

March 1, 2026  
The Second Sunday in Lent  
9:00 a.m. *Worship in the Sanctuary*



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*“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.” John 3:17 NRSV*

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## ORDER OF SERVICE

PRELUDE “Choral Prelude on REDHEAD” *arr. Alec Rowley*  
*“As the prelude begins, please observe a time of quietness in preparation for worship.”*

### Gathering in God’s Name

WELCOME

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Dennis Randolph

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 121:1, 5, 8

From where will our help come?

**Our help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.**

Who is our keeper?

**The Lord is our keeper, by day and by night.**

How long will God protect us?

**God will keep our going out and our coming in from this time on and forevermore.**

\*HYMN “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” #12

- 1 Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.
- 2 Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,  
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might:  
thy justice, like mountains high soaring above;  
thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.
- 3 To all, life thou givest, to both great and small.  
In all life thou livest, the true life of all.  
We blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,  
then wither and perish; but naught changeth thee.
- 4 Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light.  
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight.  
All praise we would render; O help us to see  
‘tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

\*CONFESSION & PARDON

**Gracious God, we come before you in need of forgiveness and grace. You call us to trust in you completely, but we do not. We are timid and fearful as we follow your lead. We justify our actions and words, though we know they are not what you require. We struggle to understand the new life Christ offers, preferring old habits to risky change. Forgive us, we pray. Help us to be born again into the life of Christ, trusting that you have included us by grace in the family of faith.**

*(Silent Confession)*

In Christ's name we pray...

**Amen.**

\*DECLARATION OF PARDON

\*GLORY BE TO THE FATHER

#581

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

**Proclaiming God's Word**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

EPISTLE LESSON

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

p. 220

<sup>1</sup>What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor 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 reckoned to him as righteousness." <sup>4</sup>Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. <sup>5</sup>But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

<sup>13</sup>For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. <sup>14</sup>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, neither is there violation.

<sup>16</sup>For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to

those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, <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.**

ANTHEM

"He Listens When I Pray"

*John M. Rasley*

GOSPEL LESSON

John 3:1-17

p. 132

<sup>1</sup>Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. <sup>2</sup>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 apart from the presence of God." <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." <sup>4</sup>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?" <sup>5</sup>Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. <sup>6</sup>What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup>Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' <sup>8</sup>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." <sup>9</sup>Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" <sup>10</sup>Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?"

<sup>11</sup>"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. <sup>12</sup>If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? <sup>13</sup>No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup>And just 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, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

<sup>17</sup>"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.

This is the Gospel of our Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "Call to Health" Matt Randolph

**Eucharist**

GIVING OF GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY "Lord Have Mercy" *J.S. Bach*

\*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION #606

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him, above ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

\*HYMN "Come Share the Lord" #510

- 1 We gather here in Jesus' name;  
his love is burning in our hearts like living flame;  
for through the loving Son the Father makes us one:  
come, take the bread; come drink the wine; come share the Lord.  
No one is a stranger here; everyone belongs.  
Finding our forgiveness here, we in turn forgive all wrongs.
- 2 He joins us here; he breaks the bread;  
the Lord who pours the cup is risen from the dead;  
the one we love the most is now our gracious host:  
come, take the bread; come drink the wine; come share the Lord.  
We are now a family, of which the Lord is head.  
Through unseen, he meets us here in the breaking of bread.
- 3 We'll gather soon where angels sing;  
we'll see the glory of our Lord and coming King;  
now we anticipate the feast for which we wait:  
come, take the bread; come drink the wine; come share the Lord.

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

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.**

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with choirs of angels and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

**Dying you destroyed our death,**

**rising you restored our life.**

**Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

**The Lord's Prayer**

hymnal p. 35

THE LORD'S SUPPER

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

from Psalm 103:1-2

Bless the Lord, O my soul;

**and all that is within me, bless God's holy name!**

Bless the Lord, O my soul,

**and forget not all God's benefits.**

**Sending in God's Name**

\*HYMN "Go, My Children, with My Blessing" #547

- 1 "Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.  
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.  
In my love's baptismal river I have made you mine forever.  
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own."
- 2 "Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.  
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.  
Here you heard my dear Son's story; here you touched him, saw his glory.  
Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure."
- 3 "Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.  
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.  
Here my Spirit's power filled you; here my tender comfort stilled you.  
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free."

\*BENEDICTION

**\*EXTENSION OF PEACE**

The peace of our Lord and Savior go with you all.  
**And also with you.**

CHORAL RESPONSE      “Shalom to You”      *Elise S. Eslinger*

*Shalom to you now, shalom, my friends.  
May God's full mercies bless you, friends.  
In all your living and through your loving,  
Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.*

POSTLUDE      “Be Thou My Vision”      *arr. Mary Byrne*

*\*All those who are able may stand.*

**Reflection for the Christian Life**

Consider a time when you felt uncertain. Can you see how God was at work in your life at that time? What from Nicodemus's story, is a help to you as you look for evidence of God's presence in your own life??

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**REMINDER:** Daylight Savings Time Begins  
Sunday March 8, 2026

Remember to move those clocks *ahead* One Hour!

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- **TODAY Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup>,** The Second Sunday in Lent
- **TODAY Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup>,** Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary w/ our Lord's Supper. This week's Communion Servers are Diane Bittner, Kristi Elkner, Nate Henderson, Tom Haga, Karen Karnes, 9:00 a.m.
- **TODAY Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup>,** Fellowship Time in the Fellowship Hall. This week's snacks are provided by Carl Lori & Tom Hagan
- **TODAY Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup>,** Adult and Children's Sunday School, 10:20 a.m.
- **TODAY Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup>,** Celtic Sabbath in the Fellowship Hall, 11:15 a.m.

- **TODAY Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup>,** Lenten Series: Lectio Divina Potluck Dinner in the Fellowship Hall. Potluck starts at 5:30 p.m.; Lectio Divina begins at 6:15 p.m.
- **Monday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>,** Boy Scouts Troop 53
- **Tuesday March 3<sup>rd</sup>,** Presbytery Meeting: First Presbyterian of Strasburg
- **Tuesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>,** Buildings and Grounds Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
- **Tuesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>,** Admin Team Meeting, in the Study House, 7:00 p.m.
- **Tuesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>,** Cub Scouts Pack 150
- **Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>,** Men's Breakfast, Gus's Keystone Restaurant, 7:00 a.m.
- **Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>,** Staff Meeting, in the Conf. Room, 9:00 a.m.
- **Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>,** Worship Team Meeting, in the Conference Room, 6:00 p.m.
- **Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>,** Choir Practice, in Choir Room, 7:00 p.m.
- **Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup>,** DOT ~ Easter Egg Prep, in the Fellowship Hall, 11:30 a.m.
- **Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup>,** The Third Sunday in Lent
- **Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup>,** Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary, 9:00 a.m.
- **Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup>,** Fellowship Time in the Fellowship Hall, 10:00 a.m.-11:15 a.m.
- **Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup>,** Adult and Children's Sunday School, 10:20 a.m.
- **Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup>,** Celtic Sabbath, in Fellowship Hall, 11:15 a.m.
- **Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup>,** Music at Donegal Series: An American Tapestry featuring Christian Seay, Elizabeth Aragunde, & Fred Dade



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