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THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 1, 2026, 9:30 AM

As a courtesy to others, please silence your cell phone.

We ask your prayers for: Connie, Jamie, Otto, The family of Pamela Snyder, Jim, Beth, Joern, Valerie, Linda, Mark, Helen, David, Sherrie, Candace, Kim, and Ella.

And for those serving in the Armed Forces and Diplomatic Corps of our Country: David Craddock, John Sampson, Brett Griffin, Zachary Falter, and Isabel Steen Falter.

See list of Birthdays in the weekly email.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer—The Nippon Sei Ko Kai.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer—St. Mark's, Dayton; and Chaplains to Retired Clergy and Spouses.

The Altar Arrangements are given to the Glory of God.

SERVING TODAY - 3/1/26 - 9:30AM

Altar Guild	Paul T. Diane Labrie
Reader	Paul T. Dana Cunningham
Ushers	Charlie Campbell Micky Neben
Crucifer/ Chalice	Shea Sampson
Book	Bob Neben

SERVING NEXT SUN. - 3/8/26 - 9:30AM

Altar Guild	Cheryl Strine Mary Anna Conley
Reader	Mary Beth Coker Laura Walters
Ushers	Margaret Sampson Diane Labrie
Crucifer/ Chalice	
Book	

All Hymns are in the Blue, 1982 Hymnal or Lift Every Voice & Sing (referred to as LEVAS).

PRELUDE: Adagio from Voluntary VI

John Stanley

PRAYER REQUESTS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCESSIONAL: HYMN #401 The God of Abraham Praise

Leoni

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;
People **His mercy endures for ever.**

Celebrant Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Please stand or kneel if able.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Leader and People

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

KYRIE: HYMNAL #S95 (*LED BY CANTOR*)

Lord have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace

and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

FIRST READING: GENESIS 12:1-4A

A Reading from Genesis

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. 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 the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE RESPONSE: PSALM 121 (*SUNG BY CHOIR*)

- 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 He will not let your foot be moved *
 and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.
- 4 Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel *
 shall neither slumber nor sleep;
- 5 The LORD himself watches over you; *
 the LORD is your shade at your right hand,
- 6 So that the sun shall not strike you by day, *
 nor the moon by night.
- 7 The LORD shall preserve you from all evil; *
 it is he who shall keep you safe.
- 8 The LORD shall watch over your going out and your coming in, *
 from this time forth for evermore.

SECOND READING: ROMANS 4:1-5, 13-17

A Reading from Romans.

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor 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 reckoned to him as righteousness.” Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

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. 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, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, 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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

All rise as they are able.

GOSPEL PROCESSION: Hymn #691 My Faith Looks Up to Thee

Olivet

THE GOSPEL: John 3:1-17

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. 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 apart from the presence of God.” Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” 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?” Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ 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.” Nicodemus said to him,

“How can these things be?” Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?”

“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. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just 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, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

“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.”

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

HOMILY

THE REV. JEAN VARGO

All stand as they are able.

THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is,
seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the
dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE - From the book "*Hear Our Prayer*"

After each petition the people respond with "***Hear Our Prayer***".

THE PEACE

Leader The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

OFFERTORY MUSIC: Lift Thine Eyes to the Mountains (from "Elijah") *F. Mendelssohn*

Lift thine eyes, O lift thine eyes to the mountains,
Whence cometh help.
Thy help cometh from the Lord,
The Maker of heaven and earth.
He hath said, thy foot shall not be moved.
Thy Keeper will never slumber.
Lift thine eyes, O lift thine eyes to the mountains,
Whence cometh help.

HYMN #149 from Enriching our Music 2: Ubi Caritas (Live in Charity)

Sung twice

U - bi ca - ri - tas et a - mor,
Live in char - i - ty and stead - fast love,

u - bi ca - ri - tas De - us i ³ bi est.
live in char - i - ty; God will dwell with you.

The musical score is written for piano accompaniment in 2/4 time, featuring a treble and bass clef. The melody is in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first system covers the first two lines of lyrics, and the second system covers the next two lines. There are some decorative markings like dashed circles and arrows in the original image, but they are not included in this transcription.

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THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer A, Book of Common Prayer, p. 361

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died and rose again.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People

SANCTUS, Hymnal #S130

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

All kneel as they are able.

The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread: and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

THE LORD'S PRAYER, BCP p. 364

**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,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD, BCP pg. 364

LAMB OF GOD, Hymnal #S164

Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world:

Give us your peace, give us your peace.

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

COMMUNION HYMN: #142 Lord, Who Throughout these Forty Days

St. Flavian

Please stand or kneel

POST COMMUNION PRAYER, BCP, pg. 366

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

**Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you**

**as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
to him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

LENTEN BLESSING

Celebrant Keep this your family, Lord, with your never-failing mercy, that relying solely on the help of your heavenly grace, they may be upheld by your divine protection; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

RECESSIONAL: Hymn #473 Lift High the Cross

Crucifer

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE: Warum sollt' ich mich den grämen (Why Should I Then Grieve?)

Waltzer

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NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES

Stations of the Cross - Every Saturday in Lent through March 28 at 9:30am

Drive through Prayer - Every Wednesday in Lent from 4-6pm

The Chapel is open for daily prayer from 10am-12pm during Lent

Wednesday Mornings in Lent - Morning Prayer: Offered through Facebook at 9am.

Devotional Book for the congregation - *Rediscover Jesus* by Matthew Kelly. We will have a Lenten Book Study beginning Tuesday, February 24 through March 24. Join Rev. Jean at 10:30am at Epic Coffee Shop, (22 W. Stroop Rd. in Kettering) or via zoom at 6pm on Tuesdays.

Maundy Thursday - April 3, 7pm at St. Paul's

Good Friday - 12 noon, service at St. Paul's. Bishop Kristin Uffelman While will preside at this service. A Good Friday service will be held at St. Mark's at 7pm.

Each day set your clocks to 6:00pm and pray for 1 minute.

EASTER SERVICES

Sunday, April 5 - 9:30am at St. Paul's / 11:30am at St. Mark's

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WELCOME!

We're glad you're here today! Your presence with us is a blessing. We invite you to participate in worship, say the prayers, sing the songs, and introduce yourself. You'll find a visitor card in the pew back in front of you. We're so excited to meet you.

WORSHIP TIMES

9:30 am - Worship Service with Hymns

Office hours: 9:00 am - 4:00 pm Monday – Thursday

9:00 am - 12:00 pm on Friday

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Class of 2029 - Cathy Fain, Diane Labrie, Steve Ireland

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Junior Warden (*term expires 2027*)- Joe Cairo

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