



# FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

VANCOUVER, BC | EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CANADA

## SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 1, 2026

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**Prelude:** Two chorale preludes on “O Sacred Head, Sore Wounded” -  
Johannes Brahms, J. S. Bach

### **Words of welcome & Announcements**

### **Land Acknowledgement**

### **GATHERING**

#### **Confession and Forgiveness**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God,

Who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin before God, who removes our guilt  
and blots out all offenses. Gracious God,

**have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For seeking worldly delights that deceive us and dishonor you: Gracious God,

**have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For desiring self-reliance instead of hungering for your word: Gracious God,

**have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For failing to recognize your coming reign,

and for hindering the work of the Spirit: Gracious God,

**have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For drawing from the well of self-serving ambition,

and for disdaining the living water Christ offers: Gracious God,

**have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For disregarding voices from the margin,

and for distrusting signs of your healing and hope in the world: Gracious God,

**have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For dwelling in tombs of self-pity and discontent,

and for disregarding Christ’s call to come forth to life: Gracious God,

**have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

God’s steadfast love, grace, and forgiveness abound.





Through faith, the free gift of God, you have been clothed in the righteousness of Christ. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. The Spirit of the One who raised Christ from the dead dwells in you, pours God's love into your hearts, and gives you life and peace. **Amen.**

**Gathering Hymn- My Lord of Light (ELW 832)**

**Greeting (ELW page 98)**

**Kyrie (ELW page 98)**

**Prayer of the Day**

O God, our leader and guide, in the waters of baptism you bring us to new birth to live as your children. 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 Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## WORD

**First Reading: Genesis 12:1-4a**

**Psalm: Psalm 121**

**Second Reading: Romans 4:1-5, 13-17**

**Lenten Acclamation (ELW page 103)**

**Gospel: John 3:1-17**

The Holy Gospel according to John. **Glory to you O Lord**

<sup>1</sup> Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. <sup>2</sup> 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." <sup>3</sup> Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from

above.”<sup>4</sup> 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?”<sup>5</sup> Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit.<sup>6</sup> What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit.<sup>7</sup> Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’<sup>8</sup> 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.”<sup>9</sup> Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?”<sup>10</sup> Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

<sup>11</sup> “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.<sup>12</sup> If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things?<sup>13</sup> No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man.<sup>14</sup> And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up,<sup>15</sup> that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

<sup>16</sup> “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.

<sup>17</sup> “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.”

The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ**

**Homily- Rev. Mei Sum Lai**

**Hymn of the Day- When I Survey the Wondrous Cross (ELW 803)**

**Apostles Creed (ELW page 105)**

**Prayers of Intercession**

**Peace**





**Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful (ELW 181)**

**Offering Prayer**

**MEAL**

**Dialog & Preface (ELW page 107)**

**Holy, Holy, Holy (ELW page 108)**

**Great Thanksgiving (ELW page 108)**

**Lord's Prayer (ELW page 112)**

**Lamb of God (ELW page 112)**

**Invitation to Communion**

**Communion Hymn- Let Us Break Bread Together (ELW 471)**

**Prayer after Communion**

**SENDING**

**Blessing**

**Sending Hymn- Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross (ELW 335)**

**Dismissal**

**Postlude: Christ Lay in the Bonds of Death - J. S. Bach**

***Those Serving the Servants Today***

<b>Presiding Minister</b>	Rev. Mei Sum Lai	<b>Livestream Tech</b>	Emmanuel Manu
<b>Minister of Music</b>	Rachel Alflatt	<b>Communion Set-Up</b>	Heidi Ackermann
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Russell Collins	<b>Communion Assist</b>	Aria
<b>Cantor</b>	Lorna Hau	<b>Coffee Hour Hosts</b>	Carol Vinge O'Byrne
<b>Lector</b>	Heather Robbie		Donna Dufresne

