

**Parish Hall Worship Service**  
**Second Sunday in Lent – Sunday March 1, 2026, 10:30 AM**

**GATHERING SONG**

**There Is Power In The Blood**

There is power power  
Wonder working power  
In the blood of the Lamb  
There is power power  
Wonder working power  
In the precious blood of the Lamb

Would you be free  
From your passion and pride  
There's power in the blood  
Power in the blood  
Come for a cleansing  
To Calvary's tide  
There's wonderful power in the blood

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**WELCOME**

**PASTOR**

**TEMPLE TALK**

**SHARION TANNER  
WELCA**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

**PASTOR**

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

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin before God, who removes our guilt and blots out all offenses.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Gracious God,

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

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

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

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

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

For failing to recognize your coming reign, and for hindering the work of the Spirit:

Gracious God,

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

For drawing from the well of self-serving ambition, and for disdaining the living water

Christ offers: Gracious God,

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

For disregarding voices from the margin, and for distrusting signs of your healing and hope in the world: Gracious God,

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

For dwelling in tombs of self-pity and discontent, and for disregarding Christ's call to come forth to life: Gracious God,

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

God's steadfast love, grace, and forgiveness abound. Through faith, the free gift of God, you have been clothed in the righteousness of Christ. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. The Spirit of the One who raised Christ from the dead dwells in you, pours God's love into your hearts, and gives you life and peace.

**Amen.**

## OPENING SONG

### Confidence

I'm not a warrior

I'm too afraid to lose

I feel unqualified for what You're calling me to do

But Lord with Your strength

I've got no excuse

'Cause broken people are

Exactly who You use

So, give me faith like Daniel in the lion's den

Give me hope like Moses in the wilderness

Give me a heart like David Lord be my defense

So I can face my giants with confidence

You took a shepherd boy

And made him a King

So I'm gonna trust You and give You everything

I'll be a conqueror  
'Cause You fight for me  
I'll be a champion claiming Your victory

So, give me faith like Daniel in the lion's den  
Give me hope like Moses in the wilderness  
Give me a heart like David Lord be my defense  
So I can face my giants with confidence

I'm gonna sing and shout and shake the walls  
I won't stop until I see 'em fall  
Gonna stand up step out when You call  
Jesus, Jesus

I'm gonna sing and shout and shake the walls  
I won't stop until I see 'em fall  
Gonna stand up step out when You call  
Jesus

Give me faith like Daniel in the lion's den  
Give me hope like Moses in the wilderness  
Give me a heart like David Lord be my defense  
So I can face my giants with confidence

Give me faith like Daniel in the lion's den  
Give me hope like Moses in the wilderness  
Give me a heart like David Lord be my defense  
So I can face my giants with confidence

I'll face my giants with confidence

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## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**PASTOR**

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**

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<sup>1</sup> 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. <sup>2</sup> 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. <sup>3</sup> I 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.” <sup>4a</sup> So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSIVE READING

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### Psalm 121

<sup>1</sup> I lift up my eyes to the hills; from where is my <sup>1</sup> 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

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### Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

<sup>1</sup> What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? <sup>2</sup> For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. <sup>3</sup> For what does the scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.” <sup>4</sup> Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. <sup>5</sup> But to one who does not work but trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness. <sup>13</sup> For 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. <sup>14</sup> For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. <sup>15</sup> For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law, neither is there transgression. <sup>16</sup> For 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, <sup>17</sup> as 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.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

## GOSPEL

PASTOR

### John 3:1-17

<sup>1</sup> Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. <sup>2</sup> He 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.” <sup>3</sup> Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” <sup>4</sup> Nicodemus 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?” <sup>5</sup> Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. <sup>6</sup> What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup> Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ <sup>8</sup> The 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.” <sup>9</sup> Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” <sup>10</sup> Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? <sup>11</sup> “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. <sup>12</sup> If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? <sup>13</sup> No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup> And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup> that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. <sup>16</sup> “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. <sup>17</sup> “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.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON

### SONG OF THE DAY

#### **Born Again**

Jesus went down to the Jordan, out from Galilee  
He asked John to baptize Him, John said I’m not worthy  
John consented and heaven opened up for all to see  
Then God said this is my Son with whom I’m very pleased

We are saved but not for any righteous deeds we do  
Our Lord sent His only Son to share His mercy through  
For eternity there is a place for me and you  
In God’s kingdom we will live for we’ve been born anew

Born again, yes we were born again

The water and word opened up our souls and then the Spirit entered in  
Born again, yes we were born again  
The water and word opened up our souls  
and then the Spirit entered in

Jesus said no one can enter the kingdom of the Lord  
If they have not been reborn with water and the word  
Our baptism and repentance open heaven's door  
Now God's gift is life eternal in Jesus Christ our Lord

Born again, yes we were born again  
The water and word opened up our souls  
and then the Spirit entered in  
Born again, yes we were born again  
The water and word opened up our souls  
and then the Spirit entered in

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and then the Spirit entered in.

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## **APOSTLES' CREED**

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**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.\* On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

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Hear us, O God.  
**Your mercy is great.**

## **OFFERING**

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## **SHARING OF THE PEACE OF THE LORD**

## PASSING THE OFFERING PLATE

### OFFERTORY SONG

#### **By the Grace of God**

God gives us all that we need, to prosper on the earth  
Water, bread, and shelter all abound from our work  
What did we do to earn this gift, the gift of our birth

It's not from good deeds that we've done, it was given by the grace of God,  
by the Grace of God, the grace of God

God's Son was sent to die for us, on that lonely cross  
To give us life eternal so that our souls won't be lost  
What did we do to earn this gift, the gift of eternal life

It's not from good deeds that we've done, it was given by the grace of God,  
by the Grace of God, the grace of God

The grace of God is endless, forever on it goes  
Though we may fear that it will end, the more and more it grows

Now's the time to give to God what he has asked us for  
To love our friends and enemies and above all love the Lord  
When asked from where does our love come, the love that's in our hearts

We say our love, it is a gift, given by the grace of God,  
by the grace of God, the grace of God, the grace of God

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### OFFERING PRAYER

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O God, maker of heaven and earth, 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.**

### GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you

**And also with you**

Lift up your hearts

**We lift them to the Lord**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

**It is right to give our thanks and praise**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

## COMMUNION

PASTOR

### COMMUNION SONGS      **The Power of Prayer**

You prayed for me, in my time of need  
That God lay his hand, on me

I prayed for you, for all you've been through  
That God lay his hand, on you

Through prayer there is peace, for all worries cease  
What we ask we'll receive, we will find what we seek  
Opened wide doors will be, all through prayer

The power of prayer, when all those who care  
Relentlessly plead, for God's help and mercy  
When He answers we'll see, the power of prayer  
When I pray for you, and you pray for me  
And we pray for those, who are in need  
Then we live our faith, we trust in the Lord  
We truly believe, in the power of prayer

Then we live our faith, we trust in the Lord  
We truly believe, in the power of prayer

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### **Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross**

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

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.

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

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.

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

Near the cross I'll watch and wait,  
hoping, trusting ever,  
till I reach the golden strand  
just beyond the river.  
In the cross, in the cross  
be my glory ever;  
till my ransomed soul shall find  
rest beyond the river.

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## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**PASTOR**

God of our salvation, 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.**

## **BLESSING**

**PASTOR**

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. **Amen.**

## **CLOSING SONG**

### **Are You Washed In The Blood**

Have you been to Jesus for the cleansing power  
Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb

Are you fully trusting in His grace this hour  
Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb

Are you washed in the blood  
In the soul cleansing blood of the Lamb  
Are your garments spotless are they white as snow  
Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb

Are you walking daily by the Savior's side  
Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb  
Do you rest each moment in the Crucified  
Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb

Are you washed in the blood  
In the soul cleansing blood of the Lamb  
Are your garments spotless are they white as snow  
Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb  
When the Bridegroom cometh will your robes be white  
Pure and white in the blood of the Lamb  
Will your soul be ready for the mansions bright  
And be washed in the blood of the Lamb  
Are you washed in the blood  
In the soul cleansing blood of the Lamb  
Are your garments spotless are they white as snow  
Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb

Lay aside the garments that are stained with sin  
And be washed in the blood of the Lamb  
There's a fountain flowing for the soul unclean  
O be washed in the blood of the Lamb

Are you washed in the blood  
In the soul cleansing blood of the Lamb  
Are your garments spotless are they white as snow  
Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb

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**GOOD NEWS**

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**DISMISSAL**

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Go in peace. Believe the good news.  
Thanks be to God.