

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent  
Worship Service  
March 1, 2026 – 9:00 a.m.**

**Gathering**

**Prelude:** Bell Choir

**Announcements**

**Confession and Forgiveness:**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin before God, who removes our guilt and blots out all offenses. Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Gracious God,

**C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

P: For seeking worldly delights that deceive us and dishonor you: Gracious God,

**C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

P: For desiring self-reliance instead of hungering for your word: Gracious God,

**C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

P: For failing to recognize...of the Spirit: Gracious God,

**C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

P: For drawing from the well...the living water Christ offers: Gracious God,

**C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

P: For disregarding voices...of your healing and hope in the world: Gracious God,

**C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

P: For dwelling in tombs...Christ's call to come forth to life: Gracious God,

**C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

P: God's steadfast love, grace, and forgiveness abound...God's love into your hearts, and gives you life and peace.

**C: Amen.**

**Gathering Hymn:** "Come, Now is the Time to Worship"

Come now is the time to worship  
Come now is the time to give your heart  
Come just as you are to worship  
Come just as you are before your God  
Come

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Come

One day every tongue  
Will confess You are God  
One day every knee will bow  
Still the greatest treasure remains  
For those who gladly choose You now

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Come come

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**Greeting:**

P: 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:** (ELW p. 147)

**Prayer of the Day**

**Word**

**First Reading:** Genesis 12:1-4a (NRSVue) *Response: Thanks be to God!*

**Psalm:** Psalm 121 (NRSVue)

<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 (NRSVue) *Response: Thanks be to God!*

**Gospel Acclamation:** “Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery” (ELW #334 Lent 4)

**Lent 4**

Give us eyes to see you clearly;  
make us children of your light.  
Give us hearts to live more nearly  
as your gospel shining bright.,  
as your gospel shining bright.

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**Gospel Reading:** John 3:1-17 (NRSVue)

*Response before the reading: **Glory to you, O Lord.***

*Response after the reading: **Praise to you, O Christ.***

**Children’s Sermon**

**Sermon**

**Hymn of the Day:** “God of All”

God of all we come to praise You  
We lift Your name on high  
In all the earth  
God of all we come to praise You  
We lift Your name on high  
In all the earth

God of glory  
God of majesty  
God of mercy  
We lift Your name on high  
God of all  
God of all

God of all we come to praise You  
We lift Your name on high  
In all the earth  
God of all we come to praise You  
We lift Your name on high  
In all the earth

God of holiness  
God of righteousness  
God of heaven  
We lift Your name on high  
God of all  
God of All

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**Apostle’s Creed:** (ELW p. 127)

**Prayers of Intercession:** Here us, O God. *Your mercy is great.*

**Peace:**

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

*C: And also with you.*

**Offering:**

**Offering Prayer:** Let us pray. O God, maker of heaven and earth,  
*C: your steadfast love embraces all creation. You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth and bring forth its bounty. Through these gifts of bread and wine, draw us into the death and life of your Son, who calls us to bear witness to his saving work. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.*

### Meal

#### **The Great Thanksgiving**

P: The Lord be with you.

*C: And also with you.*

P: Lift up your hearts.

*C: We lift them to the Lord.*

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

*C: It is right to give thanks and praise.*

#### **Preface**

**Holy, Holy, Holy:** (ELW p. 191)

#### **Words of Institution**

**Lord's Prayer:** (ELW p. 145)

#### **Invitation to Communion**

#### **Communion**

#### **Table Blessing:**

P: Now may the body and blood....and keep us in his grace.

*C: Amen.*

**Prayer after Communion:** Let us pray. God of our salvation,

*C: we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls, reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey. Through the body and blood of your Son, may we become Christ's body in the world, bearing witness to your love for all creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.*

#### **Benediction:**

R: Receive the blessing of the holy Trinity: God, who calls all things into existence, Jesus Christ, who redeems us, and the Holy Spirit, whose breath sustains creation, ✠ bless you now and always.

*C: Amen.*

**Closing Hymn:** "Jesus, Keep me Near the Cross" (ELW #335))

Jesus, keep me near the cross,  
there's a precious fountain;  
free to all, a healing stream  
flows from Calv'ry's mountain.

***Refrain***

In the cross, in the cross  
be my glory ever;  
till my ransomed soul shall find  
rest beyond the river.

Near the cross, a trembling soul,  
love and mercy found me;  
there the bright and morning star  
sheds its beams around me. ***Refrain***

Near the cross! O Lamb of God,  
bring its scenes before me;  
help me walk from day to day  
with its shadow o'er me. ***Refrain***

Near the cross I'll watch and wait,  
hoping, trusting ever,  
till I reach the golden strand  
just beyond the river. ***Refrain***

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**Sending**

**Dismissal:**

P: We go out into the world

***C: sharing the love of God, spreading the Word of God, and serving the children of God.***

P: Go in peace. Believe the good news.

***C: Thanks be to God.***

**Postlude**

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