

Second



SUNDAY

IN LENT

**FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH
ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH – HAMBURG
The Second Sunday in Lent
Sunday, March 1, 2026**

John 3:16 – “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.” This is perhaps the most well-known and beloved verse in the New Testament, for good reason. This simple Gospel message is the foundation for our whole life, including our new life in Christ. This new life is characterized by thankfulness and devotion to our Father who has provided for us so lavishly in Christ.



WELCOME VISITORS: We extend a warm welcome to all our visitors today. We pray that your worship with us is rewarding. Please be sure to sign your name and address in our guest register, located in

the narthex. If you are looking for a church home we would like to invite you to be a part of our Bible Based Church family.

RECEIVING THE HOLY SACRAMENT

In deep Christian love and commitment to the Word of God we continue to hold to the Biblical and Ancient practice of closed communion. Our Church Body's official teaching is that those who commune together must confess the same faith, and recognize the great power and real presence of the body and blood Christ in, with and under the bread and the wine. (1 Corinthians 10:16-18; 11:23-29; Romans 16:17).

Likewise, since one's membership helps promote that church's major teachings we ask that only those commune who are confirmed and communicant members of the LCMS, and who are not under church discipline. Thank you for respecting our beliefs and practices. Please pray with us for honest unity around the Word of God. If you have any question please contact Pastor Love. NOTE: Gluten free wafers are now available at the Lord's Table. Please let Pastor know before worship service that you would like the gluten free wafers.



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Opening Hymn

"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

LSB #575

Invocation

*The sign of the cross may be made by all
in remembrance of their Baptism.*

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**
- P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- C** **who made heaven and earth.**
- P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- C** **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Confession and Absolution

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- P** O almighty God, merciful Father,
- C** **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. 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.**
- P** 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.
- C** **Amen.**

Service of the Word

Psalm 121

P ¹I lift up my eyes to the hills.
From where does my help
come?

C ²**My help comes from the
LORD,
who made heaven and earth.**

P ³He will not let your foot be
moved;
he who keeps you will not
slumber.

C ⁴**Behold, he who keeps Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.**

P ⁵The LORD is your keeper;
the LORD is your shade on your right hand.

C ⁶**The sun shall not strike you by day,
nor the moon by night.**

P ⁷The LORD will keep you from all evil;
he will keep your life.

C ⁸**The LORD will keep
your going out and your coming in
from this time forth and forevermore.**

C **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.**



*The Lord
watches over you ...*

Psalm 121:5, NIV

Kyrie

LSB 186

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

P 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.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 12:1–9

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. ²And 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. ³I 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.”

⁴So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. ⁵And 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, ⁶Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. ⁷Then 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. ⁸From 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. ⁹And Abram journeyed on, still going toward the Negeb.

Blessed
to Be a
Blessing

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Hebrews 12:2

P [O come, let us fix our eyes on] Jesus,
the founder and perfecter of our faith,
who for the joy that was set before him endured the
cross, despising the shame,
and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

Epistle

Romans 4:1–8, 13–17

¹What then shall we say was gained by Abraham,
our forefather 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 counted to him as righteousness.”
⁴Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a
gift but as his due. ⁵And to the one who does not work but
trusts him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as
righteousness, ⁶just 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;

⁸blessed is the man against
whom the Lord
will not count his sin.” . . .

¹³For 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. ¹⁴For if
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 there is
no transgression.



Therefore,

THE PROMISE COMES BY FAITH,
SO THAT IT MAY BE BY GRACE
AND MAY BE GUARANTEED
TO ALL ABRAHAM'S OFFSPRING.

ROMANS 4:16, NIV

¹⁶That 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, 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.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel

John 3:1–17

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

C Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

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

⁹Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?”

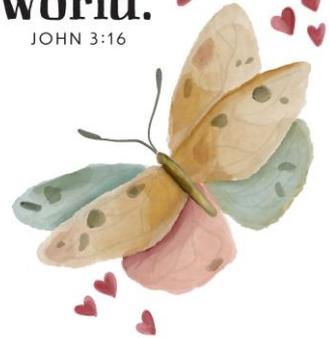
¹⁰Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? ¹¹Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. ¹²If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you

believe if I tell you heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And 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.

¹⁶For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

**For God
so loved
the world.**

JOHN 3:16



- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life † of the world to come. Amen.

Sermon Hymn

“God Loved the World So That He Gave” LSB #571

Sermon

Offertory

LSB 192

C 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.

Offering

Prayers of the Church

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

LSB 194

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them up unto the Lord.

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

C It is meet and right so to do.

P It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord,

almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

LSB 195

Lord's Prayer

LSB 196

- P** 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.

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

The Words of Our Lord

LSB 197

- P** 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."

Pax Domini

LSB 197

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei

LSB 198

Distribution

Distribution Hymns

“Jesus, Refuge of the Weary”

LSB #423

“What Is This Bread”

LSB #629

“Beautiful Savior”

LSB #537

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 199

Thanksgiving

LSB 200

P O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

C and His mercy endureth forever.

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

Benedicamus

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Benediction

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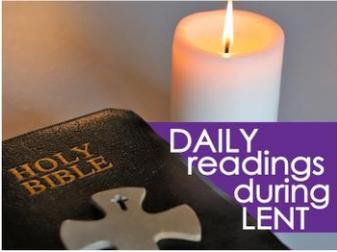
Closing Hymn

“If Your Beloved Son, O God”

LSB #568

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Sunday: Job 33:1-18;
John 10:22-42
Monday: Job 33:19 – 34:9;
John 11:1-16
Tuesday: Job 34:10-33;
John 11:17-37
Wednesday: Job 36:1-21;
John 11:38-57

Thursday: Job 37:1-24; John 12:1-19
Friday: Job 38:1 – 39:30; John 12:20-36a
Saturday: Job 40:1-24; John 12:36b-50

Church
FAMILY
—PRAYER LIST—

**FAITH and ST. JOHN'S
LUTHERAN CHURCHES**

*Please remember the
following in your prayers:*

Gary Baumann
Lisa Burish
Joe Calmes

David Czech Rodney Dahlke Alice Fromm
Christopher Emmerich Wallace Emmerich
Duane Grunenwald Gerhard Hannemann
Angie Harkner Dale Janisch Cecelia & Lucille Klade
Jordan Knoble Rob Koebe Hugo Koppa
Karen Love Bob Meyer Gene Mootz Debbie Olson
Sarah Piel Mark Pester Marge Radenz Karen Rajek
Jo Schedler MiKenzie Schultz Audrey Steckling
Lorraine Steckling Carl Uttech
Deb Wiederhoeft Florence Williamson Laurie Young
Susie and Ellie Zastrow



ST. JOHN'S and FAITH CALENDAR

Sunday, March 1

8:30 a.m. **Worship with Holy**

Communion at St. John's

Sunday School during Sermon

9:15 a.m. Sunday School at Faith

10:15 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion at Faith

Monday, March 2

NO MONDAY WORSHIP

Tuesday, March 3

1:00 p.m. Women of Faith

Wednesday, March 4

5:30 p.m. Confirmation Class at Faith

6:00 p.m. Lenten Meal at St. John's

6:30 p.m. Worship at St. John's

7:15 p.m. Mary Martha Guild at St. John's

Thursday, March 5

11:00 a.m. Worship at Faith

1:15 p.m. Community Bible Study at St. John's

5:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal at Faith

6:30 p.m. Worship at Faith

Sunday, March 8

8:30 a.m. Worship at St. John's

Sunday School during Sermon

9:30 a.m. Special Mission Speaker at St. John's

9:15 a.m. Sunday School at Faith

10:15 a.m. Worship at Faith

11:15 a.m. Special Mission Speaker at Faith

Monday, March 9

NO MONDAY WORSHIP

6:30 p.m. Elders' Meeting at Faith

Tuesday, March 10

9:00 a.m. Trustees' Meeting at Faith

6:00 p.m. Church Council at St. John's

7:15 p.m. Elders' Meeting at St. John's

Wednesday, March 11

- 10:00 a.m. AbleLight
- 5:30 p.m. Confirmation Class at Faith
- 6:00 p.m. Lenten Meal at St. John's
- 6:30 p.m. Worship at St. John's**

Thursday, March 12

- 11:00 a.m. Worship at Faith**
- 1:15 p.m. Community Bible Study at St. John's
- 5:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal at Faith
- 6:30 p.m. Worship at Faith**



**SPECIAL MISSION
SPEAKER March 8**

Following worship services at both St. John's and Faith, make special plans to hear a great presentation and some questions and answers from our Synod's Mission program. Speaker is Bennett Reilser. His

presentation will focus on reaching out to our communities and strengthen ties as a family of God.

**NOTE CHANGE IN COMMUNITY BIBLE STUDY
on Thursdays at St. John's is at 1:15 p.m.**



Easter Lilies

In the beauty and celebration of Easter, we are decorating the Sanctuary and Narthex at Faith with Easter lilies.

Donations will be taken through Sunday, March 29. Forms are available on the Scrip table in the back of church.



LENTEN SEASON – BABY CARE KITS: Stewardship and Evangelism will be collecting items to make Baby Care Kits that can be given to Homeless Shelters or to Haven in Merrill. Each week during Lent, we will be collecting items that are needed. Items to be collected could be as follows: Diapers, Light weight cotton T-shirts, Receiving blankets, Socks or booties, Bath-size bars of gentle soap, Sleepers and Cotton blend hand towels. Sizes can be from 6 – 24 months. There is a crib in the overflow area for your special gifts.



INSPIRED SINGLES

**Sunday, March 15
at Faith
Potluck Lunch and
Game Afternoon**

All singles are welcome to come and join.

**YOUTH EVENT: Watch for details! CIRCUIT
ROLLERSKATING at Melody Gardens, Marshfield, March 27.**

Register by emailing youthgroup@stjohnmerrill.com

LUTHER MEMORIAL LUTHERAN CHURCH, Gleason.

4th Annual Fund Raiser Event on Saturday, March 14 at Les and Jim's, Merrill from 1 to 4:00 p.m Entertainment will be provided by Mark Wayne, Cash raffle tickets will be for sale, For more information, call Jan Tesch at 7115-921-2398.

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, W2604 CTH P, Merrill.

Spaghetti Dinner on Sunday, March 15 from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the church. All you can eat meal includes spaghetti, salad, bread, drink and dessert. Sponsored by St. Paul's Ladies Aid

WINTER IS STILL HERE! Whatever you have planned with family and friends, make it happen with Scrip! Be sure to pick up scrip cards for all your activities and household needs. Help support the ministry of our church through the Scrip program. ... *All without it costing you an extra penny!*



2026 Lenten Midweek Series

Set Free: The Gospel in Exodus—



Lenten Midweek 3, March 4-5

The Good News of a God Who Sends a Deliverer, Exodus 4:1–20

Lenten Midweek 4, March 11-12

The Good News of a God Who Passes over Us in Mercy, Exodus 12:1–14

Lenten Midweek 5, March 18-19

The Good News of a God Who Makes a Way for Us, Exodus 14:5–31

Lenten Midweek 6, March 25-26

The Good News of a God Who Sustains on Our Journey, Exodus 16:1–18



Jesus
*paid for our sins not only
in part but in full.*

So if the Son sets you free,
you will be free indeed.
John 8:36

<p><u>Wednesday Services</u> 6:00 p.m. Lenten Meal at St. John's 6:30 p.m. Worship at St. John's</p> <p><u>Thursday Services</u> 11:00 a.m. Worship at Faith 6:30 p.m. Worship at Faith</p>
