



Second Sunday in Lent

March 1, 2026

PRE-SERVICE VIDEO – play during prelude

WELCOME & LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Worship leader, please introduce yourself and welcome the people in person and online.

Out of respect and in the spirit of truth, we acknowledge that we gather in community on land which is Treaty 7 territory and the traditional territory of the Blackfoot people of the Canadian Plains. We honour the Blackfoot people past, present and future, and the Metis Nation of Alberta, Region III. May our actions and choices demonstrate open hearts, kindness, and compassion toward all who call this place home.

COMMUNITY LIFE

Lenten Study Group – Mondays at 9:30 am, starting on March 2nd

During the season of Lent, we are invited to tangibly express the prayers we each bring to God. Our greeters are handing out prayer slips which you are invited to write down joys, sorrows, people, places, ministries . . . whatever is in your heart . . . and place it in the prayer basin. You are welcome to do that now if you'd like. These prayers will be brought forward and lifted up silently during our prayers today.

FELIX

As our candles are lit for worship, let us take a moment to center our hearts and minds.

GATHERING

On this Second Sunday in Lent,
we journey again toward the cross.
We feel the weight of all that lies ahead.
We wrestle with coming sorrow.
We balance our growing needs.

God, we come here today
braced for the hazards of this journey.
Instead, you pour out grace.
Instead, you anoint us with oil.
Instead, you fill our cups to overflowing.

Through you, we find beauty in dry places,
abundance in want,
and welcome in despair.
You call us to the waters of life,
and we respond,
our longings now fulfilled.

WORDS OF INTENTION FOR THE DAY (one - worship leader/two - song leader)

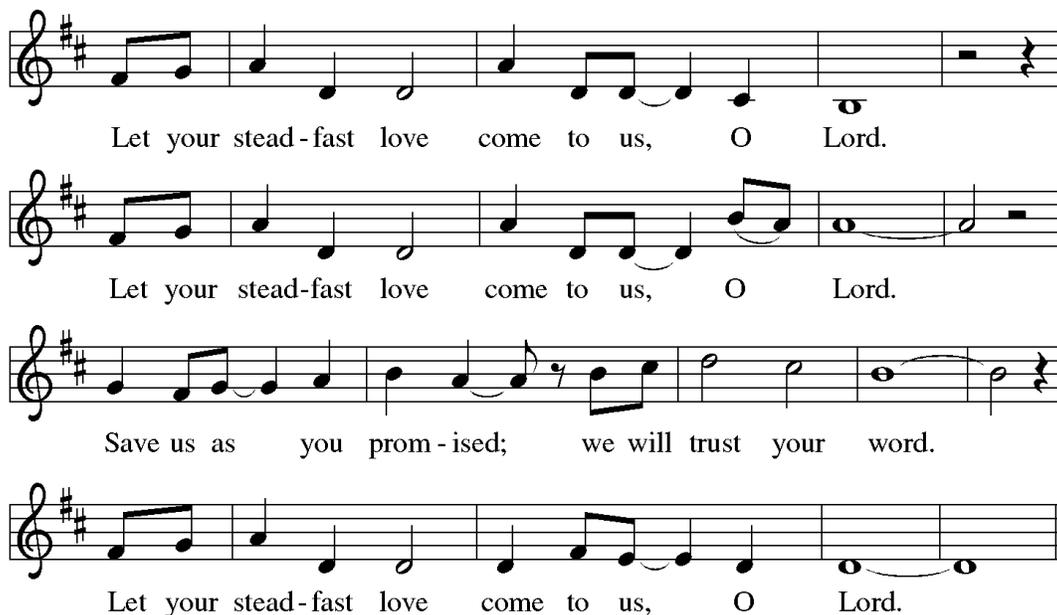
One Jesus will be visited in the dark of night
by Nicodemus,

Two seeking answers, refuge, and a destiny

One As we join Jesus,
God prepares us
to receive a revelation,

Two grace poured out
like the shade of healing trees,
like crystal-clear water from the throne.

"Let Your Steadfast Love" ELW Setting 8



Let your steadfast love come to us, O Lord.

Let your steadfast love come to us, O Lord.

Save us as you promised; we will trust your word.

Let your steadfast love come to us, O Lord.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

We know the pull of all
that separates us from God.
We long for the cleansing water
poured out over us again.
We seek anointing,
the oil running its healing course.
We feel this call to reconnect,
so we confess our sins.

**God, we have forgotten your call,
insistent though it is.
We stay back
though the waters of baptism call us forward.
We separate ourselves
though the bread and cup beckon us to community.
We hide our wounds
though the oil of anointing waits at the ready.**

God knows us better than we know ourselves.

Yet God does not withhold any good gift from us.
 Like Naaman at the river, we are surprised at how easy it is
 to experience God's outpouring of grace.
 Like the woman at the well, we share living water
 and watch impenetrable barriers break.
 Like Mary at the feet of Jesus, we empty ourselves of all we have,
 only to be filled again.

Beloved, you are forgiven.
 Receive now, for yourself,
 the abundant grace that opens your soul to love.
May grace flow free through us once again!

"Love is Flowing"

1. Love is flow - ing: love is flow - ing,
 2. Peace is pour - ing: peace is pour - ing,

love is flow - ing from the foun - tain of life;
 peace is pour - ing from the foun - tain of life;

love is flow - ing, love is flow - ing,
 peace is pour - ing, peace is pour - ing,

love is flow - ing from the foun - tain of life.
 peace is pour - ing from the foun - tain of life.

3. Grace is streaming . . .

4. Hope is springing . . .

GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

It is our delight to pray. Lavish God, you reveal your truth to us, even as we hide our curiosity under the cover of night. You renew our understanding, even as we stumble to respond. Anoint us with grace that cannot be contained, that we may return to good and gracious community.
Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING: Genesis 12:1-4a

God's call of Abram and Sarai has a clear purpose—that through them all the families of the earth would gain a blessing. As they set out on their journey, they are accompanied by promises of land, nation, and a great reputation.

A reading from Genesis.

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. 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. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

So Abram went, as the Lord had told him, and Lot went with him.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL VERSE "When It Seems the Day Will End" ACS 1034 – piano, bass, guitar, cajon



1 When it seems the day will end, and all
2 When it seems the day will end, sink - ing
3 When it seems the day will end, and a



light gives way to fear, we will speak your name a -
low un - der our skin, we are dead and born a -
cold - ness fills our bones, we will walk the way you've



gain to re - mind us you are here.
gain, and with you now en - ter in.
been, and our hearts will be your home.

Refrain



New life ris - ing, New life ris - ing, ash - es fall - ing, ash - es fall - ing,



joy and weep-ing, joy and weep-ing, in your call-ing. in your call - ing.

The gospel and sermon for this Sunday have been prepared and shared by Pastor Tyler Gingrich who serves Gloria Dei Lutheran in Winnipeg, Manitoba (MNO Synod).

GOSPEL: John 3:1-7

The holy gospel according to John the 3rd Chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with that person." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

"Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen, yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him."

The gospel of the Lord.

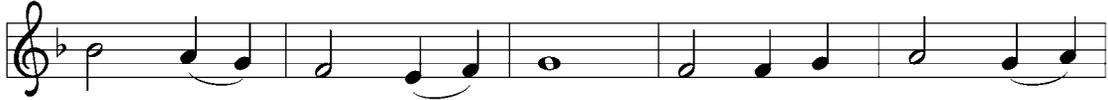
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" ELW 803 – piano, bass



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.

APOSTLES' CREED

We confess our faith in the words of the 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.**

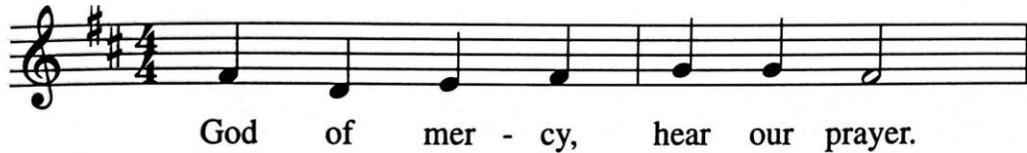
PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

OFFERING PRAYER

God of grace, you give us all that we have. Teach us to recognize your gifts and to share a good portion of all that we have, pressed down and flowing over, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE



O God, we pray for your church around the world, doing the slow but persistent work of ministry. We give you thanks for the grace that we have witnessed pouring out of your church, and we ask that you pour out your courage and wisdom on all who serve you especially as bishops, pastors and deacons.

Sing: God of mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray for creation, for the land, the water, the skies, and the air. We thank you for its beauty and abundance, astonishing each day. Send your Spirit among us as we tend to this world, seeking to promote wholeness in places that have experienced disaster.

Sing: God of mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray for the nations and their leaders all throughout the earth. We thank you for glimmers of hope in peacemaking and cooperation. Send your Spirit of justice and peace to those who experience strife and discord, violence and heartbreaking need.

Sing: God of mercy, hear our prayer.

Send your accompanying presence to those who are unable to be among community this week, whether because of travel, illness, or vulnerability. Anoint those who need healing, wholeness, and companionship with your reviving Spirit. Especially we pray for Alice, Don and Carol, Arne, Kate, Karen, Janet C, Victor and Judy, Janet D, Dave, Tiffany, Herman, Corrie, Alice, Patrick, Joel and Ellen, Linda H, Murray, Shirley, Derek, Hugh and Ally, Jim N., Donna, Helga, Clayton and Margaret, Nancy, Sheila, Cindy, Ray, Doreen, Alan T, Miriam and those we name silently now . . . Surround them with your love and grace.

Sing: God of mercy, hear our prayer.

We give you thanks for the gifts of family and community, and the many blessings we share. Pour out your courage and wisdom on us that together we may share in one another's joys and sorrows. We pray for Ecumenical Campus Ministry, and we ask your blessing on Adam Kolasko and Bev Kurtz, and Pastor Joel, Vanessa and Hans. Stir our hearts when opportunities to share your love and grace arise and remove barriers that discourage and distract us, that all may come to know and experience your love and grace.

Sing: God of mercy, hear our prayer.

God of all things, you pour out your grace upon us through living water, healing oil, and cups running over. We ask you to give your grace anew to all who are grieving. Be their source of strength, hope and healing now and in the days ahead. Dry their tears and hold them close.

Sing: God of mercy, hear our prayer.

God, we bring our prayers to you, those we speak and those we hold deep in our hearts, trusting in your abundance, whether we sense it or not. Even in days of sorrow or seasons of grief, remind us of your unyielding grace. **Amen**

And now, with the confidence of those caught up in God's abundant love, we pray the prayer Jesus taught us, saying:

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

BLESSING AND SENDING

Beloved, receive now this blessing:
Life and life abundant is yours, today.

As you leave this place,
embrace the transformation you have found here.

Like water changed to wine,
we can share delight beyond measure.

Like new wineskins for new wine,
we can stretch and change,
new vessels for God's goodness.

Like the wine and oil of the Samaritan
on his way from Jerusalem to Jericho,
we can offer blessing,
even as we seek healing.

God blesses you with abundance.
+ Christ blesses you with grace.
The Spirit blesses you with love overflowing. Amen.

SENDING SONG "Blessed Assurance" v 1&2 ELW 638



1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!
2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;



Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir-it, washed in his blood.
an-gels de-scend-ing bring from a-bove ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love.

Refrain



This is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long:



this is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long.

SENDING

Trust God's blessing as you go,
and pour yourself out to a world in need.
May it be so. Amen.

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