

First Reading

Genesis 12:1-4a

¹**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 and Sarai went, as the LORD had told them; and Lot went with them.

Second Reading

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

¹**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 without works 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. ¹⁴If 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 violation.

¹⁶For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he 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

¹**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 apart from the presence of God.” 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 a 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.”

We are a Christ-centered, welcoming community. We commit ourselves to modeling Christ’s unconditional love in our worship, learning, fellowship, friendship, and service to others. Just as God welcomes and cares for us, so we welcome everyone to participate in all aspects of our community, without regard to sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, race, culture or ethnic background, physical or mental abilities, family or economic status, gender, or age. We pledge to ourselves and all others that we will strive to live as a reconciling people in our life together and in our outreach to the world.

*Thank you for sharing in worship here today.
May God’s abundant grace be a blessing to you,
a source of strength and hope.*

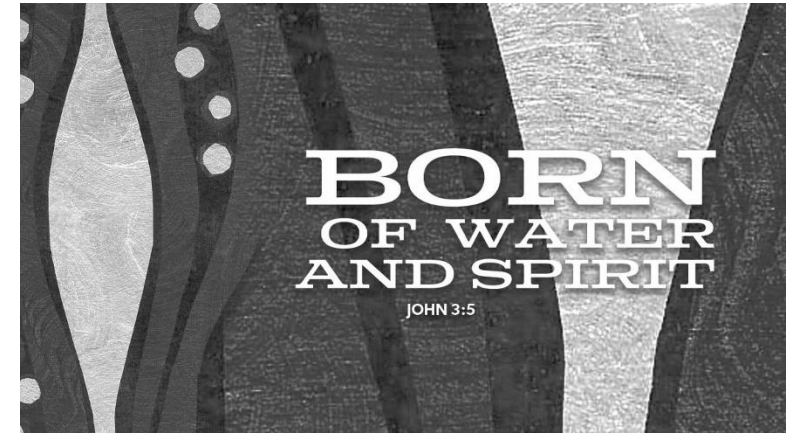
Our Parish Calendar

Tuesday	10:00 am	Forever in Motion
Tuesday	1:30 pm	Bible Study
Tuesday	6:30 pm	Concordia Jr. Alpenrose Dancers
Wednesday	8:00 am	Men’s Book Club (Zoom)
Wednesday	7:00 pm	The Living Room NA Group
Wednesday	7:30 pm	Lenten Service
Thursday	10:00 am	Forever in Motion
Thursday	7:00 pm	Choir
Saturday	3:00 pm	The Tea Room AA Group
Sunday	10:30 am	Evangelical Lutheran Worship

Lenten Schedule (all start times are 7:30 pm)

Week 2 (March 8)	HOST: Augustana	PREACHER: King of Glory
Week 3 (March 15)	HOST: Resurrection	PREACHER: Good Shepherd
Week 4 (March 22)	HOST: Good Shepherd	PREACHER: Zion
Week 5 (March 29)	HOST: Redeemer	PREACHER: Resurrection

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT March 5, 10:30 AM



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AUGUSTANA LUTHERAN CHURCH



SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT
ELW - *Setting 6, Holy Communion*
10:30 AM March 5, 2023

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONG: "O God, We Call"

Holden, p. 30

O God we call, O God we call,
from deep inside we yearn,
from deep inside we yearn,
from deep inside we yearn, for you.

CALL TO WORSHIP

In this season of discipleship,
God calls us to leave our comfortable lives,

**All: to journey, like Abraham and Sarah,
into that unknown, yet strangely certain,
country called faith.**

On sleepless nights, in fear's shadows,
we toss and turn with doubt's questions,

**All: hoping, like Nicodemus, to find Jesus
and to listen willingly to his responses.**

Reluctant to deny ourselves, convinced
that everything, everything, depends on us,

**All: we struggle to affirm, as Paul did,
that everything, everything, is in God's hands,
and we can let go of all to which we cling.**

In this season of discipleship, we long to follow Jesus,
wherever he may go, wherever he may lead,
just like Abraham, Sarah, Nicodemus, Paul,
and so, so many others.

**All: Lord, give us the courage to follow in faith and
by your grace. Amen.**

~ from www.umcdiscipleship.org/worship

GREETING, p. 165

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

KYRIE, p. 165

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, the one who leads us and guides us, in the waters of baptism you bring us to new birth to live as your children. Forgive us, renew us, and 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 Saviour and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

SONG: "Listen"

Holden., p. 25

Listen, listen.

Be open, O my heart.

THE WORD

FIRST READING: Genesis 12:1-4a

SECOND READING: ROMANS 4:1-5, 13-17

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *Let Your Steadfast Love*, p. 171

GOSPEL: John 3:1-17

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: "When It Seems the Day Will End" (ACS 1034)

- 1) When it seems the day will end,
and all light gives way to fear,
we will speak your name again
to remind us you are here.

Refrain:
New life rising,
ashes falling,
joy and weeping,
in your calling.
- 2) When it seems the day will end,
sinking low under our skin,
we are dead and born again,
and with you now enter in. **[Refrain]**
- 3) When it seems the day will end,
and a coldness fills our bones,
we will walk the way you've been,
and our hearts will be your home. **[Refrain]**

APOSTLES' CREED, p. 105

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: "Merciful God – receive our prayer"

SHARING OF THE PEACE, P. 128

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

THE MEAL

GREAT THANKSGIVING, p. 172

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY, p. 173

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

LORD'S PRAYER, p. 173

LAMB OF GOD, p. 174

COMMUNION:

HYMNS DURING COMMUNION: "Come to the Table" #481

"Wash, O God, our kids and children" #445

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

SENDING

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN: "Lift High the Cross" #660

DISMISSAL, p. 174



All are welcome at the table.

If you wish to receive the healing gift of God's grace and believe Christ is present, please feel welcome to participate in the Eucharist. Grape-apple juice and red wine are provided in the glasses. Gluten-free wafers are also available.

Thank you to our lector and communion assistant Pat Blakley, musician Anna-Marie Skogsrud, choir director Deborah Buck and the Augustana – St. Timothy's choir, ushers Angie and Merv Johnson, and technical support Bryan Tastad for assisting in worship today.

Last Sunday's in-person attendance: 35

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**PLEASE PLACE YOUR OFFERINGS IN THE PLATE AT THE
BACK OF THE CHURCH.**

Offering & Income for February: \$13,905

February Expenses (estimated): \$17,498

Proposed monthly budget need: \$21,063

Augustana's Annual Meeting will take place after today's service. There will be a "cold potluck" downstairs in the Fellowship Hall before the AGM. You are welcome to join us for lunch and participate in the meeting. A quorum of at least 35 members is needed. Printed reports available on counter by the photocopier. Thank You.