

Today's Scripture Readings

Old Testament

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.

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.

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.

Holy Gospel

John 3:1-17

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.

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. 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."

Scripture quotations are from The Holy Bible, English Standard Version®.

In Our Prayers this Week—

• *March missions of the month, Concordia Seminary in St. Louis and Seminarians Luke Konkel and Andrew Harrill.*

• *Peace among nations.*

• *The victims and families of all violence and disaster throughout the world.*

• *Jan Klug, diagnosed with cancer.*

• *Jan Kopeke, receiving treatment for cancer.*

• *Liam Reznik, grandson of Dave & Roxanne Taylor, continuing health issues.*

• *Jim Schmitz, restoration of health.*

• *Linda Luft, sister of Mark Mathe, for successful surgery.*

• *All who are battling cancer:*

- *Jessica Dolezal*

- *Debi Verhage, daughter of Ruth McKenna*

- *Dylan Martin, nephew of Chris and Mandy Neumann*

- *Jayne Cotter*

- *Rev. Brad Birtell, brother of Amy Assmann*

- *Gloria, friend of Chris Born*

Please also keep in prayer

—*our Seminarians Luke Konkel & Andrew Harrill;*

—*Rev. Nathan Meador, our district president;*

—*Matthew Harrison, synod president;*

—*the members, officers and auxiliaries of Emmanuel;*

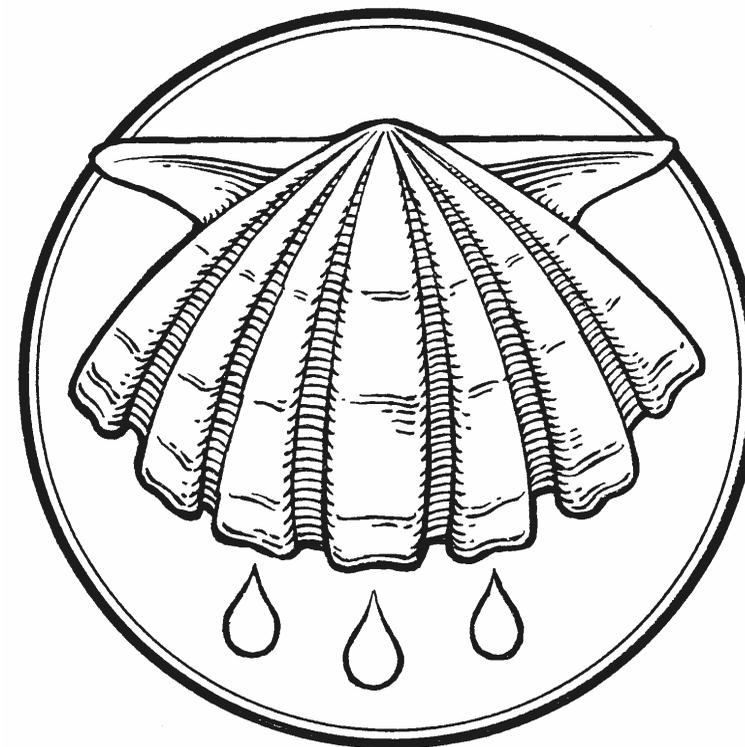
—*our circuit congregation, St. John in Sherman Center and Rev. Christopher Gillespie;*

—*our Missionary Rev. Tyler McMiller and his family in Italy and Southern Europe; and*

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—*our shut-in Members, Donna Bloedel and Alice Denhardt.*

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT



"Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God."

John 3:3b

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WE WELCOME all who gather with us around the Altar and Pulpit to hear the Word of God.

IF YOU ARE VISITING this morning, we are happy that you could join us today. *Please sign our guest book in the narthex.*

IF YOU DESIRE TO COMMUNE, please speak to the pastor before the service. Our altar is open to those who confess oneness with us in doctrine and are members in good standing of our congregation or sister congregations of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.

YOUNG CHILDREN are always welcome in our service. Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me..." Activity bags are available in the narthex.

NEED ASSISTANCE with anything? Please speak to the pastor or the usher.

RESTROOMS are available in the back of the church or in the education wing.

We pray that you feel welcome in our congregation, that you are blessed by the service, and that you will come again.

The Word of the Gospel Opens the Eyes of Faith and Fixes Them on Christ Jesus

The Lord called Abraham to leave his home and go to a land that God would show him. He also promised to make of Abram "a great nation," to bless him and make his name great, as a blessing to "all the families of the earth" (Gen. 12:2-3). "Abram went, as the Lord had told him" (Gen. 12:4), and in Canaan "he built an altar to the Lord and called upon the name of the Lord" (Gen. 12:8). He "believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness" (Rom. 4:3). Here the grace of God is manifested, that He "justifies the ungodly" (Rom. 4:5), not by works of the Law, but through faith in His promises. He removes all our sins and lawless deeds through Jesus Christ, the Offspring of Abraham in whom all the Lord's promises are realized. This forgiveness of sins is the Word of the Gospel, the voice of the Holy Spirit, which "gives life to the dead" (Rom. 4:17). It opens the eyes of faith to behold Christ Jesus, the Son of Man lifted up on the Cross, "that whoever believes in Him may have eternal life" (John 3:14-15).

THE FAMILY ALTAR

① Verse of the Week — **John 4:15** "The woman said to him, 'Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water.'"

② Hymn of the Week — LSB #823 — "May God Bestow on Us His Grace"

③ Collect of the Week — O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

④ Daily Bible Readings — **M:** Gen. 29:1-30; Mark 9:14-32 **T:** Gen. 35:1-29; Mark 9:33-50 **W:** Gen. 37:1-36; Mark 10:1-12 **Th:** Gen. 39:1-23; Mark 10:13-31

F: Gen. 40:1-23; Mark 10:32-52 **Sat:** Gen. 41:1-27; Mark 11:1-19; **Sun:** Gen. 41:28-57; Mark 11:20-33

⑤ Preparing for Next Sunday — Lessons for Lent 3 (March 8):

Exodus 17:1-7; Romans 5:1-8; John 4:5-26; Psalm 95:1-9

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

March 1, 2026

Greeters — Chris Neumann Family

Elder — Todd Graf; Usher — Jeff Ourada

Altar Guild — Mandy Neumann; Jr. Altar Guild — Betsy Marks

Cantor — Jeff Ourada; Acolyte — Parker Fischer

Organist — Mrs. Terry Ourada

Pastor — Rev. Paul W. Marks

Introit (sung responsively after confession & absolution) Psalm 105:4-7; antiphon: v. 8



He remembers his covenant for- | ever,*
the word that he commanded, for a thousand gener- | ations.

Seek the LORD | and his strength;*
seek his presence con- | tinually!

Remember the wondrous works that | he has done,*
his miracles, and the judgments he | uttered,

O offspring of Abraham, his | servant,*
children of Jacob, his | chosen ones!

He is the | LORD our God;*
his judgments are in | all the earth.

Glorify be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

He remembers his covenant for- | ever,*
the word that he commanded, for a thousand gener- | ations.

Collect (spoken by 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.

Gradual (sung responsively) Hebrews 12:2

[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, despis- | ing the shame,*

and is seated at the right hand of the | throne of God.

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