### **Genesis 12:1–9** 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. And 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 him who dishonors 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. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. And 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, Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. Then 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. From 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. And Abram journeyed on, still going toward the Negeb.

### **Romans 4:1–8, 13–17** What then shall we say was gained by Abraham, our forefather 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 counted to him as righteousness.” Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due. And 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: “Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven, and whose sins are covered; blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin.” . . . For 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. For 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 there is no transgression. That 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, 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.

### **John 3:1–17** Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. This 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.” Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.” Nicodemus 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?” Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’ The 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.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? Truly, 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. If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And 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, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

**2nd Sunday in Lent March 05, 2023**

**INTROIT**

When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble;  
 **I will rescue him and honor him.**  
With long life I will satisfy him  
 **and show him my salvation.**  
Because you have made the Lord your dwelling place—  
 **the Most High, who is my refuge—**  
no evil shall be allowed to befall you,  
 **no plague come near your tent.**  
For he will command his angels concerning you  
 **to guard you in all your ways.**  
On their hands they will bear you up,  
 **lest you strike your foot against a stone.**  
You will tread on the lion and the adder;  
 **the young lion and the serpent you will trample underfoot.**  
**Glory be to the Father and to the Son**  
 **and to the Holy Spirit;**  
**as it was in the beginning,**  
 **is now, and will be forever. Amen.**  
When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble;  
 **I will rescue him and honor him.**  
With long life I will satisfy him  
 **and show him my salvation.**

**COLLECT OF THE DAY**

O Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide the people of Your Church that following our Savior we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**DIVINE SERVICE I**

PRELUDE 151

WELCOME

**HYMN OF INVOCATION 570**

***“Just as I Am, without One Plea”***

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION 151

**INTROIT (Printed to the left)**

KYRIE 152

SALUTATION 156

**COLLECT OF THE DAY**

FIRST READING*Genesis 12:1-9*

EPISTLE READING*Romans 4:1-8, 13-17*

LENTEN VERSE 157

HOLY GOSPEL*John 3:1-17*

CHILDRENS SERMON

**HYMN OF THE DAY 571**

***“God Loved the World So That He Gave”***

**SERMON**

**NICENE CREED**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH 159

(P) Lord, in Your mercy.

**(C) Hear our prayer.**

**OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY** 159

**SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT** 160

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

***“The Death of Jesus Christ Our Lord”* 634**

***“Christ, the Life of All the Living”* 420**

NUNC DIMITTIS 165

POST COMMUNION COLLECT 166

**BENEDICTION**  166

HYMN TO DEPART

***“Come to Calvary’s Holy Mountain”* 435**

**ALL ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH LADIES**

A servant event to make hygiene kits for the Orphan Grain Train will take place on Saturday, March 18th at 9:00am. Those who wish to help with the project are asked to bring (at least) 1 bath towel, 1 wash cloth, and a bar of soap. They would prefer darker colored towels, and the towel and washcloth do not have to match. Clean, slightly used towels/washcloths are also acceptable. Additional items that will be assembled in the kits will be provided. For those who cannot attend, but would also like to help, towels, washcloths and soap for the kits can be left in the office. Mark your calendars for March 18th @ 9:00. Let’s see if we can help those in need by providing the Orphan Grain Train with at least 50 hygiene kits! We will also be having a short bible study and a light lunch will be shared. Any questions can be directed to Nancy Schlote or Denise Wragge.

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

There will be a pancake breakfast Saturday, March 25, **7am-1pm.** We are currently looking for someone who will manage the silent auction. If interested, please contact Jeff Schaefer or Gary Doerr.

**THANK YOU**

Thank you to all who attended the voter’s meeting and for all the positive comments. Also thank you to all who helped with the lunch. Gary

**APRIL 23 VOTERS MEETING**

April 23rd will be the voter’s meeting for election of officers and approving the budget. Officers up for election are Boards of Trustees, Worship, Education, Stewardship, 3 Elders, and Chairman elect. There have been comments made that we need new leadership on the boards. Here is your opportunity.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Looking for volunteers to help with VBS. If interested, please contact the church office. Thank you!

**LUTHERAN HOUR BROADCAST...** for today on KVSH and KBRX is being sponsored by St. Peters Lutheran Church of Orchard, Nebraska.

**FINANCIAL NUMBERS**

**Last Sunday Gifts Needed Budget per week**

**$2,630.42 $ 5,042.84**

**Gifts as of June 30 Budgeted amount as of June 30**

**$ 320,793.41 $288,447.00**

**Over Budget $12,347.53**

**\*\*Overall, we ended up with a positive number of $19,998.88.**

**Sun, March 5 Sunday School 9:00am**

**Church Service 10:00am**

**Wed, March 8 Confirmation 4:00pm**

**Midweek Service 7:00pm**

**Sun, March 12 Sunday School 9:00am**

**Church Service 10:00am**

**Wed, March 15 Confirmation 4:00pm**

**Midweek Service 7:00pm**

**Council Meeting 8:00pm**

**Sat, March 18 Servant Event 9:00am**

**Sun, March 19 Sunday School 9:00am**

**Church Service 10:00am**

**Mon, March 20 Priscillas 7:00pm**

**Wed, March 22 Confirmation 4:00pm**

**Midweek Service 7:00pm**

**Soli Deo Gloria- “To God Alone Be the Glory”**

**Sunday, March 5**

**Organist:** Nancy Schlote

**Screens:** Liz Doerr

**Acolytes:** Connor Doerr

**Alter Guild:** Kristine Wacker & Michelle Pellatz

**Elders:** Rick Clausen & Mark Oltjenbruns

**Ushers:** Steve & Kelli Mosel

**Wednesday, March 8**

**Organist:** Nancy Schlote

**Screens:** Liz Doerr

**Acolytes:** Kenadee Doerr

**Altar Guild:** Kristine Wacker & Michelle Pellatz

**Elders:** Rick Clausen & Mark Oltjenbruns

**Ushers:** Rob & Carla Christiansen



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