

St. Ansgar's Lutheran Church

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Vision Statement

A Welcoming Church focused on Christ, together actively reaching out to the community.

Mission Statement

Proclaiming God's Love and salvation for everyone through Jesus Christ.

Worship Service –Holy Baptism & Holy Communion | Pastor Andrew Thompson

Sunday, March 1, 2026 Worship Leaders

Reader	Paul Jacobson	Computer	Eastin Hansen
Soundboard	Doug Anderson	Pianist/Organist	Jane Bracken
Live Streaming	Bob Durdahl	Offering Counters	Charlie & Maureen
Chancel Choir Dir	Cindy Hayward		
Contemporary Dir	Doug Anderson		
Greeters/Ushers/Bell	John, Curt & Paul		
Altar Guild	Ann Rapp & Lydell Reinardy		
Communion	Pastor Andrew, Megan, Sue, and Deb		

As a community of faith, we invite you to hold these people in prayer this week:

Linda Rifenberick, Sue Samuelson, Cindy Hayward, Danielle Lingenfelter, Larry Duncan, Chuck Bracken and Barb Monroe.

We pray for those who have been called to active military service and for our mission partners around the globe.

Prelude

*My Song is Love Unknown
Your Heart, O God, Is Grieved*

Ringling of Church Bells

Welcome

The Lord be with you | **And also with you.**

Confession and Forgiveness

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.

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.

Gathering Song

"What Wondrous Love is This"

ELW 666

1 What wondrous love is this,
 O my soul, O my soul!
 What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
 What wondrous love is this
 that caused the Lord of bliss
 to bear the dreadful curse
 for my soul, for my soul,
 to bear the dreadful curse for my soul?

2 When I was sinking down,
 sinking down, sinking down,
 when I was sinking down, sinking down,
 when I was sinking down
 beneath God's righteous frown,
 Christ laid aside his crown
 for my soul, for my soul,
 Christ laid aside his crown for my soul.

3 To God and to the Lamb
 I will sing, I will sing;
 to God and to the Lamb I will sing;
 to God and to the Lamb,
 who is the great I AM,
 while millions join the theme,
 I will sing, I will sing,
 while millions join the theme, I will sing.

4 And when from death I'm free,
 I'll sing on, I'll sing on;
 and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;
 and when from death I'm free,
 I'll sing God's love for me,
 and through eternity
 I'll sing on, I'll sing on;
 and through eternity I'll sing on.

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

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Glory to God

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Prayer of the Day

O God, our leader and guide, in the waters of baptism you bring us to new birth to live as your children. **Strengthen our faith in your promises, that by your Spirit we may lift up your life to all the world 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.

First Reading: Genesis 12:1-4a

¹ 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. ² 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. ³ 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.”

^{4a} So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him.

Holy Word, Holy Wisdom

Thanks be to God.

Psalms: Psalm 121

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 The LORD will not let your foot be moved
nor will the one who watches over you fall asleep.

⁴ **Behold, the keeper of Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep;**

⁵ the LORD watches over you;
the LORD is your shade at your right hand;

⁶ **the sun will not strike you by day,
nor the moon by night.**

⁷ The LORD will preserve you from all evil
and will keep your life.

⁸ **The LORD will watch over your going out and your coming in,
from this time forth forevermore.**

Second Reading: Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

¹ What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? ² For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. ³ For what does the scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.” ⁴ Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. ⁵ But to one who does not work but trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

¹³ 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. ¹⁴ For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵ For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law, neither is there transgression.

¹⁶ For this reason the promise depends on faith, in order that it may rest on grace, so that it may be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (who is the father of all of us, ¹⁷ 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.

Holy Word, Holy Wisdom

Thanks be to God.

Choir Anthem

Lamb of God, I Come (with Flute)

Lenten Acclamation

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Gospel: John 3:1-17

The Holy Gospel according to St. John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ² 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 unless God is with that person.” ³ Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” ⁴ 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?” ⁵ Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶ What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷ Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ ⁸ 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.” ⁹ Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” ¹⁰ Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

¹¹ “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. ¹² If I have told you about earthly things

and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³ No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴ And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵ that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶ “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.

¹⁷ “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.”

The Gospel of our Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon Message

Pastor Andrew Thompson

Song of the Day

For the Beauty of the Earth

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1 For the beauty of the earth,
for the beauty of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies:

3 For the joy of ear and eye,
for the heart and mind's delight,
for the mystic harmony
linking sense to sound and sight: *Refrain*

Refrain

Christ, our God, to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.

4 For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth and friends above;
for all gentle thoughts and mild: *Refrain*

2 For the wonder of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale and tree and flow'r,
sun and moon and stars of light: *Refrain*

5 For each perfect gift of thine,
peace on earth and joy in heav'n;
for thyself, best gift divine,
to our world so freely giv'n: *Refrain*

Holy Baptism

Hayes Robert Cromer

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Prayers of the People

Lord, in your mercy | **Hear our Prayer**

Sharing of the Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always | **And also with you.**

Offering Music

Nearer My God to Thee

Offering Prayer

O God, maker of heaven and earth,
your steadfast love embraces all creation. You send rain and sunshine to nourish the
earth and bring forth its bounty. **Through these gifts of bread and wine, draw us
into the death and life of your Son, who calls us to bear witness to his saving
work. We ask this in Jesus' name.**
Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

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Preface & Holy, Holy, Holy

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Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

Lamb of God

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Holy Communion

*I Want Jesus to Walk With Me
Traditional Spiritual*

Prayer after Communion

God of our salvation,
we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls, reconciles us to you, and
strengthens us for the journey. **Through the body and blood of your Son, may we
become Christ's body in the world, bearing witness to your love for all creation,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. | Amen.**

Benediction

Sending Song

Blessed Assurance

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1 Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
 Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
 Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
 born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

2 Perfect submission, perfect delight,
 visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
 angels descending bring from above
 echoes of mercy, whispers of love. *Refrain*

Refrain

This is my story, this is my song,
 praising my Savior, all the day long;
 this is my story, this is my song,
 praising my Savior all the day long.

3 Perfect submission, all is at rest;
 I in my Savior am happy and blest,
 watching and waiting, looking above,
 filled with his goodness, lost in his love. *Refrain*

Dismissal

Go in peace. Believe the good news. | **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Glory Be to Jesus

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Soundboard	Bob Durdahl	Pianist/Organist	Jane Bracken
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Chancel Choir Dir	Cindy Hayward		
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Greeters/Ushers/Bell	Kirk, Dallas, & Linda		
Altar Guild	Ann Rapp & Lydell Reinardy		

Weekly Church Schedule

Monday (3/2)	6:30pm Cub Scouts
Tuesday(2/3)	7am Lydia Prayer 7am CFBC 6pm Handbell Rehearsal
Wednesday (3/4)	6:30pm Faith Night 7:45pm Choir Rehearsal
Saturday (3/7)	Men's Bible Study
Sunday (3/8)	9:30am Worship Service 10:45am Executive Team

GLOBE OFFERING FOR FEBRUARY

The Globe Offering for the month of March is the annual Food Shelf Drive. March is Food Share month in the State of Minnesota and Cannon Falls has their annual drive then also. The Director of the Cannon Falls Food Shelf is Paul Norby. In speaking with him, he said that last year 65,000 pounds of food were collected from the Cannon Falls area and approximately 1300 clients were served during the year with many new people becoming users of the local Food Shelf. The Food Shelf is located on the lower level of First English Lutheran and is open to clients every Thursday from 3:00 – 6:00 p.m. Much of the food collected (in addition to food donations from the community) is purchased from Channel One in Rochester. The inventory being able to be purchased from there has become more and more limited in recent years. Paul has provided us with a list of items that are most needed at this time and are difficult to get from Channel One. Many of these are non-food items that are still needed by the families:

Cereal

Butter (if this is brought in on Sunday, it can be refrigerated until delivered to the Food Shelf). Paul says they have had trouble buying butter from Channel One and it much appreciated by clients.

Toilet Paper (one of the most needed items at the Food Shelf)

Men's & Women's Deodorant

Shampoo

Dish Soap

Laundry Soap

Cash donations are very welcome. Often much of the food can be purchased for less through Channel One if it is available.

MUSIC FOR MARCH 1, 2026**WHAT WONDROUS LOVE IS THIS**

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FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH

Text: Folliott S. Pierpoint, 1835-1917, alt.

Music: Conrad Kocher, 1786-1872

BLESSED ASSURANCE

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820-1915

Music: Phoebe P. Knapp, 1830-1908

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