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March 1, 2026

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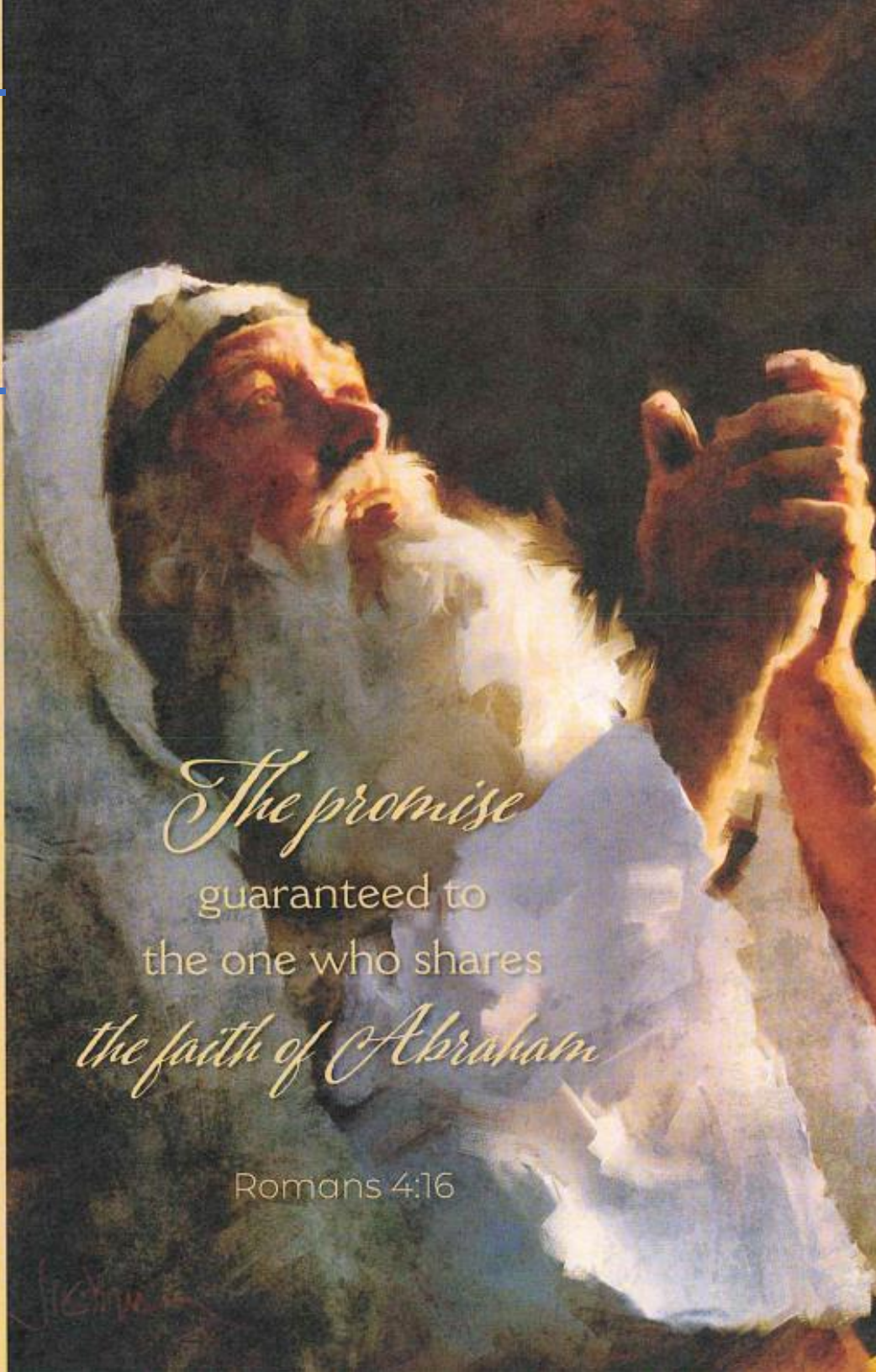
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About the Cover:

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.



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

Romans 4:16

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THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

The Theme for Worship: This morning in our Gospel lesson we'll meet Nicodemus, a Pharisee who comes to see Jesus by night. While one of the top educated and most respected spiritual leaders in Isreal, Nicodemus will need Jesus' help to really understand God's plan and love for the world. We'll see that plan for us as well as we examine the idea of being "born again."

♪ **Pre-Service Music**
Ringing of the Bells
Welcome

Spiritwind

♪ **Opening Song: "Glorify You"**

**We stand in awe of Your presence, And we seek Your holiness;
For Your love, it is eternal, The living waters flow from You.
Father in heaven, we've come to worship You.
Holy Spirit, teaching us to walk in You.
Jesus, sweet Savior, we want to glorify You.**

The Invocation

P We begin in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen

Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life \dagger of the world to come. Amen.

Collect of the Day

P Let us pray.

C O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Service of the Word

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.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel

John 3:1-17

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 3rd chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

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.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

♪ Sermon Song: “Change My Heart, O God”

Change my heart, O God, Make it ever true.

Change my heart, O God, May I be like You.

You are the Potter, I am the clay

Mold me and make me,

This is what I pray.

Change my heart, O God, Make it ever true.

Change my heart, O god, May I be like You. (Repeat)

(End)

Sermon: “Born Again”

Rev. Marty Marks

Confession and Absolution

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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 justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

The Offering *The plates are brought forward*

(An offering plate is available in the narthex; plates will not be passed during the worship service. Immanuel has the ability to accept offerings through online giving. Families can easily give one-time or set up as recurring gifts. Simply make a secure donation via electronic check by visiting www.ImmanuelDeKalb.com. If you choose to set up a recurring gift, you will be prompted by email to create your own online donor account to manage your gifts.)

♪ The Offertory

Announcements

The Intercessory Prayers

The Leader says prayers for specific and general concerns of God's people, following each petition with "Lord in your mercy" to which the congregation responds with "Hear our prayer."

The Lord's Prayer

C **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 forever and ever. Amen**

The Celebration of the Lord's Supper

(The Lord's Supper is celebrated in this service in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us. If you share this confession, we invite you to commune with us. If you have doubts or questions concerning this confession of our faith community, we ask that you withhold participation until receiving clarification or instruction from our pastor. The pastor will also offer a blessing to any unconfirmed children who desire it.)

P The Sacrament of Holy Communion delivers to us the forgiveness of sins earned for us by the sacrifice of Jesus on the Cross. His real Body and Blood come to us in, with and under the bread and wine. Not only are our sins forgiven through this meal, our faith is strengthened, and the Holy Spirit guides us to be better and more

effective servants to God. To help prepare our hearts and minds as we receive these gifts, please join me in praying:

P & **C** **Father I trust in Your Son, Jesus, as my Savior. As I prepare to receive His real Body and Blood into me, please make my heart inclined to receive it in a way pleasing to You. Create a true sense of repentance in my heart and a sincere desire to follow You after it is received. Please empower me to serve You better in a sense of unity with You and with others. Amen.**

The Words of Institution

P Our Lord Jesus Christ on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples and said, “Take, eat, this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me. In the same way, also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: Drink of it all of you; this is My blood of the new testament, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do as often as you drink it in remembrance of Me.

P Come, the table is prepared, and the Lord awaits.

C We come in the name of Jesus.

The Sacrament is Distributed for Us to Receive

♪ Distribution Songs:

♪ “You are My Hiding Place”

1. **You are my hiding place, You always fill my heart with songs of deliverance
Whenever I am afraid, I will trust in You, I will trust in You
Let the weak say I am strong in the strength of the Lord**

♪ “When You Call my Name”

1. **There’s a hunger in this wilderness
For Your revelation
To hear the words of life
That strengthen me
Come and show
What You’ve prepared for me
Speak Your confirmation
Show me how I fit
Into Your plan**

Chorus: **For when You call my name**

**I can see again
Who You are
And who I’m meant to be
And as You beckon me
I am free to see
Who You are
And who I’m sent to be**

- I am seeking true identity
In the light of Your presence
I am longing to know
How You see me
In the time
That You have given me
Release the strength to follow
And the grace to be who
You say I am**

Chorus: **For when You call my name
I can see again
Who You are
And who I'm meant to be
And as You beckon me
I am free to see
Who You are
And who I'm sent to be**

Ending: **Who You are and who I'm sent to be
Who You are and who I'm sent to be**

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♪ **“As The Deer”**

- As the deer panteth for the water,
So my soul longeth after Thee.
You alone are my heart's desire,
And I long to worship Thee.**

Chorus: **You alone are my strength, my shield;
To You, alone, may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire,
And I long to worship Thee.**

- You're my friend and You are my brother,
Even though You are a King.
I love you more than any other.
So much more than anything. *Chorus***
- I want you more than gold or silver,
Only you can satisfy.
You alone are the real joy giver
And the apple of my eye. *Chorus***

Benediction

Silent Prayer

Postlude

PARTICIPANTS March 1, 2026		
Altar Guild: Carolyn McQuillan		
	8:00 a.m.	10:30a.m
Musicians	Linda Conrad, <i>Organist</i> ; C-J Motisi, <i>Pianist & Soloist</i>	Angela Pringnitz, <i>Spiritwind</i>
Pastor	Rev. Marty Marks	Rev. Marty Marks
Children's Message	Pastor Marty	Pastor Marty
Acolyte	Brodie McWilliams	Elly Pringnitz
Lay Reader	Don Haeseker	Alyssa Landshaft
Radio Narrator	Tammy Tiggelaar	---
Videographer/Sound	Mark Mistic	Mia Yelich
Slides	Ted Stone	Doug Nelson
Communion Assistants	Taylor McWilliams & Ron Feldmann	Brian Pringnitz & Dan Lohmeier
Ushers	Jeff Bannister, Tom Sawyer & Ron Feldmann	Chloe Marks, Dan Lohmeier & Keith Nelson

THE WORSHIP SERVICE IS BROADCAST EACH SUNDAY AT 10:30 A.M. ON WLBK 1360.

Altar Flowers: “In memory of our mother, Irene Nelson, on her birthday and in celebration of Jim Nelson’s birthday,” by the family.

Radio Broadcast: “To the glory of God in loving memory of my husband and our father, Richard Buehler,” by Cheryl, Jeremy, Matthew and Shawn.

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