

**Faith Lutheran Church  
Hutchinson, MN  
8:00 a.m. First Word Service  
March 1, 2026  
Second Sunday in Lent**

**What Does This Mean?**

1. Why would Martin Luther confess that “I believe that I cannot believe”?
2. How did Jesus describe the reality of faith to Nicodemus?
3. What was the necessary condition for people to believe in Jesus?
4. Why is it good news that faith in Christ is a “can” and not a “must”?



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Prelude

Greeting/Announcements

Hymn ..... “Jesus, Refuge of the Weary” .....LBW #93

Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness ..... LBW pg. 77

Prayer of the Day

**Gracious God, send your Holy Spirit to blow through our hearts and minds, that, again this day, we may be born from above in Christ and receive new life by your grace; for the sake of Jesus Christ, your Son and our Savior. Amen.**

First Reading ..... Genesis 15:1-6

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading ..... Romans 4:1-8, 13-17

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Faith Seeds ..... Faith Lutheran Puppets

Faith Seeds is a time for children of all ages to come forward for a lesson geared to them.

The Gospel Acclamation

**Oh, grant us God, that we may, too,  
Return in faith and prayer to you.  
Your steadfast love, for us, is poured,  
Through grace and mercy by your Word.**

Tune: ERHALT UNS, HERR

The Announcement of the Gospel ..... **“Glory to You, O Lord”**

Gospel ..... John 3:1-21

Response after the Gospel ..... **“Praise to You, O Christ”**

Sermon ..... “Believing the Unbelievable” ..... Pastor Scott Grorud

Hymn ..... “O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts” ..... LBW #356

Apostles’ Creed

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

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

Offering/Special Music ..... “Kum Ba Yah” ..... Ringers of Faith

Offertory Response

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heav’nly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

LBW #565 Text: Thomas Ken, 1637-1711 Tune: Louis Bourgeois, c. 1510-1561

Prayers of the Church

The Words of Institution

The Lord’s Prayer

The Distribution ..... “Lamb of God” ..... LBW pg. 92

Communion ..... LBW #292, 479, & WOV #699

Benediction

Closing Hymn ..... “Lift High the Cross” ..... LBW #377