

Prelude—Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling	W. THOMPSON
Anthem	
Postlude	
Hymns:	
Gathering— <i>What Wonderful Love Is This</i>	ELW 666
Hymn of the Day— <i>God Loved the World</i>	ELW 323
Sending— <i>Blessed Assurance</i>	ELW 638

First Reading: Genesis 12:1-4a

¹The 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 went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him.

Psalm: Psalm 121

¹ I lift up my eyes to the hills;
 from where is my help to come?
² **My help comes from the LORD,
 the maker of heaven and earth.**
³ The LORD will not let your foot be moved
 nor will the one who watches over you fall asleep.
⁴ **Behold, the keeper of Israel
 will neither slumber nor sleep;**
⁵ the LORD watches over you;
 the LORD is your shade at your right hand;
⁶ **the sun will not strike you by day,
 nor the moon by night.**
⁷ The LORD will preserve you from all evil
 and will keep your life.
⁸ **The LORD will watch over your going out and your coming in,
 from this time forth forevermore.**

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? ² For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. ³ For what does the scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.” ⁴ Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. ⁵ But to one who does not work but trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness. *(continued next page)*

¹³ 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. ¹⁴ For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵ For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law, neither is there transgression. ¹⁶ 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, ¹⁷ 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.

Gospel: John 3:1-17

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

LENT & HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

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| + March 4 , noon: Weekday Lenten service in Chapel. | + March 29 , Palm Sunday. Procession with palms prior to service. |
| + March 11 , noon: Weekday Lenten service in Chapel. | + April 2 , 5pm: Maundy Thursday |
| + March 18 , noon: Weekday Lenten service in Chapel. | + April 3 , 5pm: Good Friday service. |
| + March 25 , following community lunch: Weekday Lenten service in Chapel. | + April 5 , Easter Day:
Flowering of the Cross at 10am
Communion service at 10:30am.
There will be no Sunday School. |

SERVERS		<u>Today</u>	<u>Next Week</u>
<i>Greeters</i>	....	<i>Gail Marcum</i>	<i>Gail Marcum</i>
<i>Leader</i>		<i>Tyler Cox</i>	xxxxx
<i>Lector</i>	....	<i>Melanie Tieman</i>	<i>Pam Hanfland</i>
<i>Worship</i>	....	<i>Emilia Havens</i>	<i>*Need Volunteer</i>
<i>Acolyte</i>		<i>Alivia Havens</i>	xxxxx

		<u>MARCH</u>	<u>APRIL</u>
<i>Ushers</i>	....	<i>Wayne Lybrand</i> <i>Mark Satterwhite</i>	<i>Jim Garner</i> <i>*Need Volunteer</i>
<i>Tellers</i>	....	<i>Beth Cleland &</i> <i>Sandra Hughes</i>	<i>Linda Griffith &</i> <i>Sylvia Ford</i>
<i>Offering Pickup</i>	....	<i>Wayne Lybrand</i>	<i>Gail Marcum</i>
<i>Property</i>	....	<i>Bill Aull</i>	<i>Jim Garner</i>
<i>Altar Guild</i>	....	<i>David & Linda Griffith</i>	<i>*Need Volunteers</i>

OFFERING	Last Sunday	Total for February
General	\$ 350.00	\$20,915.00
Online General	\$6,508.76	\$ 8,705.02
Total	\$6,858.76	\$29,620.02
Building Maint. & Prop. Imp.	\$ 130.00	\$ 1,150.00
Online BMPI	\$ 92.26	\$ 394.65
Total	\$ 222.26	\$ 1,344.65

Young Adults Service Today. Today's prelude will be performed by our violinist, Rebecca Rambharose, accompanied by Michail on the piano. The following young adults are assisting with our worship today:

Leader: Tyler Cox
Reader: Melanie Tieman
Worship Assistant: Emilia Havens
Acolyte: Alivia Havens

Cameron/Rebekah Circle will meet tomorrow, Monday March 2, at 10:30 am in the Fellowship Hall.

Easter Egg Hunt for children, ages 2-10 will be on Sunday, March 29, 2026, 2:00-3:30 pm at OSLC. Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex or let the church office know before March 25th the number and ages of children who will be attending. Please donate prepacked candy for this event. There is a basket in the narthex for your donation.

Available for Pick-up in the Narthex: Easter Lily Order Forms
Easter Egg Hunt Flyer

<i>Sunday</i>	9:15 am	Adult Sunday School
<i>(March 1)</i>	10:00 am	Choir Practice
	10:15 am	Youth Sunday School
	10:30 am	Holy Communion
	11:45 am	Executive Committee Meeting
Monday	10:30 am	Cameron/Rebekah Circle
Wednesday	10:30 am	Bible Study
	12:00 pm	Weekday Lenten Service
Saturday	6:00 pm	Razberries
<i>Sunday</i>	9:15 am	Adult Sunday School
<i>(March 8)</i>	10:00 am	Choir Practice
	10:15 am	Youth Sunday School
	10:30 am	Holy Communion
	11:45 am	Church Council

Those on our **Prayer list** below have special prayer needs at this time. We keep the entire congregation in our prayers at all times, but sometimes special prayers are needed. If your name is on the list or you have added someone's name and they no longer need to be on the list, please contact the church office so the name can be removed. Names on the prayer list are left on for two months, but may be extended upon request.

Melanie Amick
Gary Black
Greg Chapman
Jeannie Chapman
Katie Doble
Dolores Hopkins

Don Horton
Anne Moye
Steve Rucker
Herman & Elizabeth Shealy
Marie Shealy (National Health Care)