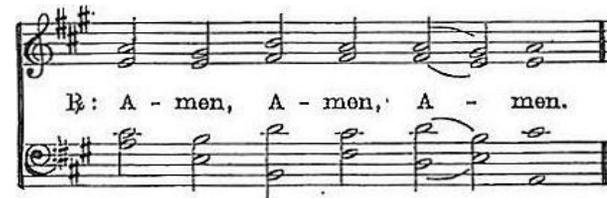
*R:* Thanks be to God.

### The Benediction

The Lord bless thee and keep thee.

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

The Lord lift up His countenance upon thee and give thee peace.



*R:* A - men, A - men, A - men.

*Sit*

**Closing Hymn #245 (7:00 p.m.)**

“God Loved the World So that He Gave”

### Silent Prayer & Postlude

**Daily Readings** **March 1:** Gen. 16:1–9, 15–17:22; Mark 6:1–13; **2:** Gen. 18:1–15; Mark 6:14–34; **3:** Gen. 21:1–21; Mark 6:35–56; **4:** Gen. 22:1–19; Mark 7:1–23; **5:** Gen. 24:1–31; Mark 7:24–37; **6:** Gen. 24:32–52, 61–67; Mark 8:1–21; **7:** Gen. 27:1–29; Mark 8:22–38.

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