

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT
A SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE
MARCH 1, 2026



GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Leader: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for self-examination.

Leader: I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven, and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.

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GATHERING HYMN

How Firm a Foundation

ELW 796



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,
2 "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dis - mayed,
3 "When through fi - ery tri - als your path - way shall lie,
4 "Through - out all their life - time my peo - ple shall prove



is laid for your faith in his ex - cel - lent word!
for I am your God and will still give you aid;
my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply.
my sov - reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;



What more can he say than to you he has said
 I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,
 The flames shall not hurt you: I on - ly de - sign
 and then, when gray hairs shall their tem - ples a - dorn,



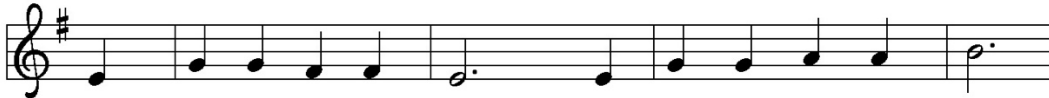
who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?
 up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand."
 your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine."
 like lambs they shall still in my bo - som be borne."

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

KYRIE

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1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
 2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
 3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.
 Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.
 Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray: **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.**

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING: Genesis 12:1-4a

A reading from Genesis 12

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.

*The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.***

PSALM: Psalm 121



- ¹ I lift up my eyes | to the hills;
from where is my | help to come?
- ² **My help comes | from the Lord,
the maker of heav- | en and earth.**
- ³ The Lord will not let your | foot be moved
nor will the one who watches over you | fall asleep.
- ⁴ **Behold, the keep- | er of Israel
will neither slum- | ber nor sleep;**
- ⁵ the Lord watches | over you;
the Lord is your shade at | your right hand;
- ⁶ **the sun will not strike | you by day,
nor the | moon by night.**
- ⁷ The Lord will preserve you | from all evil
and will | keep your life.
- ⁸ **The Lord will watch over your going out and your | coming in,
from this time forth for- | evermore.**

SECOND READING: ROMANS 4:1-5, 13-17

A reading from Romans.

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor 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 reckoned to him as righteousness." ⁴ Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. ⁵ But to one who does not work but trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

¹³ 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. 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, neither is there transgression.

¹⁶ For this reason the promise depends on faith, in order that it may rest on grace, so that it may be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (who is the father of all of us, 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.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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We are turn - ing, Lord, to hear you; you are mer - ci - ful and kind -



slow to an - ger, rich in bless - ing, and with love to us in - clined.

GOSPEL: John 3:1-17:

*The holy gospel according to St. John. **Glory to you, O Lord.***

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ² 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." ³ Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." ⁴ 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?" ⁵ Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶ What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷ Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' ⁸ 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." 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 "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. ¹² If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³ No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴ And just 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, 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."

*The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.***

CHILDRENS TIME AND SERMON

Pr. Megan Hoewisch

HYMN OF THE DAY

God Loved the World

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1 God loved the world so that he gave his on - ly
2 Christ Je - sus is the ground of faith, who was made
3 If you are ill, if death draws near, this truth your
4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son for - gives all
5 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly



Son the lost to save, that all who would in
flesh and suf - fered death; all who con - fide in
trou - bled heart can cheer: Christ Je - sus res - cues
sins that you have done, and jus - ti - fied by
Spir - it, Three in One! To you, O bless - ed



him be - lieve should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.
Christ a - lone are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.
us from death; that is the firm - est ground of faith.
Je - sus' blood, your bap - tism grants the high - est good.
Trin - i - ty, be praise now and e - ter - nal - ly!

APOSTLES' CREED

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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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

After each prayer petition, the congregation responds: Hear our prayer.

PEACE

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING

You can place your offering in the plate as it's passed around, give online at FLCHavre.org, or send your offering to PO Box 66, Havre, MT 59501.

OFFERING HYMN

We Are an Offering

ELW 692

We lift our voices, we lift our hands,

We lift our lives up to you: we are an offering.

Lord, use our voices, Lord use our hands,

Lord use our lives, they are Yours: we are an offering.

All that we have, all that we are,

All that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.

We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you:

We are an offering, we are an offering.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray: **God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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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.

It is indeed right . . . and join in their unending hymn:

HOLY HOLY HOLY

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

LORD'S PRAYER

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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.

COMMUNION

There are gluten-free wafers available in a bowl beside the bread, and white grape juice in the center of the trays. All are welcome at the Lord's table.

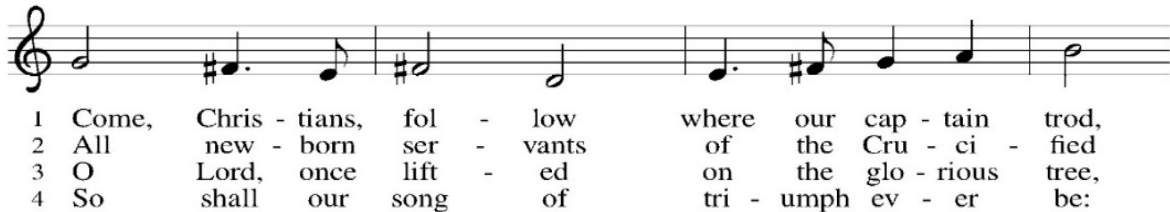
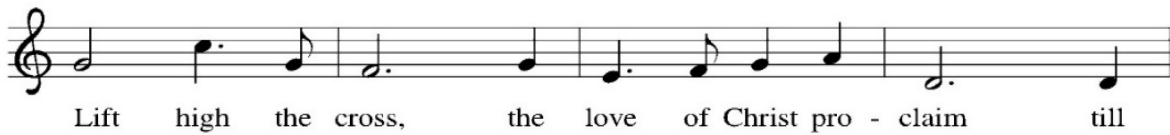
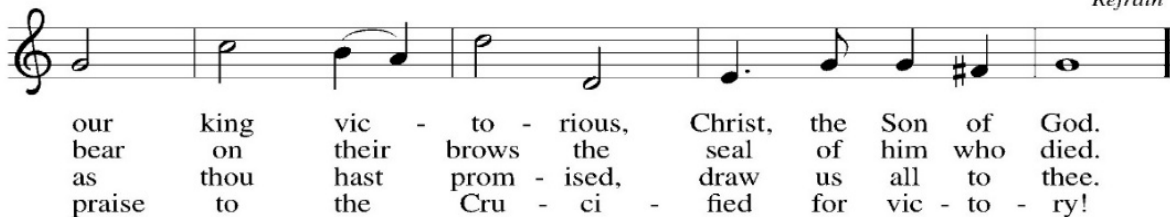
LAMB OF GOD

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1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray: **Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice; our alms, a making of peace; and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*Refrain***DISMISSAL AND MISSION STATEMENT***We go forth in faith, transformed by God's love,***In kindness serving all.***Go in peace. Christ is with you.***Thanks be to God.****ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Special Thank You to Jennifer Tilleman your Local Certified Kingdom Advisor who sponsored today's radio broadcast.

Midweek Lenten Soup Supper and Service: Our Wednesday suppers at 6 p.m. and services at 6:30 p.m. will be at Messiah Lutheran, from Wednesday, February 25 – Wednesday, March 25.

Confirmation will be from 5:30-6 p.m. and youth group from 7-7:45 p.m., both at Messiah. Join us for our Lenten fellowship and worship, as we explore different spiritual disciplines:

- Sunday March 1 & Wednesday, March 4 – Memorization
- Sunday March 8 & Wednesday, March 11 – Witness
- Sunday March 15 & Wednesday March 18 – Teachability
- Sunday March 22 & Wednesday, March 25 – Intercessory Prayer

GHAMA Lenten Luncheons: GHAMA's Lenten lunches will begin on Thursday, February 26, at noon at Van Orsdel Methodist Church, and will be every Thursday until Holy Week.

Holy Week Services:

- Maundy Thursday Service, April 2 at First at 6:30 p.m.
- Walk of the Cross, April 3, beginning at Van Orsdel at 11 a.m. and ending at Set Free Ministries
- Good Friday Service, April 3 at First at 6:30 p.m.
- Easter Sunday, April 5, at First at 9:30 a.m.

LUTEFISK DINNER: Sunday, March 8; 11:00- 1:30

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PRAYER LIST

Grieving Families: Ginnie Streeper, Richard Jackson; Irvin Borst; Marie Jund; Hila Stevens; Wendy LaFountain; Karen Nave; Chris Johnston; Eileen Overby; Reg Springer; Jim Griggs; Barb Rapp

Medical Issues: Connie Maize, Tom Reynolds Helen Hill; John Kane, Jeannie Schlotfeldt, Chris Tweeten (Hank Tweeten's brother) Maggie Lieberg (Christopher Doll & Margaret Hencz's granddaughter) Leo Wall; Mary Jacobsen (Vickie Jacobsen's sister-in-law) Carla Chambers (Linda Malley's cousin), John Malley, Heidi Vossler, Eilish Kelsey, John McCord (Lesley Zellmer's stepfather); Donnabelle Warp; Bryan Solomon; Tammy Anderson (Donnabelle Warp's friend); Marvin Kleinjan; Elizabeth Morrigan; Charlis Carpenter; Rhonda Syson; Elaine Morse; Carly Majerus (Judy Solomon's Great Niece); Tim Solomon; Donna Mangold; Vickie Jacobsen; Betty Hay (Linda Malley's aunt); Kurt Gerky; Nate Molstad; Erika & Joe Ward; Dan Carpenter; Jeremy Hitchcock; Ian McKay; Kristin Donovan; Lowel Johnson; Doris Gullickson (Nancy Erickson's mother); Keith Doll; Samantha Niess and family; Gavin Pankratz (Judy Solomon's friend); Ginger Doll; Kenneth Freshwater (Charlis Carpenter's friend); Kristi Hale (Keith Doll's daughter); Brooks Adams Kris Gartner

Those at Home: Lita Moog; **Living in Community:** NMCC: Blue Christofferson; Tim Haas; Mary Grandberg; **Away:** Pr. Gil Splett, Anna May Borst

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