

The Second Sunday of

LENT

March 1, 2026



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“Vater unser”

Johann Ludwig Krebs

PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL HYMN “Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good”

LSB 819 v. 1, 3-5



1 Sing praise to God, the high - est good, The au - thor of cre -
3 We sought the Lord in our dis - tress; O God, in mer - cy
4 He nev - er shall for - sake His flock, His cho - sen gen - er -
5 All who con - fess Christ's ho - ly name, Give God the praise and



a - tion, The God of love who un - der - stood
hear us. Our Sav - ior saw our help - less - ness
a - tion; He is their ref - uge and their rock,
glo - ry. Let all who know His pow'r pro - claim



Our need for His sal - va - tion. With heal - ing balm our
And came with peace to cheer us. For this we thank and
Their peace and their sal - va - tion. As with a moth - er's
A - loud the won - drous sto - ry. Cast ev - 'ry i - dol



souls He fills And ev - 'ry faith - less mur - mur stills:
praise the Lord, Who is by one and all a - dored:
ten - der hand, He leads His own, His cho - sen band:
from its throne, For God is God, and He a - lone:



To God all praise and glo - ry!

INVOCATION *Mt 28:19*

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: ♪ Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 105:8; 121:2*

Pastor: The LORD our God remembers His covenant forever,

People: **the word that He commanded, for a thousand generations.**

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

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Today, while we hear the great promises of God first given to Abram of old, we recall the promises we have made to others—to spouse, to children, to friends, and co-workers—and to God, especially those promises we have broken that have proved our unfaithfulness. Apart from God's mercy and grace our sin cripples even our best intentions and we fail in our love of God and of neighbor. Therefore let us confess our sin and flee for refuge to the only God who promises forgiveness and new life in Jesus Christ, His Son, our Lord.

People: **Almighty God, have mercy on us, forgive us our sins and give us new life according to Your own word and promise. Amen.**

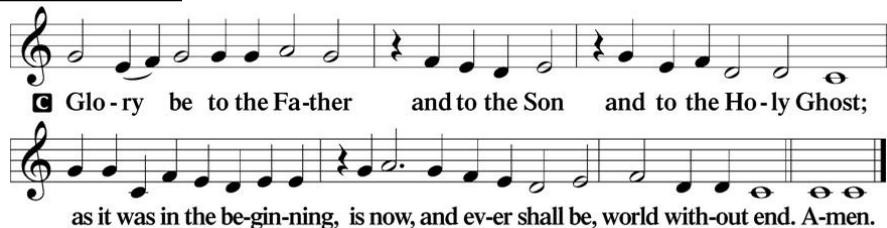
Pastor: “Blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin.” *Ro 4:8*
Upon this, your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: ♪ **Amen.**

THE INTROIT *from Psalm 121*

Pastor/Choir: I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life. The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore.

THE GLORIA PATRI



☐ Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;
as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

THE KYRIE *Mt 9:27, 15:22*

♪ **Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

LENTEN VERSE

LSB 801 v. 3

3 But when I think that God, His Son not spar - ing, Sent Him to
die, I scarce can take it in— That on the cross my bur - den glad - ly
bear - ing He bled and died to take a - way my sin;
Refrain
Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to Thee, How great Thou
art! How great Thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to
Thee, How great Thou art! How great Thou art!

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THE SALUTATION 2 Tim 4:22

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People:

☐ And with thy spir - it.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: 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

Genesis 12:1-9

(God's Promises to Abram)

¹ Now 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. ² 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. ³ 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.”

⁴ 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. ⁵ 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, ⁶ Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. ⁷ 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. ⁸ 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. ⁹ And Abram journeyed on, still going toward the Negeb.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE

Romans 4:1-8, 13-17

(Promises call forth faith)

¹ What then shall we say was gained by Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh? ² For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. ³ For what does the Scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness.” ⁴ Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due. ⁵ And to the one who does not work but believes in him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness, ⁶ just as David also speaks of the blessing of the one to whom God counts righteousness apart from works: ⁷ “Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven, and whose sins are covered; ⁸ blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin.”

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

¹⁶ 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, ¹⁷ 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.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM @10:30am

“God So Loved the World”
(Crucifixion)

John Stainer
The Cathedral Choir

GOSPEL

John 3:1-17

(The promise of your Baptism.)

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

People:



☐ Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

¹ Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. ² 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.” ³ Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.” ⁴ 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?” ⁵ Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. ⁶ That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷ Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’ ⁸ 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.”

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

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. ¹⁷ 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 be to Thee, O Christ.

THE APOSTLES CREED

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.

HYMN OF THE DAY

“What Wondrous Love is This”

LSB 543



1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
2 When I was sink-ing down, sink-ing down, sink-ing down, When
3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; To
4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; And



won-drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this That
I was sink-ing down, sink-ing down, When I was sink-ing down Be-
God and to the Lamb I will sing; To God and to the Lamb, Who
when from death I'm free, I'll sing on. And when from death I'm free, I'll



caused the Lord of bliss To bear the dread-ful curse for my
neath God's righ-teous frown, Christ laid a-side His crown for my
is the great I AM, While mil-lions join the theme, I will
sing His love for me, And through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing



soul, for my soul, To bear the dread-ful curse for my soul!
soul, for my soul, Christ laid a-side His crown for my soul.
sing, I will sing, While mil-lions join the theme, I will sing.
on, I'll sing on, And through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing on.

SERMON

“Free Will Hunting”

Romans 4:16

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OFFERTORY Ps 51:10-12

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♪ **Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.**

Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

GATHERING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

We continue to gather offerings utilizing the offering receptacles (the back of the church and at the Gratiot entrance in the parish hall), through the mail, and online.



VOLUNTARY

“What Wondrous Love”

Karl Osterland

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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.
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

9:00am continues with the Benediction

† **The Order of Holy Communion** †
@10:30am

THE PREFACE AND PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you. *2 Tim. 4:22*

People:



☐ And with thy spir - it.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts. *Lam 3:41*

People:



☐ We lift them up un - to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God. *Ps 100:4*

People:



☐ It is meet and right so to do.

Pastor: It is good and right and our pleasant duty, O Lord, to stand with Abraham of old and all the saints who have trusted in Your Word and rejoiced to see Your promise fulfilled, that in Christ, our Savior, we who are born anew from death to life in Holy Baptism may, by Your grace, manifest this new identity in holiness of life and speech, praising You with angels and archangels, with patriarchs and prophets, with apostles and evangelists, and with all the company of heaven, magnifying Your glorious name and praising You now and forevermore, saying:

If you are sick, if death is near, This truth your troubled heart can cheer:
Christ Jesus saves your soul from death; That is the firmest ground of faith.

△ Glory to God the Father, Son, And Holy Spirit, Three in One!
To You, O blessed Trinity, Be praise now and eternally!

DISMISSAL

NUNC DIMITTIS *Lk 2:29-32*

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♪ Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word,
for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all
people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.
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.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Loving and giving God, You have again welcomed us at Your Table and
have blessed us with a foretaste of the feast to come in Your eternal
Kingdom. We thank You for the gift of Your body and blood which now
strengthens us and keeps us assured of Your love for us. Bless us through
this divine gift that we may live with boldness and confidence even in
times of earthly sorrow and disappointment. May Your Holy Spirit
enlighten us with His gifts that we may be people who rejoice in Your
promises and live to Your glory. We ask this in the name of Jesus, our
Savior.

People: ♪ Amen.

BENEDICTION *Num. 6:24-26*

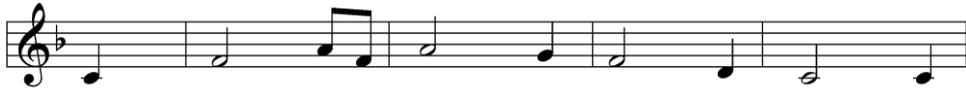
Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you
and be gracious to you. The † Lord lift his countenance upon you and give
you peace.

People: 
■ A-men, a-men, a - men.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

“Amazing Grace”

LSB 744



1 A - maz - ing grace— how sweet the sound— That
 2 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, His
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
 4 Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail And
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, Bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but
 Word my hope se - cures; He will my shield and
 have al - read - y come; His grace has brought me
 mor - tal life shall cease, A - maz - ing grace shall
 shin - ing as the sun, We've no less days to



now am found, Was blind but now I see!
 por - tion be As long as life en - dures.
 safe thus far, His grace will lead me home.
 then pre - vail In heav - en's joy and peace.
 sing God's praise Than when we'd first be - gun.

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POSTLUDE

“Prelude and Fugue in D Minor”

attr. J. S. Bach