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Next Sunday

Joey Souther
Bonnie Dupre
Lisa Giroir
Jerrie & Stacie

Second Sunday In Lent	March 1, 2026
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Welcome to God's house! Please allow us to keep in touch with you by signing the register in the foyer/narthex. Thank you!

Altar Flowers are placed today to the glory of God in honor of the wedding anniversary of Scott & Rana DaSilva-Moise on Saturday.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion is celebrated each week. Those Christians who truly believe that they receive the true body and blood of Christ Jesus our Savior, in, with and under the bread and wine are invited to partake in the Lord's Supper.

The Apostle Paul's words in 1 Corinthians 11:27-29 set forth, "*Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself.*"

If you are concerned about having a proper understanding of the Lord's Supper, we urge you to speak with pastor. Questions and answers that may aid your understanding of and preparation for Holy Communion are on pages 329-330 in the pew hymnal.

Non-alcoholic wine is white and located in the center of the individual cup trays for those who cannot tolerate alcohol.

Introit

Psalm 105:4–7; antiphon: v. 8

Pastor: He remembers his covenant forever,
People: the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations.

Pastor: Seek the Lord and his strength;
People: seek his presence continually!

Pastor: Remember the wondrous works that he has done,
People: his miracles, and the judgments he uttered,

Pastor: O offspring of Abraham, his servant,
People: children of Jacob, his chosen ones!

Pastor: He is the Lord our God;
People: his judgments are in all the earth.

Pastor: Glory be to the Father and to the Son
People: and to the Holy Spirit;

Pastor: as it was in the beginning,
People: is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Pastor: He remembers his covenant forever,
People: the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations.

Collect of The Day

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. Amen.

This is the House of God.

Let us be thoughtful and reverent.

Before the Service, speak to the Lord.

During the Service, let the Lord speak to you.

After the Service, speak to one another.

Divine Service

Setting One

Lutheran Service Book, Page 151

Pre-Service Music

1. Opening Hymn # 571
2. Confession and Absolution p 151
3. Introit Bulletin
4. Kyrie p 152
5. This is the Feast omitted
6. Salutation p 156
7. Collect of the Day Bulletin
8. First Reading Bulletin
9. Psalm 121
10. Epistle Reading Bulletin
11. Lenten Verse p 156
12. Glory to you, O... p 157
13. Holy Gospel Bulletin
14. Praise to you, O... p 157
15. The Nicene Creed p 158
16. The Word for Children
17. Sermon Hymn # 708
18. Sermon
19. Meditation
20. Prayer of the Church p.159
Pastor: Let us pray to the Lord;
People: Lord, have mercy.
21. Offertory* # 955
22. Preface p 160
23. Holy, Holy, Holy... p 161
24. Prayer of Thanksgiving p 161
25. The Words of Our Lord p 162
26. The Lord's Prayer p 162
27. Pax Domini p 163
28. Agnus Dei p 163
29. Communion Hymn # 936
Guitar Hymn:
Better is One Day Insert
Communion Hymn # 601
30. Thank the Lord p 164
31. Post Communion Collect p 166
32. Benediction p 166
33. Closing Hymn # 918

Postlude

*Offering boxes are on each side of the doors exiting the sanctuary.

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.

Psalms 121

¹I lift up my eyes to the hills.

From where does my help come?

²My help comes from the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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.

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.”

Better Is One Day - *Matt Redman*

**How lovely is Your dwelling place, O Lord Almighty;
My soul longs and even faints for You.
For here my heart is satisfied within Your presence;
I sing beneath the shadow of Your wings.**

(Chorus)

**Better is one day in Your courts,
Better is one day in Your house,
Better is one day in Your courts,
Than thousands elsewhere.**

(Repeat Chorus)

**One thing I ask, and would seek: To see Your beauty,
To find You in the place Your glory dwells.
One thing I ask, and would seek: To see Your beauty,
To find You in the place Your glory dwells.**

(Chorus)

**Better is one day in Your courts,
Better is one day in Your house,
Better is one day in Your courts,
Than thousands elsewhere.**

(Repeat Chorus)

**My heart and flesh cry out for You, the living God,
Your Spirit's water for my soul;
I've tasted and I've seen, come once again to me,
Lord draw me near to You, Lord draw me near to You.**

**Better is one day in Your courts,
Better is one day in Your house,
Better is one day in Your courts,
Than thousands elsewhere.**

(Repeat)

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This Week at Grace

Today	9:00 a.m.	Worship
		Coffee & Youth Biscuits
	10:45 a.m.	Sunday School for all ages
Monday	6:00 p.m.	Bible Study
Wednesday	1:00 p.m.	Bible Study
	6:00 p.m.	Lenten Midweek Worship Service
Saturday	2:00 p.m.	New Member Class

For the week March 1-7, 2026

Birthday	Baptismal Anniversary	Wedding Anniversary
03/04 Connie Oswalt	03/07 Addie Perryman	03/07 Scott & Rana
		DaSilva-Moise

In the palm of God's Hands...

PRESSING HEALTH CONCERNS: Carmen Cunningham and Donna Elke.

BATTLING CANCER: Alyssa Roger, Charlene Shroyer., Connie Deroche, Marilyn Beach and Mike Moss.

CHRONIC CONDITIONS & ELDERLY: Betty Hummel, Connie Oswalt, Donna Bass, Donna Von Burgsdorff, Elroy Ledet, Frank Alessio, Harla Lemmerman, James Hillman, Jackie Webb, Jim Lemmerman, John Partain, John Wegner, Josephine Hebert, Juanita Blanchard, Kim Cape, Mike Wallace, Richard LaCour, Sofie Arceneaux, and Toni St. Amant.

MOURNING A LOSS: The families of Joy Porche.

NEW & EXPECTING MOTHERS: Nikki and baby Boudreaux and Sierra and baby Thalheim.

SERVING IN OUR ARMED FORCES & THEIR FAMILY: Haize Shroyer, Jason Reid-O'neill, Jaxx Dardar, Julia Shroyer, Kyle Turcott, Lei'Lyn Hebert and Noah Scheufens.

COLLEGE STUDENTS: Abbie Schmitt, Alyssah Kinsella, Jonathan Dahl, Nicholas Scott, Niyah Shroyer, Victoria (Shroyer) Alcantara and Victoria Thalheim.



BOOK OF PROVERBS BIBLE STUDY... The Word of the Lord Endures Forever is a daily 15-minute verse-by-verse Bible study produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Will Weedon. Pastor Weedon recently started a study on the Book of Proverbs:11-20. You can listen at your convenience at thewordendures.org.

BUILDING SECURITY & STEWARDSHIP

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