

2nd Sunday in Lent

Order of Service Readings and Prayer

Second Sunday in Lent

March 1, 2026

THE GATHERING

Welcome

Parish Announcements

Prelude

*Confession and Forgiveness p. 94

*Hymn *“What Wondrous Love Is This”* No. 666

*Greeting & Kyrie p. 138

*Prayer of the Day Insert

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Reading – Genesis 12:1-4a

Psalm 121 (read responsively) Insert

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

*The Gospel Acclamation “Return To The Lord” p. 142

*Holy Gospel John 3:1-17

Children’s Message Rev. Tim Smith

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

The Message Rev. Tim Smith

*Hymn *“God Loved the World”* No. 323

The Nicene Creed back of hymnal

*The Prayers of Intercession p. 143

P: Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

*The Peace

*Hymn-*as Offerings are brought Forward* No. 186

*Offertory Prayer

*The Great Thanksgiving p. 144

*The Lord’s Prayer – Traditional p. 145

The Communion-*sing Lamb of God during distribution* p. 146

*The Prayer after Communion

SENDING

*The Blessing p. 146

*The Sending Song *“Blessed Assurance”* No. 638

**Cong. Stands in reverence as candles extinguished*

*The Dismissal p. 146

****The Congregation will stand in reverence***



Today's Readings

Second Sunday in Lent
March 1, 2026

Prayer of the Day

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.**

First Reading

Genesis 12:1-4a

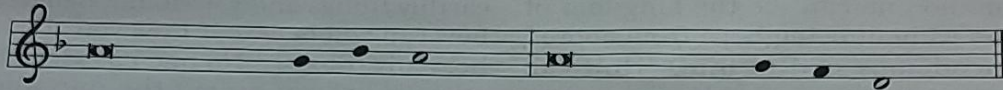
The LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. ²I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will

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.

Psalm

Psalm 121; tone 9



I lift up my eyes ¹ to the hills;
from where is my ¹ help to come?
²**My help comes ¹ from the LORD,**
the maker of heav- ¹ en and earth.
³The LORD will not let
your ¹ foot be moved
nor will the one
who watches over you ¹ fall asleep.
⁴**Behold, the keep- ¹ er of Israel**
will neither slum- ¹ ber nor sleep;

⁵the LORD watches ¹ over you;
the LORD is your shade
at ¹ your right hand;
⁶**the sun will not strike ¹ you by day,**
nor the ¹ moon by night.
⁷The LORD will preserve you
¹ from all evil
and will ¹ keep your life.
⁸**The LORD will watch over**
your going out and your ¹ coming in,
from this time forth
for- ¹ evermore.

Second Reading

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor 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 reckoned to him as righteousness." ⁴Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. ⁵But to one who

continued

Second Reading, continued

does not work but trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

¹³For 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. 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, neither is there transgression.

¹⁶For 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, 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.

Gospel

John 3:1-17

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ²He 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." ³Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." ⁴Nicodemus 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?" ⁵Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' ⁸The 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." 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?"

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. ¹²If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And just 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, 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."

TODAY'S READINGS March 1, 2026

Volume 57, Number 2

Next Sunday's Readings: Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 95; Romans 5:1-11; John 4:5-42.

TODAY'S READINGS (ISSN 1069-0166, USPS 009628) is published quarterly by Augsburg Fortress, 411 Washington Avenue North, Third Floor, Minneapolis, MN, 55401. Periodicals postage paid in St. Paul, MN and additional mailing offices. Postmaster: Send address changes to Today's Readings, Augsburg Fortress Publishers, P.O. Box 1553, Minneapolis, MN 55440-1553. Printed in U.S.A. Price per weekly part \$4.79 per 100 copies; price in Canada subject to exchange rates. Minimum order 50 copies of each issue; all orders must be in multiples of 50. Copyright © 2025 Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved. May not be reproduced. Revised Common Lectionary © 1992 Consultation on Common Texts. Readings from the New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition. Copyright © 2021 National Council of Churches of Christ in the United States of America. Used by permission. All rights reserved worldwide. Prayer of the day and psalm from *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* © 2006, admin. Augsburg Fortress. Psalm tone accompaniment is in *Psalter for Worship, Year A* (Augsburg Fortress, 2007). Please visit our website at augsburgfortress.org. Lectionary year A.

ITEM015019 Tracks 1 and 2

3 of 15