

# Lent 2 — March 1, 2026

**Prelude**

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Confession and Absolution**

Pg 94-95

L Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.  
**C Amen.**

L Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**C Amen.**

L Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Most merciful God,

**All: We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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.**

L In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God Forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

**Children's Sermon**

**Opening Hymn**

**Blessed Assurance**

**ELW 638**

**Apostolic Greeting**

**ELW Pg. 138**

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



## Kyrie

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace from above,  
and for our salvation,  
let us pray to the Lord.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the whole world,  
for the well-being of the Church of God,  
and for the unity of all,  
let us pray to the Lord.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

For this holy house,  
and for all who offer here their worship and praise,  
let us pray to the Lord.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.  
**Amen.**

## Prayer of the Day

ELW Pg. 138-139

L The Lord be with you

C And also with you

L 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.

C Amen

## First Reading: Genesis 12:1-4a

<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> 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 the one who curses you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." <sup>4a</sup> So Abram went, as the Lord had told him, and Lot went with him. "

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

C Thanks be to God!



## Psalm 121 spoken

<sup>1</sup> I lift up my eyes to the hills;

from where is my help to come?

<sup>2</sup> **My help comes from the LORD,  
the maker of heaven and earth.**

<sup>3</sup> The LORD will not let your foot be moved  
nor will the one who watches over you fall asleep.

<sup>4</sup> **Behold, the keeper of Israel  
will neither slumber nor sleep;**

<sup>5</sup> the LORD watches over you;  
the LORD is your shade at your right hand;

<sup>6</sup> **the sun will not strike you by day,  
nor the moon by night.**

<sup>7</sup> The LORD will preserve you from all evil  
and will keep your life.

<sup>8</sup> **The LORD will watch over your going out and your coming in,  
from this time forth forevermore.**

## Second Reading: Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

<sup>1</sup> What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor 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 reckoned to him as righteousness." <sup>4</sup> Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. <sup>5</sup> But to one who does not work but trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness. <sup>13</sup> 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. <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, neither is there transgression. <sup>16</sup> 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, <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. Holy wisdom, holy word.      **C                      Thanks be to God**

**Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation**

**ELW Pg. 142**

**Return to the Lord, your God, who is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love**

**Holy Gospel according to John in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Chapter.      C      Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup> Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. <sup>2</sup> 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." <sup>3</sup> Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." <sup>4</sup> 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?" <sup>5</sup> Jesus answered,

“Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. <sup>6</sup> What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup> Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ <sup>8</sup> 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.” <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> “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. <sup>12</sup> If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? <sup>13</sup> No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup> And just 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, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

<sup>17</sup> “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.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Sermon

Hymn of the Day

God Loved the World

ELW 323

## Apostles Creed

**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 the Church

L: To our loving God who seeks not to condemn the world, but to save it, we raise our prayers. Especially today we pray for those on our prayer list.

*AM and L read firsts names off the prayer list*

AM: May they know God's healing. Lord, in your mercy, **People: Hear our prayer.**

AM: For the global church, all our baptized family of faith, that we reflect deeply upon the saving work of Christ during this holy season of Lent, Lord, in your mercy, **People: Hear our prayer.**

AM: For the nations of the world, that peace may replace violence, abundance replace poverty, love replace hate, and kindness replace cruelty, Lord, in your mercy, **People: Hear our prayer.**

AM: For our world, created and loved by God, that we may be its wise stewards, Lord, in your mercy, **People: Hear our prayer.**

AM: For our children, and all the world's children, that we consider the impacts of all our decisions on their future lives, Lord, in your mercy, **People: Hear our prayer.**

AM: For ourselves, that the love of God for us lead us to ever stronger love for one another, Lord, in your mercy, **People: Hear our prayer.**

L: For these, and all other needs we have, we pray, Lord, in your mercy, **People: Hear our prayer.**

## Peace

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C And also with you.**

*Please share a sign of God's peace.*

*The offering is received*

## Anthem

### Into the Garden

**Words: Douglas Nolan**

**Music: Peter Lutkin Arr: Douglas Nolan**

Into the garden the Savior went as night began to fall. Into the garden the Savior went as grace began to call. In agony he prayed alone, in deepest grief his spirit groaned. He prayed, "O Father, thy will be done," when into the garden he went. Into the garden the Savior went as stars to fade. Into the garden the Savior went. In agony he prayed. The shadows of Gethsemane fell hard from every olive tree as Jesus saw his destiny when into the garden he went. Into the garden the Savior went beyond Golgotha's hill. Into the garden the Savior went, redemption to fulfill. It was in love he gave his life, the Rose was crushed to pay the price, with blood he purchased paradise when into the garden he went, when into the garden he went.

## Offertory Hymn

**ELW 188**

**Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.**

## Offertory Prayer

### Great Thanksgiving – page 144

- L The Lord be with you.                   **C And also with you.**
- L Lift up your hearts.                   **C We lift them to the Lord.**
- L Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **C It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*The Proper Preface is chanted.*

L It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that, renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

### **Sanctus Pg. 144**

**C Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

## The Great Thanksgiving

### LORD'S PRAYER

**C 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**

### Agnus Dei Pg. 146

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

**Communion is distributed.**

### Communion Music

### Post Communion Prayer

## Benediction

L The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and grant you peace C **Amen.**

## Closing Hymn

Baptized and Set Free

ELW 453

## Dismissal

AM Go now in peace, to love and serve the Lord and your neighbors.

C Thanks be to God

## Postlude

*Thank you for coming.  
May God's peace be yours today.*



## IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

The following is a listing of those who need your prayers. Our hope is that you will take this listing home with you and in your daily prayers remember those listed below. If you would like to add or subtract for this list, please write name(s) on the Prayer of Concerns form in the Narthex located on the stand up desk to the right of the exit doors or email the office. Thank you!

Joe Abbott  
Connie Aparo  
Charlie Blakeslee  
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Sigrid Smitley  
Deb & Jon Sterling  
Tom Sterling Sr.

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Shannon Hilton

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Bruce Yaune  
Clarence & Priscilla

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Marge Kiernan  
Marilyn Killingbeck  
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Ed  
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Terry  
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Peanut

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Janis Martin  
Gil & Marilyn Martin  
Michael Meyers  
Brigitte Mueller

Diane L.  
Holly L.  
Al & Mary  
Isaac

Bob Murphy  
Barbara Nalette  
Karen Ness  
Tom O'Brien  
Karen Pagano

Lisa & Dennis Polzun  
Ed & Susan Regner  
Baerbel Roehl  
Patricia & Richard  
Sawitzke  
Jean Schlapfer

### **Our Nursing Home Members**

Dee Gammon  
Midge Rosenbeck  
Mae Fay  
Francine Ahrens  
Betty Hilton  
Walter Joray  
Daine Wright  
Eleanor Klonoski

### **Our Military Friends**

Lord Jesus, Savior of the World and King of Peace, watch over our sons and daughters in the service of their Country. Protect them from the physical and moral dangers. Keep them close to you and help them live the commandments. Lord, Jesus give them courage to serve their country with honor and dignity. Be with them when they are in danger; strengthen them when they face hardship. Above all Lord, grant that when their service is finished that they may return to us, sound in mind, body and soul. Amen.

Tyler Quinn  
Eric Beyus  
Major Zachary Fulton  
Brandan Holbrook  
Jonathan Connell  
Tom Gregg, Jr.  
Eric Bremer  
Peter Hutchinson  
SPC Dominic Boscarino  
PVT Noah Braatz  
PVT 2 Christian Braatz  
Aiden Avenia USCG  
2nd Lt. Ben Speaker  
Pvt. Noah Roy

## Around the Church

Event	Date	Time
Midweek Lenten Potluck Upper classrooms	3/5	6 pm
Finance	3/4	6 pm
Council	3/9	7 pm
Hilltop Advisory Board- Zoom	3/12	4:45 pm

### ***Bible Study***

Tuesday via Zoom 6:00 pm

In person Bible Study Wednesdays

10:00 am

### **Wednesdays**

Tai Chi 11:00 am

Quilting Group 1:00 pm

### **Guest preacher**

**The Bishop will preach on Palm  
Sunday.**

### **Offerings Summary:**

<b>Needed Weekly</b>	<b>\$6,290</b>
<b>Received</b>	<b>\$2,745</b>
<b>Shortfall</b>	<b>(\$3,545)</b>
<b>YTD shortfall</b>	<b>(\$18,774)</b>

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### **Staff**

**The Rev. Dr. G. Scott Cady**

**Music Director Marcia Newcome**

**\*\* FRIDAY ~ MARCH 6<sup>TH</sup> \*\***

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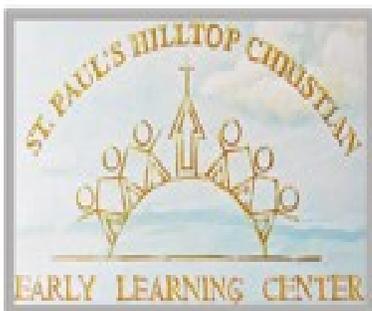
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Those interested in becoming official members please fill out a form found on the table in the narthex.

Our new website is up. Please check it out. It should help you stay informed. If you have suggestions for any improvements, please let us know.

[www.stpaulstorrington.com](http://www.stpaulstorrington.com)

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**The Fellowship Committee presents**



**Chicken Lombardy, Rice Pilaf, Veggies,  
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**Saturday, April 18, 2026**

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