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"Sharing the love of Jesus by glorifying God and extending His kingdom"

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2026 WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

"Softly & Tenderly"

By Will L. Thompson

Arrangement by Kaleb Brasee

Pianist Ken Hanks

Soloists: Jackie Glawe & Walter Meade

WELCOME SONG

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

A mighty fortress is our God,
a sword and shield victorious;
he breaks the cruel oppressor's rod
and wins salvation glorious.
The old satanic foe
has sworn to work us woe!
With craft and dreadful might
he arms himself to fight.
On earth he has no equal.

No strength of ours can match his might!
We would be lost, rejected.
But now a champion comes to fight,
whom God himself elected.
You ask who this may be?
The Lord of hosts is he!
Christ Jesus, mighty Lord,
God's only Son, adored.
He holds the field victorious.

Though hordes of devils fill the land
all threat'ning to devour us,
we tremble not, unmoved we stand;
they cannot overpower us.
Let this world's tyrant rage;
in battle we'll engage!
His might is doomed to fail;

God's judgment must prevail!
One little word subdues him.

God's Word forever shall abide,
no thanks to foes, who fear it;
for God himself fights by our side
with weapons of the Spirit.
Were they to take our house,
goods, honor, child, or spouse,
though life be wrenched away,
they cannot win the day.
The kingdom's ours forever!

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love
of God, and the communion of the Holy
Spirit be with you all. **And also, with you.**

KYRIE

Kyrie eleison. **Lord, have mercy.**
Christe eleison. **Christ, have mercy.**
Kyrie eleison. **Lord, have mercy.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Lord God, our strength, the struggle between
good and evil rages within and around us,
and the devil and all the forces that defy you
tempt us with empty promises. Keep us
steadfast in your word, and when we fall,
raise us again and restore us 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.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

SCRIPTURE READINGS

READER: Michael Block

FIRST READING:

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

PSALM: Psalm 32

(Read Responsively)

¹ Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, and whose sin is put away!

² **Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no guilt, and in whose spirit there is no guile!**

³ While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, because of my groaning all day long.

⁴ **For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.**

⁵ Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not conceal my guilt. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.

⁶ **Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.**

⁷ You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

⁸ **"I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; I will guide you with my eye.**

⁹ Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay near you."

¹⁰ **Great are the tribulations of the wicked; but mercy embraces those who trust in the LORD.**

¹¹ Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD; shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

SECOND READING:

Romans 5:12-19

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Nothing in all creation
can separate us from the love of God.
Nothing in all creation**

can separate us from the love of God.

GOSPEL:

Matthew 4:1-11

SERMON

ANTHEM

The Greatest Among Us" – Sally DeFord
Soloist: Sally Schaefer

Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

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.

Silence is kept for reflection.

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.

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son,
our Lord,**

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

**born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.***

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,**

he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS

RESPONSE: YOUR MERCY IS GREAT

PEACE

OFFERING

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

COMMUNION SONGS

"You are My All in All"

You are my strength
When I am weak
You are the treasure
That I seek
You are my all in all
Seeking You as a precious jew'l
Lord to give up I'd be a fool
You are my all in all

Chorus

Jesus Lamb of God
Worthy is Your name
Jesus Lamb of God
Worthy is Your name
Verse 2

Taking my sin
My cross my shame
Rising again I bless Your name
You are my all in all
When I fall down You pick me up
When I am dry You fill my cup
You are my all in all *Chorus*

“Death was Arrested”

Alone in my sorrow and dead in my sin
Lost without hope with no place to begin
Your love made a way to let mercy come in
When death was arrested and my life began

Ash was redeemed only beauty remains
My orphan heart was given a name
My mourning grew quiet my feet rose to
dance
When death was arrested and my life began

Oh Your grace so free washes over me
You have made me new now life begins
with You
It's Your endless love pouring down on us
You have made us new now life begins with
You

Released from my chains I'm a pris'ner no
more
My shame was a ransom He faithfully bore
He cancelled my debt and He called me His
friend
When death was arrested and my life began

Oh Your grace so free washes over me
You have made me new now life begins
with You
It's Your endless love pouring down on us
You have made us new now life begins with
You

Our Savior displayed on a criminal's cross
Darkness rejoiced as though Heaven had lost
But then Jesus arose with our freedom in
hand that's when death was arrested and my
life began

Oh Your grace so free washes over me
You have made me new now life begins
with You
It's Your endless love pouring down on us
You have made us new now life begins with
You

Oh we're free free forever we're free
Come join the song of all the redeemed
Yes we're free free forever amen
When death was arrested and my life began

Oh we're free free forever we're free
Come join the song of all the redeemed
Yes we're free free forever amen
When death was arrested and my life began

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“Through the Night of Doubt and Sorrow”

Through the night of doubt and sorrow,
onward goes the pilgrim band,
singing songs of expectation,
marching to the promised land.
Clear before us through the darkness
gleams and burns the guiding light;
pilgrim clasps the hand of pilgrim
stepping fearless through the night.

One the light of God's own presence
on the ransomed people shed,
chasing far the gloom and terror,
bright'ning all the path we tread.
One the object of our journey,
one the faith which never tires,
one the earnest looking forward,
one the hope our God inspires.

One the strain that lips of thousands
lift as from the heart of one;
one the conflict, one the peril,
one the march in God begun.
One the gladness of rejoicing
on the far eternal shore,
where the one almighty Father
reigns in love forevermore.

Onward, therefore, sisters, brothers;
onward, with the cross our aid.
Bear its shame, and fight its battle
till we rest beneath its shade.
Soon shall come the great awak'ning;

soon the rending of the tomb!
Then the scatt'ring of all shadows,
and the end of toil and gloom.

BLESSING

Receive the blessing of the holy Trinity:
God, who calls all things into existence,
Jesus Christ, who redeems us,
and the Holy Spirit, whose breath sustains
creation, ✝ bless you now and always.
Amen.

SENDING SONG

“Lamb of God”

Chorus

O Lamb of God sweet Lamb of God
I love the holy Lamb of God
O wash me in His precious blood
My Jesus Christ the Lamb of God *Chorus*

Your only Son no sin to hide
But You have sent Him from Your side
To walk upon this guilty sod
And to become the Lamb of God *Chorus*

Your gift of love they crucified
They laughed and scorned Him as He died
The humble King they named a fraud
And sacrificed the Lamb of God *Chorus*

I was so lost I should have died
But You have brought me to Your side
To be led by Your staff and rod
And to be called the Lamb of God *Chorus*

DISMISSAL/ POSTLUDE

WORSHIP LEADERS

Presiding Pastor-Pastor Scott Lindner
Preaching Pastor-Pastor David Hall
Praise Band Music Director-Brian Lindner
Celebration Choir Director-Sally Schaefer
Assisting Minister-Walter Frank
IT/Livestream-Scott Giesking
Reader-Michael Block
Keyboardist-Ken Hanks
Worship & Music Director-Rebecca Parker