

Lent 2

March 1, 2026

Second Sunday in Lent

Our God is faithful and his promises are trustworthy and true. In return for his abiding love, He calls us to faithfulness to him. Abram was called away from home to start life anew under the protection of God. His faithful obedience to the Lord is lifted up as an example by St. Paul thousands of years later as the apostle teaches the church in Rome to rely on God, who will lead them in all of his ways.



THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE TEXTS

First Reading: Genesis 12:1-9**God's Covenant with Abram**

The one who would become the patriarch of Israel was called to leave home and land and journey far away to become a great nation. Abram would be blessed by God to be a blessing to others. In his old age, he left all he knew and ventured to a foreign land to make his way to Canaan, as God instructed.

Psalm 121**God is our Help**

The psalmist sang of the source of help, which is God's abiding presence in all circumstances. God's presence can be counted on day, night, and in the midst of all evil. He has vowed to remain with us now and forevermore.

Second Reading: Romans 4:1-8, 13-17**Faith as Righteousness**

Paul drew on the example of Abraham's faith in God's covenant promise and that faith as the source of Abraham's righteousness as he exhorted the church in Rome (and us) to realize that the promise of God's righteousness is for all who share the faith of Abraham, trusting in God's promises alone.

Gospel Reading: John 3:1-17**A Secret Meeting with Jesus**

In an exchange with Nicodemus, who was a Pharisee and ruler of the Jews, Jesus explained that one must be born of water and the Spirit in order to see the kingdom of God. Jesus declared that his God-given mission of being sent into the world was not to condemn the world, but rather that all might be saved.

Suggestions for the Sunday:

Liturgical Color: Purple

During the Season of Lent:

- Use the Kyrie.
- Omit the Hymn of Praise
- Use the Apostles' Creed.

Consider focusing on the Third Article of the Creed today — how we come to faith in Christ. Encourage families to spend some time this week discussing how the Holy Spirit "calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church." This is not something we do for ourselves, and faith is not a "good work." Discuss how this idea applies to Nicodemus as he comes to Jesus at night and in secret.

SUGGESTED HYMNS FOR WORSHIP

Hymn Titles:	LBW	WOV	LSB	ELW	REC	Sola
Beneath the Cross of Jesus	107	---	---	338	142	142
God Loved the World	292	---	571	323	---	---
Lift High the Cross	377	---	837	660	269	269
All Who Believe and Are Baptized	194	---	601	442	75	75
If You Will (But) Trust in God to Guide You	453	---	750	769	222	222
Baptized in Water	---	693	---	456	---	---
My Faith Looks Up to Thee	479	---	702	759	243	243
Blessed Assurance	---	699	---	638	190	190
It is Well with My Soul	346	---	763	785	224	224
Great is Thy Faithfulness	---	771	809	733	211	211

The hymn suggestions above can be found in: LBW=Lutheran Book of Worship, WOV=With One Voice, ELW=Evangelical Lutheran Worship (Augsburg Fortress); LSB=The Lutheran Service Book (Concordia Publishing), REC=The ReClaim Hymnal for Church and Home (ReClaim Resources), and *** means you can find it on SOWeR at "Hymns and Music."

CONTEMPORARY SONGS

Praise Song Titles:

By Faith
(CCLI# 5469291)
It is Well
(CCLI# 7021972)
God of Wonders
(CCLI# 3118757)
Here's My Heart
(CCLI# 517898)
Faith
(CCLI# 3001613)

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