



WORSHIP FOLDER

Welcome Home

February 28th, 2026 - 5:00 pm

Welcome / Opening Hymn

"The God of Abraham Praise"

[LSB #798...vs. 1-3, 8 and 9]

1. The God of Abr'am praise, Who reigns enthroned above;
Ancient of everlasting days And God of love.
Jehovah, great I AM! By earth and heav'n confessed;
I bow and bless the sacred name Forever blest.
2. The God of Abr'am praise, At whose supreme command
From earth I rise and seek the joys At His right hand.
I all on earth forsake, Its wisdom, fame and pow'r,
And Him my only portion make, My shield and tow'r.
3. The God of Abr'am praise, Whose all sufficient grace
Shall guide me all my pilgrim days In all my ways.
He deigns to call me friend; He calls Himself my God.
And He shall save me to the end Through Jesus' blood.
8. The God who reigns on high The great archangels sing,
And 'Holy, Holy, Holy,' cry, "Almighty King...
Who was, and is the same, And evermore shall be.
Jehovah, Father, great I AM, We worship Thee."
- ~ please rise ~*
9. The whole triumphant host Give thanks to God on high.
"Hail, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!" They ever cry.
Hail, Abr'am's God and mine! I join the heav'nly lays:
All might and majesty are Thine And endless praise!

Invocation

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son ☩ and of the Holy Spirit.
C: Amen

Responsive Reading for the Day - Genesis 12:1-9 [Cong. will join on selected verses]

- P: Now 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. And 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. I 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."
- C: **So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. And Abram took Sarah 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.**
- P: When they came to the land of Canaan, Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. Then 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. From 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.
- C: **And there he built an altar to the LORD and called upon the name of the LORD. And Abram journeyed on, still going toward the Negeb.**

Epistle - Romans 4:1-8, 13-17

...What then shall we say was gained by Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the Scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness."

Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due. And to the one who does not work but believes in Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness, just as David also speaks of the blessing of the one to whom God counts righteousness apart from works:

*"Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven,
and whose sins are covered; blessed is the man against whom
the Lord will not count his sin."*

(continues)

For 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. For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression.

That 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, 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.

Hymn Response "Christ Sits at God's Right Hand" [LSB #564...vs. 1, 4 and 6]

- ♪ 1. Christ sits at God's right hand, His saving work complete.
To reign till ev'ry foe will lie Beneath His feet
All that the Father planned, The Son sought to fulfill,
When first He said, "Lord, here am I... to do Your will."
4. What costly sacrifice To cover human sin!
Who but Christ Jesus had the right to enter in?
His blood, that sprinkled price, So we might be assured
That our inheritance in light Has been secured.
- please rise -
6. All praise to Christ we bring, Our Lord who intercedes,
Our great High Priest enthroned above... Who knows our needs;
And to the Father sing... Our songs of thankful praise,
Who with the Spirit reigns in love For endless days.

Gospel - John 3:1-17

... Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. This 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." Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." Nicodemus 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?" Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit,

he cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' The 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."

Nicodemus said to Jesus, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? Truly, 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. If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in Him may have eternal life.

"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through Him.

Hymn for the Day

"Lord, 'Tis Not That I Did Choose Thee" [LSB #573]

1. Lord, 'tis not that I did choose Thee; That, I know, could never be;
For this heart would still refuse Thee Had Thy grace not chosen me.
Thou hast from the sin that stained me Washed and cleansed and set me free
And unto this end ordained me, That I ever live to Thee.
2. It was grace in Christ that called me, Taught my darkened heart and mind;
Else the world had yet enthralled me, To Thy heav'nly glories blind.
Now I worship none above Thee; For Thy grace alone I thirst,
Knowing well that, if I love Thee, Thou, O Lord, didst love me first.

- please rise -
3. Praise the God of all creation; Praise the Father's boundless love.
Praise the Lamb, our expiation, Priest and King enthroned above.
Praise the Spirit of salvation, Him by whom our spirits live.
Undivided adoration To the great Jehovah give.

The Message

“UPROOTED BY GRACE ... ”

Receiving the Offering / Meditative Response - [SHELLY PIEPER]

Prayers of the Church

Nicene Creed

**C: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth
And of all things visible and invisible.**

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day, He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end...

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Confession & Absolution

- *pastor leads us in confession*

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..

Words of Institution / Distribution Hymns (please be seated)

“Baptismal Waters Cover Me” [LSB #616...vs. 1-3, and 5]

1. Baptismal waters cover me As I approach on bended knee;
My Father's mercy here I plead,
For grievous sins of thought and deed.
2. I look to Christ upon the tree, His body broken there for me;
I lay before Him all my sin, My darkest secrets from within.
3. Lord, may Your wounded hand impart
Your healing to my broken heart;
Your love alone can form in me A heart that serves You joyfully.
5. Baptismal waters cover me; Christ's wounded hand has set me free.
Held in my Father's strong embrace,
With joy I praise Him for His grace.

“Let Me Be Thine Forever” [LSB #689]

1. Let me be Thine forever, My faithful God and Lord;
Let me forsake Thee never Nor wander from Thy Word.
Lord, do not let me waver
But give me steadfastness
And for such grace forever Thy holy name I'll bless.
2. Lord Jesus, my salvation, My light, my life divine,
My only consolation, O make me wholly Thine!
For Thou hast dearly bought me
With blood and bitter pain.
Let me, since Thou hast sought me, Eternal life obtain.
3. And Thou, O Holy Spirit, My comforter and guide,
Grant that in Jesus' merit I always may confide,
Him to the end confessing
Whom I have known by faith
Give me Thy constant blessing And grant a Christian death.

“O Christ, You Walked the Road”

[LSB 424]

1. O Christ, You walked the road Our wand'ring feet must go.
You faced with us temptation's power And fought our ancient foe.
2. No bread of earth alone Can fill our hung'ring hearts.
Lord, help us seek Your living Word, The food Your grace imparts.
3. No binding sign we ask, No wonder from above.
Lord, help us place our trust alone In Your unswerving love.
4. When lures of easy gain With promise brightly shine,
Lord, help us seek Your kingdom first; Our wills with Yours align.
5. O Christ, You walked the road Our wand'ring feet must go.
Stay with us through temptation's hour To fight our ancient foe.

Closing Prayer / Benediction / Closing Hymn

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer”

[LSB #918]

1. Guide me, O Thou great – Re--deemer,
Pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but Thou -- art -- mighty;
Hold me with Thy pow'rful hand:
Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven,
Feed me till I want no more;
Feed me till -- I -- want no more.
2. Open now the cry--stal -- fountain,
Whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fiery, cloud--y -- pillar
Lead me all my journey through:
Strong Deliv'rer, Strong Deliv'rer,
Be Thou still my strength and shield;
Be Thou still -- my -- strength and shield.
3. When I tread the verge -- of -- Jordan,
Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death and hell's – de--struction,
Land me safe on Canaan's side:
Songs of praises Songs of praises
I will ever give to Thee;
I will ev--er -- give to Thee.