

Offertory Prayer

L: God of good gifts,

**C: receive these and all our offerings
as we present them in faithful service
for the sake of your gospel.**

**Prepare our hearts to receive you in this meal
as you pour out your very presence
through Christ Jesus, the wellspring of eternal life.
Amen.**

Holy Communion

+Words of Institution
+Lord's Prayer
+Distribution Hymn
+Blessing

What Feast of Love

ELW #487

Benediction

Three-fold Amen

Closing Hymn

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

ELW #547

Sending:

P: Go in Peace, Serve the Lord!
C: Thanks be to God!

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Welcome! We are glad you are with us today!!

*"If you do not have a church home, you are welcome here. If you would like to become
a member, contact any member or the church office."*

Sunday, March 5, 2023; 9:30 am

Second Sunday in Lent

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

P: In the name of the Father and of the \dagger Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive
our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

P: Let us confess our sins,

**C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We
have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and
by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we
have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus
Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may
delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name.
Amen.**

P: 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 minister of the church of Christ, and by
His authority, I therefore declare unto you the entire forgiveness of your sins, in the
name of the Father and of the \dagger Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Opening Hymn

Lift High the Cross

ELW#660

Prayer of the Day (All)

O God, our leader and guide, in the waters of baptism you bring us to new birth to live as your children. Strengthen our faith in your promises, that by your Spirit we may lift up your life to all the world through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

First Lesson

Genesis 12:1-4a

Gary Parker

¹The LORD said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. ²I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³I 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.”

^{4a}So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him.

Second Lesson

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

¹What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? ²For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. ³For what does the scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.” ⁴Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. ⁵But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

¹³For 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. ¹⁴If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

¹⁶For 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, ¹⁷as 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.

Gospel Acclamation

Change My Heart, O God

ELW #801

Gospel

John 3:1-17

*(Response after the announcement: **Glory to you, O Lord.**)*

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

¹¹“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. ¹²If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶“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.

¹⁷“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.”

*(Response after the conclusion: **Praise to you, O Christ.**)*

Children’s Sermon

Bruce Bonander

Sermon

“Going out into a dangerous world”

Pastor Greg Johnson

Hymn of the Day

Jesus Keep Me near the Cross

ELW#335

Prayers of the Church

Offering

(The children’s offering basket will be on the front steps of the church, so that they can in yet another way feel involved in Sunday worship)



Offertory Hymn

Just As I Am, without One Plea

ELW #592