

March 5, 2023 – Second Sunday in Lent

During Lent we journey with all those around the world who will be baptized at the Easter Vigil. In today's gospel Jesus tells Nicodemus that he must be born of water and Spirit. At the font we are given a new birth as children of God. As God made a covenant with Abraham, in baptism God promises to raise us up with Christ to new life. From worship we are sent forth to proclaim God's love for all the world.

Liturgy and hymns are in the red hymnal unless otherwise noted.

Gathering

**Indicates to stand if you are able*

Prelude and Bell

Welcome and Announcements

- * Confession & Forgiveness *(on screen)*
- * “Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters” #445
- * Greeting
- * Prayer of the Day

Word

Genesis 12:1-4a *(page 9 OT in pew Bible)*

Psalms 121 *(on screen)*

Romans 4:105, 13-17 *(page 135 NT in pew Bible)*

Special Music:

- * Gospel Acclamation **pg. 142** *(Lent version)*
- * Gospel: John 3:1-17 *(page 81 NT in pew Bible)*
(after announcement of Gospel: Glory to you, O Lord)
(response after reading of Gospel: Praise to you, O Christ)

Message

“Waterlife” #457

- * Statement of Faith: Apostles Creed **pg. 105**
- * Prayers of the Church
- * Sharing the Peace

Meal

* Offering/Offertory “Create in Me a Clean Heart” #188

* The Great Thanksgiving **pg. 144**

* Proper Preface

* “Holy, Holy, Holy” #525

* Words of Institution

* The Lord's Prayer

Communion Distribution *You are welcome to come to the altar to receive Holy Communion. If you prefer, gluten-free wafers and grape juice are available. Just ask the server.*

* Post Communion Prayer

Sending

Blessing

“Lift High the Cross” #660

Dismissal and Bell

Remember in your prayers

Braxton Beyer, Carol Voorhees, Steve Van Kempen, Carol Day, Anita Stoker, Marla Miller, Mick Rose, those affected by COVID-19, those who serve in the military, families of victims of war, natural disasters, violence, those in our nursing homes and those who are homebound. Continue to pray for the overseas missionary we support, Reverend Dr. Philip J. Knutson and Lou Knutson serving in South Africa.

upcoming events and announcements

Midweek Lenten Worship each Wednesday evening at 7:00pm. We will be having a “Round Robin” with area pastors. The theme for these services is “Children of the Crucified Christ.”

Book Discussion Group on “Liturgy of the Ordinary; Sacred Practices in Everyday Life” will meet Sundays morning at 10:45am. This book will brush the dust from your dingy days and reveal the extraordinary that is to be found in the ordinary. No mundane daily task will be the same once these pages open your eye to how the work of your hands reflect the ways of the Creator and the rhythms of eternity. Sign up in the Narthex!

Are you a people person? Do you enjoy visiting with others? Please join us for coffee at 11:00am on Monday, March 20th at Common Cup to learn more about supporting the aging population. Diane Kittleson will be there to meet you.

Snacks Needed! Once again, we will be collecting snacks for the elementary students at MAES. 100-120 boxes will be needed by March 31. If you can help out, please place your donation in the tote located in the Narthex. A list of suggested items is on the tote and will be in our March newsletter.

Visits at Common Cup! Pastor Dan will be at Common Cup on Friday, March 10th from 10:00am to Noon for anyone that wants to stop by for coffee and conversation!

Reminder! If you or someone you know is hospitalized, in a nursing home, or home-bound and would like a pastoral visit or Holy Communion, please contact Pastor Dan at 320.894.3577 or the church office at 320.589.3242. Hospital and nursing home staff can not contact the Pastor or church office without permission.

In Today's Service: March 5

Ushers: Steve Just, Matt & Cowan Mortenson

Lector: Shana Ulrich **Nursery:** Vicki Dalager

Acolytes: Grant & Owen Anderson

Communion: Linda Holland (bread)

Communion Servers: Emilie Brustuen, Bob Dalager, Liz Harris

Video: Steve Wagner **TV slides:** Jennie Odello

Next Week's Service: March 12

Ushers: Dick Smith, Dennis Feuchtenberger, Michael Bjorklund

Lector: Ward Voorhees **Nursery:** Amy Dougherty

Acolytes: Taylor Anderson & Sarah Dougherty

Communion: Laurie Feuchtenberger (bread)

Communion Servers: Cheryl Higgins, Jim & Jackie Krosch

Video: Kyle Dougherty **TV slides:** Chance Buro

welcome

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| Sun., Mar 5 | 8:30am | Choir Rehearsal |
| | 8:30am | Sunday school |
| | 9:30am | Worship with Holy Communion |
| | 10:30am | Coffee/Fellowship |
| | 3:00-4:00pm | Cub Scouts |
| | 6:30-8:00pm | Sr. Fusion at First |
| Mon., Mar 6 | — | No events scheduled |
| Tues., Mar 7 | 11:00am | Pastor's Text Study |
| | 6:00pm | Property Committee Meeting |
| Wed., Mar 8 | 7:00pm | Midweek Lenten Worship (no Element classes during Lent) |
| Thurs., Mar 9 | 8:30am | Share & Care (quilting group) |
| | 10:00am | Pastor at Skyview Plaza (worship) |
| | 6:30pm | Worship & Music Committee Meeting |
| Fri., Mar 10 | 10am-Noon | Pastor at Common Cup |
| Sat., Mar 11 | 8:00am | Men's Bible Study at Faith Lutheran |
| Sun., Mar 12 | 8:30am | Choir Rehearsal |
| | 9:30am | Worship with Holy Communion |
| | 10:30am | Coffee/Fellowship |
| | 3:00pm | Glacial Ridge Conference in Ortonville |
| | 6:30-8:00pm | Sr. Fusion at First |