



The promise
guaranteed to
the one who shares
the faith of Abraham

Romans 4:16

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

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March 1, 2026

Second Sunday in Lent

Worship Service at 10:30 am

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Prelude
Announcements

Opening Hymn: O Jesus, King Most Wonderful #554

Sermon Hymn: Special Wonderful, Merciful Savior Handout

Theme Where Are We Going

1. Three promises for Abraham
2. Three promises for us

Closing Hymn: My Hope is Built on Nothing Less #575

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Our Lord shares with us His Precious Body & Blood in the Sacrament of Holy Communion. We invite those who are baptized Christians who are able to examine themselves on the basis of these three points of Christian faith:

***I am sorry for my sins and believe that Jesus is my Lord and Savior from all sin.**

***I believe that the true body & blood of Christ is present in the Sacrament.**

***I resolve, with the Holy Spirit’s help to live for my Lord & witness through my actions that He is my Savior.**

WELCOME to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod on this day Second Sunday in Lent

Prepare for Worship. Enter reverently, pray thoughtfully, enjoy the time prior to worship in spiritual meditation.

Fellowship Register: We ask (members, friends, and visitors) to fill out The Fellowship Book which is located at the end of each pew. Please include your name, address and telephone number.

Week at a Glance

Monday March 2	10:30 am TOPS
Tuesday March 3	9-10 am Cardio Drumming
Wednesday March 4	Confession/Absolution 9:30 am Adult Information Class
	11:00 Ash Wednesday Service
	Lite Lunch
	Bible Study
Thursday March 5	9-10 am Cardio Drumming
Saturday March 7	7:00 pm AA Mtg
Sunday March 8	10:30 am Worship Service

We extend a special welcome to any visitors in our midst. Please sign our guest register in the church entry and come back again soon. If you are looking for a local church home, please contact Pastor Griffin.

Reminder: All men are invited to a Men’s breakfast on Saturday April 11, 2026 at 9 am.

Old Testament Reading: 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, "just 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;
⁸ blessed 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.

¹⁶For 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."

About the Cover: Abraham trusted God's promises and had faith in Him throughout his life. He followed the Lord into an unknown land, trusted that God would make his offspring great, and even offered up his own son, trusting that God can raise the dead. The source of Abraham's faith was not in himself but in the Lord's promises. Although we often falter throughout life, we live lives of faith built solely on the promises of God in Christ Jesus. The God of Abraham is our God. He has counted us as righteous by faith in His Son, Jesus, who sacrificed Himself on the cross for us.

