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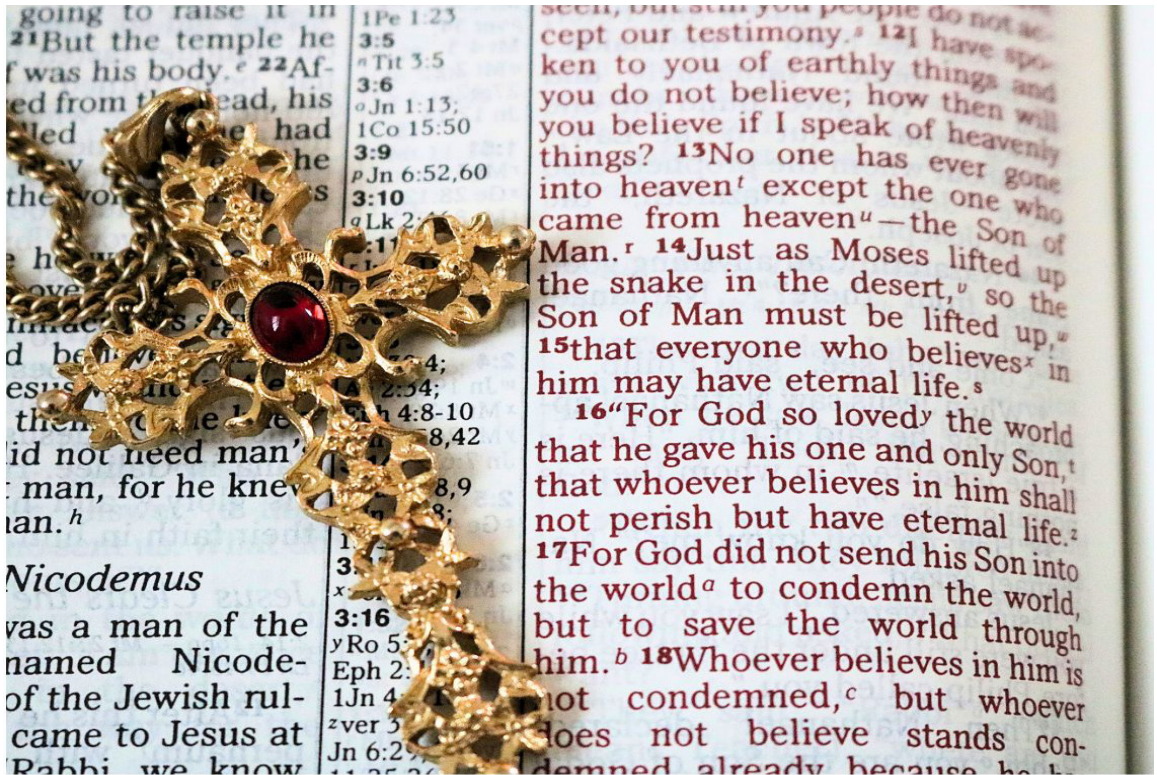
SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

8:30AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

11:00AM BLENDED WORSHIP

OUR VISION: FULLY ENGAGED, BIBLICALLY PASSIONATE, DRIVEN TO SERVE

## “Familiar Words... But Do You Know Them”



### John 3:1-17

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# Sunday, March 1, 2026

9:45am Kid's Sunday School (room off the Fellowship Hall)

Personal Prayer Ministry (after 11am service at the altar)

The Food Pantry is **CLOSED** today

**Today's Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God by:**



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## 8:30am Traditional Service

Call to Worship Handbells  
"This is My Song [Be Still My Soul]"  
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"The God of Abraham Praise"

## AS WE GATHER

“Born again” has become a catch phrase in our age. It is not merely that Jesus says one must be born again but born from above. This new birth happens not from human will or desire but solely from the love and act of God working by the Spirit. Baptismal water is the womb through which we are born again and born from above to the life that death cannot overcome and is eternal. As we make our way through Lent, we are constantly reminded of the truth of Luther’s explanation: we cannot by our own reason or strength believe in Christ, our Lord, or come to Him. The Spirit calls us to the font, gathers the baptized around His Word and Table, delivers us from the darkness of unbelief, and makes holy those who belong to the Lord. Thanks be to God!

**CALL TO WORSHIP** “This is My Song [Be Still My Soul]”

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**OPENING SONG** “At the Wondrous Cross”

### VERSE 1

When I survey the wondrous cross  
On which the Prince of glory died  
My richest gain I count but loss  
And pour contempt on all my pride

### CHORUS

**At the cross, at the cross  
I surrender my life,  
I’m in awe of you,  
I’m in awe of You  
Where Your blood ran red,  
and my sins washed white,  
I owe all to you,  
I owe all to you, Jesus**

### VERSE 2

See from His head His hands His feet  
Sorrow and love flow mingled down  
Did e’er such love and sorrow meet  
Or thorns compose so rich a crown

### CHORUS

### VERSE 3

Were the whole realm of nature mine  
That were an offering far too small  
Love so amazing so divine  
Demands my soul my life my all

### CHORUS 2x

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## INVOCATION

**Pastor:** In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**People:** Amen.

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: From where does my help come?

People: **My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.**

Pastor: The LORD will preserve your going out and your coming in,

People: **from this time forth and forevermore.**

Silence for meditation and reflection.

Pastor: O almighty God, merciful Father,

People: **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your punishment now and forever. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being. Forgive me all my sins and grant me the power of Your Holy Spirit that I may amend my sinful life.**

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: May He who began this good work within you bring it to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: **Amen.**

## SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: 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.

People: **Amen.**

## 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.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.**

**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.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.**

**HOLY GOSPEL** John 3:1–17

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

**People: 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."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord. **People: Praise to You, O Christ.**

## THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### THE SERMON SONG "God So Loved"

#### CHORUS

For God so loved the world  
that He gave His only Son  
That whosoever believes will not perish;  
they shall have eternal life

#### VERSE 1

I shall hold to the cross.  
I shall hold to God alone  
For His love has salvaged me.  
For His love has set me free

#### CHORUS

For God so loved the world  
that He gave His only Son  
That whosoever believes will not perish;  
they shall have eternal life

#### VERSE 2

I shall wait upon the Lord.  
I shall wait upon His Word  
And by His grace I am released.  
By His grace I am redeemed

#### CHORUS

For God so loved the world  
that He gave His only Son  
That whosoever believes will not perish;  
they shall have eternal life

#### BRIDGE 2X

By His precious blood I have been set free  
For the glory of Jesus' Name  
I surrender all now to Christ alone,  
in Jesus I am saved

#### CHORUS

For God so loved the world  
that He gave His only Son  
That whosoever believes will not perish;  
they shall have eternal life

#### TAG

Yes they shall have eternal life

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### SERMON "Familiar Words... But Do You Know Them?" John 3:1-17

#### APOSTLE'S CREED

People: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. 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. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life ☩ everlasting. Amen.

#### PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

##### LORD'S PRAYER

People: 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 ever. Amen.

## OFFERING

### OFFERING SONG "You Said I Am (Behold and Believe)"

#### VERSE 1

You said I am the Bread of Life  
Whoever comes to dine  
Will not hunger will not thirst  
And will be satisfied  
You said I am the only light  
That gives the blind their sight  
And if we see You will lead us through  
The darkest night

#### CHORUS

**We behold we believe  
You are the Lion and the Lamb  
The Prince of Peace  
We adore we confess  
You are the one who came and died  
And rose again  
The great I Am**

#### VERSE 2

You said I am the open door  
That souls are longing for  
If we walk in new life begins forevermore  
You said I am the Shepherd guide  
Who came to live and die  
To lead the ones He loves  
To resurrection life

#### CHORUS

#### INTERLUDE

The great I Am

#### BRIDGE

Before creation's spark  
Before light from the dark  
Before the waters part You are  
You are the great I Am  
Before You breathed on the dust  
Before Abraham was  
Before the burning bush You are  
You are the great I Am

#### TAG

You are the great I Am  
You are the great I Am

#### VERSE 3

You said I am the only way  
To see the Father's face  
The only truth the only life  
The one who saves  
You said I am the one true vine  
In You we will abide  
To bear the fruit of Gospel truth  
In death and life  
That all might know the mighty name  
Of Jesus Christ

#### CHORUS

#### ENDING

You're the great I Am  
You're the great I Am

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## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**Pastor:** Holy God, mighty Lord, You raised up Abraham as patriarch of Your people and prophet to point to Christ, his greater Son, and in Christ You fulfilled Your promise to make him the father of many nations. Christ has by His suffering and death won for You a holy people, cleansed in the water of Your grace and clothed with a righteousness from Christ alone. As He has come to do Your will, grant us that we may follow our Lord and be numbered with the saints in glory everlasting. Strengthened and nourished by the blood of His covenant poured out for us, we come at His bidding to the Table where He delivers up His own flesh to be our food and the foretaste of eternity, which He shall usher in at the appointed day.

**People:** Amen.

## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

People: **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

## DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

LSB 732 "All Depends on Our Possessing"

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| <p>1 All depends on our possessing<br/>God's abundant grace and blessing,<br/>Though all earthly wealth depart.<br/>They who trust with faith unshaken<br/>By their God are not forsaken<br/>And will keep a dauntless heart.</p> <p>2 He who to this day has fed me<br/>And to many joys has led me<br/>Is and ever shall be mine.<br/>He who ever gently schools me,<br/>He who daily guides and rules me<br/>Will remain my help divine.</p> <p>3 Many spend their lives in fretting<br/>Over trifles and in getting<br/>Things that have no solid ground.<br/>I shall strive to win a treasure<br/>That will bring me lasting pleasure<br/>And that now is seldom found.</p> | <p>4 When with sorrow I am stricken,<br/>Hope anew my heart will quicken;<br/>All my longing shall be stilled.<br/>To His loving-kindness tender<br/>Soul and body I surrender,<br/>For on God alone I build.</p> <p>5 Well He knows what best to grant me;<br/>All the longing hopes that haunt me,<br/>Joy and sorrow, have their day.<br/>I shall doubt His wisdom never;<br/>As God wills, so be it ever;<br/>I commit to Him my way.</p> <p>6 If my days on earth He lengthen,<br/>God my weary soul will strengthen;<br/>All my trust in Him I place.<br/>Earthly wealth is not abiding,<br/>Like a stream away is gliding;<br/>Safe I anchor in His grace.</p> |
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LSB 718 "Jesus, Lead Thou On"

1 Jesus, lead Thou on  
Till our rest is won;  
And although the way be cheerless,  
We will follow calm and fearless.  
Guide us by Thy hand  
To our fatherland.

2 If the way be drear,  
If the foe be near,  
Let not faithless fears o'ertake us;  
Let not faith and hope forsake us;  
For through many\_a woe  
To our home we go.

3 When we seek relief  
From a long-felt grief,  
When temptations come alluring,  
Make us patient and enduring.  
Show us that bright shore  
Where we weep no more.

4 Jesus, lead Thou on  
Till our rest is won.  
Heav'nly leader, still direct us,  
Still support, console, protect us,  
Till we safely stand  
In our fatherland.

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## POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

## BENEDICAMUS

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

People: **Amen.**

**CLOSING SONG** "Nailed to the Cross"

VERSE 1

When I stand accused by my regrets  
And the Devil roars his empty threats  
I will preach the gospel to myself  
That I am not a man condemned  
For Jesus Christ is my defense

**CHORUS 1**

**My sin is nailed to the cross  
My soul is healed by the scars  
The weight of guilt I bear no more  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord**

VERSE 2

When my doubt and shame hang over me  
Like the arrows of the enemy  
I will run again to Calvary  
That rugged hill of Hell's defeat  
My fortress and my victory

**CHORUS 1**

**CHORUS 2**

**My sin is nailed to the cross  
My soul is healed by the scars  
Now I'm alive forevermore  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord**

BRIDGE

It is finished, sin is vanquished  
Hallelujah praise the Lord  
All the glory, all the honor  
To my Savior, Christ the Lord

VERSE 3

When I stand before the throne at last  
His blood will plead my innocence  
I will worship Him with holy hands  
And raise the song that never ends  
Of Jesus Christ my righteousness

**CHORUS 1 & 2**

ENDING

Oh praise the Lord, praise the Lord  
Oh praise the Lord, praise the Lord

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**DISMISSAL**

**Pastor:** Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

**People:** **Thanks be to God!**

	<b>8:30 am</b>	<b>11:00 am</b>	<b>Prayer Support Team</b> Pastor Art & Kathy Gillespie  <b>Sound &amp; Tech Crew</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> : Heather M. & Peter L. 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Justin P. & Rachel S.  <b>March Altar Guild</b> 8:30 am Martha Greene & Kathryn Wilmoth 11:00 am TBD  <b>March Offering Counters:</b> Stephanie Hanson & Lori Allen
<b>Elder</b>	<b>John Jennejahn</b>	<b>Kevin Lorenz</b>	
<b>Acolyte</b>	<b>TBD</b>	<b>Benjamin Noel</b>	
<b>Ushers</b>	<b>Stephanie Hanson Bob Allen</b>	<b>Doug Piercy Tommy Ridgeway</b>	
<b>Communion</b>	<b>Neil Pursley Bill Hufnagle</b>	<b>Dale Pioch Lary Schulhof</b>	
<b>Lector</b>	<b>Jenelle Lanham</b>	<b>Heather Renner</b>	

## LENTEN OFFERING BOOKS

The offerings will be split 50/50 with:  
**Den Jok** at Lutheran Theological Seminary  
 in South Africa and **Dalton Charlson** for his  
 missionary trip to Malaysia in August during  
 his intership with Children's Bible Ministries  
 in Tennessee

## LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS

**Wednesdays at 5:30 in the Narthex  
 through April 1st**

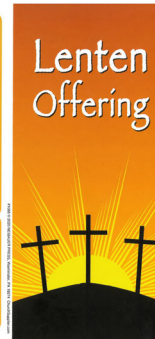
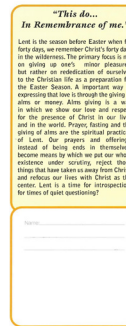
Sign up to bring soup, crackers or bread or sides  
 (sour cream and cheese) on the bulletin board in the Narthex

## ROAD TO RESURRECTION

**The Easter Event for Everyone**

**APRIL 1, 2026 3:30 - 5:30pm**

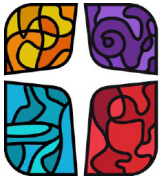
This family-friendly event gets families talking... and walking with Jesus  
 Look for a server sign-up sheet in the near future



## Sacred Communion Values

As baptized Christians, having received instruction in the Holy Sacrament; our precious Savior and Lord Jesus Christ invites us to His Holy Meal in which we receive the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of our faith. Before we receive the Holy Sacrament, we should:

- Examine our relationship with God & others according to the Ten Commandments;
- Truly repent of our sins and seek forgiveness in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord;
- Faithfully believe God's Word which teaches us that in, with, and under the bread and wine we receive the true body and blood of our Savior and Lord Jesus Christ;
- By the working of the Holy Spirit through Word and Sacrament, commit our life as a redeemed disciple of Jesus Christ through thought, word, and deed.



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**Weekly Calendar**

**Monday, March 2:**  
**Tuesday, March 3:**  
**Wednesday, March 4:**  
12:00pm Midweek Lent Worship Service  
1:30pm Women’s Bible Study (Narthex)  
5:30pm Lenten Soup Supper (Narthex)  
6:30pm Lent Evening Service  
**Thursday, March 5:**  
**Friday, March 6:**  
**6:00pm Pickleball is back**  
**Saturday, March 7:**  
**Sunday, March 8:**  
8:30am Traditional Worship Service  
9:45am Children’s Sunday School  
11:00am Blended Worship Service  
Post-Service Prayer Ministry Support (Altar)  
No Food Pantry  
5:00pm High School Youth Group

**Upcoming Member Celebrations**

**BIRTHDAYS**

**ANNIVERSARIES**

3/2 Dee Gordon                      3/8 Karl and McKenzie Koon  
3/2 Mary Hufnagle  
3/3 Michaela Kanelos  
3/4 Adam Nieting  
3/5 Deborah Kite  
3/6 Lawton Hodges  
3/7 Karin Gleason  
3/7 Ed Schallhorn  
3/8 Carol Bruckner

**Last Sunday’s Attendance & Stats**

**In-person Services:** 8:30am - 70    11:00am - 81  
**Online:** Website: 24    FB: 21  
**Wednesday Lent:**  
Noon: 31    6:30: 19    FB: 26

**Previous Week’s Offerings**

General Offering Received: \$ 8405.60  
Building Funds Received: \$ 200.00  
\*Weekly Offering Budget: \$ (13173.00)

**CHURCH STAFF:**

Senior Pastor: Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Skopak  
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**SCHOOL K-8:**

Principal/STEAM: Mark Edmiston  
Admin. Assistant: Shari Reaves  
Asst. Principal/MS English: Denise Ball  
Director of Admissions: Emily Leatherwood  
Kindergarten: Kim Noel & Jamie Wertham  
First Grade: Kerry Stead /Mackenzie Knapp  
Second Grade: Leigh Weaver  
Third Grade/Curriculum Coordinator: Kiara Studer  
Fourth Grade: Chelsey Towery  
Fifth Grade: Emily Lundquist  
MS Science: Leigh Conner  
MS Math: Jenelle Lanham  
MS Social Studies: Mindy Stackhouse  
PE/Athletic Director: Jennifer Jenkins “Coach J”  
Art: Tammy Reilly  
Music & Spanish: A.L. Brown

**EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION:**

Director: Nicole Loria  
Admin Assist: Carolyn Mashburn  
Younger Infants: Paula Jones and Rachel Bishop  
Older Infants: Becky Swatzell & Hydeia Beck  
Toddlers 1: Lindsey Smathers & Mikayla Gulbrand  
Toddler2: Neesie Castillo  
PS2: Veronica Milner  
PS-2/3: Amy Bair and Julia Sherman  
PS3: Madison McDonald and Jasmine Riddle  
PS3/4: Robin Rutherford & DeAsia Little  
PreK-1: Madison Peach & Cleo Green  
PreK-2: Faith Noell & Crystal McCormick  
Floating Aid: Felicia Norton  
Cafeteria: Kristen Warren and Mikaela Bennett

**ELC Grab-N-Go Food Pantry**

February 22, 2026  
148 Households, 593 Individuals served  
God Provided!

# March 1, 2026

## “Familiar Words... But Do You Know Them?”

### John 3:1-17

Can you \_\_\_\_\_ being Nicodemus and having Jesus tell you that all that you have done and all that you are is not enough to inherit the Kingdom of God?

I. Is it \_\_\_\_\_ to Miss it???

A. Can you be \_\_\_\_\_ and still miss the promise of God’s acceptance through Jesus?

1. Can you be religious and yet be \_\_\_\_\_?
2. John \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. “I have kept all of the \_\_\_\_\_”
  - b. “But something is still \_\_\_\_\_”

B. Once you look into the eyes of \_\_\_\_\_ it is difficult to turn away

1. Just consider the long line of \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. Mary \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. Peter and \_\_\_\_\_
2. We are all broken and our need is to be \_\_\_\_\_, changed, repaired, and \_\_\_\_\_

II. What are You \_\_\_\_\_ For?

A. The real question this morning is not  
“What was \_\_\_\_\_ searching for?”  
But “What are \_\_\_\_\_ searching for?”

1. John \_\_\_\_\_
2. 5 Words: Have you been \_\_\_\_\_ again?

B. \_\_\_\_\_ Again = To begin all over again; to be given a second birth

1. To start afresh into the process of \_\_\_\_\_ growth
2. It is to wipe the slate of one’s past \_\_\_\_\_

C. Our human problem is \_\_\_\_\_

1. Sin = a failure to live up to the moral and \_\_\_\_\_ values of God (Breaking God’s Law)
2. The fundamental difference between our Christian faith and all other religions in the world: \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. Jesus alone is the \_\_\_\_\_, the truth, and the life
  - b. His bones are not found in some \_\_\_\_\_; He is alive
3. Your own \_\_\_\_\_ and righteousness will never be enough
  - a. Self-salvation through good deeds may produce a wonderful, \_\_\_\_\_ person but it will never be enough
  - b. There will always be something \_\_\_\_\_

D. This is why Nicodemus came to Jesus in the \_\_\_\_\_

1. Deep down, Nicodemus knew he was coming up \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. He was the \_\_\_\_\_ of Israel
  - b. He knew the Torah better than \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. And yet, he was \_\_\_\_\_
2. And then Jesus shows him the way, the truth, and the \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. John \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. These are familiar words...do you \_\_\_\_\_ them?

God has said:

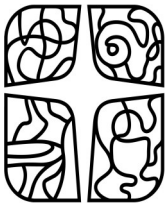
I will remember their \_\_\_\_\_ no more.

I will accept them because Jesus died and rose from the dead.

This is why we are so comforted with the words of today’s Gospel.

May those \_\_\_\_\_ words echo in your hearts and minds.





## Emmanuel Lutheran Prayer List

March 1, 2026

These are people in need of prayers this week.

"Lord Jesus we commend into Your hands the needs of people that go through challenges of many kinds. You know their joys, troubles, illnesses, and fears. We now commend them to You."

### Prayers for the bereaved:

- Family of Tylaine Williams (S.Ude friend) passed away Wed. 2/18
- Family of Joel William (Friend of D.Meyer) Joel suddenly passed away while battling cancer
- \* Family of Carol Cook who passed away at age 87 on 2-6-26

### Prayers for good health, swift healing, & favor:

- \* Steve Ude - Fell and broke his femur and had his hip replaced Wed. 2/18
- Joyce Meyer (DMeyer mother) Heart Surgery scheduled for March 3rd
- Highland (S.Rauschenplat granddaughter) pray for total healing of knee after surgery to remove necrotic tissue
- \* Carol Hausman (S.Hausman's mom) had a heart attack. Pray for her ongoing recovery.
- Sean O'brien family (Friend of B.Allen) Please prayer for daughter, Ruthie's full recovery.
- \* Keith Novak - Hospitalized with kidney issues
- Employees of DHS - Co-workers of K.Gordon won't get paid while the gov't is shut down
- \* Susan Roby -recovering from pneumonia
- \* Carol Treadway - Prayers for a speedy recovery after a fall
- Judy Stoltenberg - Recovering from colon surgery
- Patrick (Gloria Spude's nephew) healing prayers after pneumonia
- Baby Hazel (JThomas friend's baby) born at 28 weeks in NICU. Hazel is getting stronger daily
- Natalie Hanrahan (S. Hanson's granddaughter) prayers for God to show her clarity
- Dianne Dunn - (S.Roby's niece) doing better after heart attack on Christmas Day
- \* George Banjak - Had surgery on a fractured hip. He is now home doing rehab.
- Ann Bolinsky - (Bair's BIL's mom) 85yo with dementia recently fell /is struggling with rehab
- Gary Pursley - (N.Pursley's brother) pray for God to soften his heart for Jesus and for salvation
- \* Sarah Nix—(Hufnagle's daughter) - prayers as she continues to heal from 2 strokes.
- \* Rick Herman - Prayers for healing and recovery after quadruple bypass
- Linda & Ken Tilley - (DGordon's parents) mom is recovering from cancer and dad is losing sight
- \* Eugene Edwards - Healing from gout and kidney issues
- \* Camille Sawyer (friend of S.Edwards) auto-immune deficiency issue
- \* Sharon Norris - physical therapy for injured back
- \* McKenzie - (S&B Parker's daughter) for health & well-being

### Healing Scripture and Prayer for this week:

"Be joyful always, pray at all times, be thankful in all circumstances.

This is what God wants from you in your life in union with Christ Jesus." (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)

Dear Jesus, You are the great physician of body and soul. Come to those who are experiencing cancer and bring healing to their bodies. Use the gifts of medicine and doctors to work Your healing power. Lift their spirits and enable them to trust in You during this difficult time. Let them cast all their cares upon You for You care for them. For their families and caregivers, be their Encourager and Helper. Thank you , Jesus, Amen.

## Prayers for those with long-term illnesses & conditions:

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| * Harold Neuenkirchen | Linda Poppenhagen   |
| * Ken Treadway        | Rev. Mark Spelzhausen (J. Gibney, friend)                   |
| * Lorenzo Lopez       | Donna Logeman (E.Lundquist, mother)                         |
| * Peg Hardesty        | Nancy Hutchins (G. Bailey, friend)                          |
| * Jim Clark           | Ann Downs (K. Emory, mother)                                |
| * Steve Taylor        | Ann Melious (McCarthy family)                               |
| * Mary Hufnagle       | Carol Harris (S.Ude's friend)                               |
| * Sharon Pruet        | Robin Worley (J.Kearley's friend)                           |
| * Emily Nieting       | Chris Alstrin (L.Schulhof, friend)                          |
| * Cynthia Cline       | Ron Riddle (B. King, friend)                                |
| * Helen Cline         | Erin Y. (J. Thomas, friend)                                 |
| * Marjorie Locke      | Ralph Ector, Jr & Sr (S.Edwards, family)                    |
| * Julia Kearley       | Tyrone Ayres (S. Edwards, friend)                           |
| * C.J. Reece          | Lynn White (S. Edwards, cousin)                             |
| * Mike Fastenau       | Randy Booker (J. Kearley, brother-in-law)                   |
| * Ray Bailey          | Todd Sluder (C. Piercy, friend)                             |
|                       | Mary Walker (D. Meyer, aunt)                                |
|                       | Brandon Talofuse, Newton Crave (E.Bailey)                   |
|                       | Cynthia Bright - (C.Brucker's friend)                       |
|                       | Barbara Haseley - (Lopez mom/grandmom) Cancer               |
|                       | Alice & Dawn - (J.Kearley friends) both w/cancer            |
|                       | Ron Gill - (D.Meyer friend) Cancer                          |
|                       | Nicole - (S. Rauschenplat fam) cancer                       |
|                       | Mac O'Shields - Cancer                                      |
|                       | Jennie Buckner - (C.Cline friend) cancer & COPD             |
|                       | Patty & Newt Etheridge (D.Meyer friends) cancer             |
|                       | Zeb Dowdle (N. Black (friend) Needs kidney transplant       |
|                       | Jonah Lewis - healing after stroke                          |
|                       | Rev. Dr. John Groh - (D.Groh's bro.) healing after a stroke |
|                       | Craig Dayton (Parker's fam)stroke & 2y battle w/cancer      |

### PRAYERS FOR OUR HOMEBOUND MEMBER BROTHERS & SISTERS

◇ K. Ray Bailey	◇ Marjorie Locke	◇ Isabelle Hempel
◇ Teenie Smathers	◇ Helen Cline	◇ Andre & Lori Benson
◇ Ken & Carol Treadway	◇ Cleta McCall	◇ Gerry & Peg Hardesty
◇ Jim & Judy Clark		