

Old Testament

Genesis 12:1–9

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. ²And 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. ³I 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.”

⁴So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. ⁵And Abram took Sarai 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. When they came to the land of Canaan, ⁶Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. ⁷Then 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. ⁸From 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. And there he built an altar to the LORD and called upon the name of the LORD. ⁹And Abram journeyed on, still going toward the Negeb.

Epistle

Romans 4:1–8, 13–17

¹What then shall we say was gained by Abraham, our forefather 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 counted to him as righteousness.” ⁴Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due. ⁵And to the one who does not work but trusts him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness, ⁶just as David also speaks of the blessing of the one to whom God counts righteousness apart from works:

⁷“Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven, and whose sins are covered; ⁸blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin.” . . .

¹³For 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. ¹⁴For if 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 there is no transgression.

¹⁶That 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, 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.

Holy Gospel

John 3:1–17

¹Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. ²This 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.” ³Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.” ⁴Nicodemus 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?” ⁵Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. ⁶That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’ ⁸The 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.”

⁹Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?”

¹⁰Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? ¹¹Truly, 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. ¹²If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And 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, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

HOLY
BIBLE

Whoever
believes in Him



About the Cover: All the Scriptures testify to Christ, and Christ alone, as the Savior of the world. John specifically tells us that his Gospel account was written so that we might believe (John 20:31). In the most well-known verse of the Bible, we have this central message of all the Scriptures put most succinctly: “For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life” (John 3:16).

2nd SUNDAY IN LENT

March 5, 2023

Sharing, Believing, Living, Caring

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***Holy Communion:** Members of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod are invited to receive the Lord's Supper. Non-members are requested to speak with Pastor before worship.*

THE MEASURE OF OUR LOVE

Attendance 2/22 (Wed): 17	Comm.: 15	Offering: \$790.00
Attendance 2/26 (Sun): 77	Comm.: 62	Offering: \$2,489.14
Budget Needs: \$3,098.21		Scrip Profit 2/26: \$15.75
S.S. – 5		Staff – 4

KINGDOM WORK THIS WEEK

WED (3/8) 1:45 p.m. – Confirmation
5:45 p.m. – Lenten Supper
6:00 p.m. – Choir
7:00 p.m. – Lenten Worship

THUR (3/9) 12:30 p.m. – Ladies Aid

SUN (3/12) 8:00 a.m. – S.S./B.C.
9:00 a.m. – Worship w/Comm.
6:00 p.m. – Farm & Home 4H

IN OUR PRAYERS we remember Alvin Bladow (brother of Roger Bladow), Vincent Sucivic (grandson of Duane & Karen Loose), Wilfred Boldt, Julie Boldt, Kay Koffarnus, Jules & Carol Clausung, Sandy Haberland, Joan Zutz, Elaine Zeamer, Lori Krueger, Nancy Davidson, and Terry Brandenburg.

TODAY'S BULLETINS are sponsored by Steve & Sue Juno.

LENTEN DEVOTIONS are available on the table in the narthex.

SPECIAL THANKS to everyone who helped with our Chili Dinner in any way (our dedicated workers, those who donated food items, and all who attended.) We appreciate each and every one of you.
St. Bartholomew Ladies Aid

LENTEN MEALS – Wednesdays, 5:45 – 6:45 p.m. Sign-up on the bulletin board. We are also in need of hosts for some of the meals. If interested, please contact the church office.

MILITARY BIBLE STICKS – Lenten Mission Project – Place your donations in an envelope marked “Military BibleSticks” and put them in the offering plate or drop them off in the church office. Each one costs \$25. Checks should be made payable to church.

2023 CHURCH DIRECTORIES are available in the narthex.

SCRIP ORDER FORMS – There have been a lot of updates. Come and check out the order sheets for all the details.

OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE – Ushers and greeters are needed for this year. Please sign up on the bulletin board.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME – Set your clocks ahead one hour on Saturday night so you won't be late for church.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED – We are in need of Sunday school teachers for this year. If interested, contact Amanda Zoellner.

WANTED: Items to place in a variety of gift baskets for the Silent Auction (sponsored by Stewardship/Evangelism) to be held at our Fish Fry April 7th. Some ideas could be: sports themed basket (tickets to events, sports memorabilia, gift certificates, golf balls, tees, Packer or Brewer items etc.), child's basket (games, toys, books, movies etc.), coffee basket (mug or two, flavored coffee, creamers etc.), gift baskets & homemade items (blankets, wooden toys, outside garden items etc.). If you have any questions or would like to donate any items for the silent auction, please contact Kayla Behnke, Alice Koerth, Amy Krahn or Rhonda Geiger. The money raised will go towards the furnace fund. Thank you for your support.