

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE ANNUNCIATION

Lewisville, Texas

To be a home where Love of God and Neighbor grows.



SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT
HOLY COMMUNION-RITE I
MARCH 1, 2026



For Your Children

- Nursery: Our staffed Nursery is available to children up to four years old from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
- Angel Buddy Bags: Angel Buddy Bags with activities are in the Narthex for children ages 5-7 years.
- Children's Chapel: Children's Chapel is offered during the school year at the 11:00 a.m. service for children ages 4-7 years.

Christian Formation

- Christian Formation is offered during the school year for ages four to adult from 9:45 to 10:45 a.m. To locate a class, please see an Usher.

Receiving Communion in the Episcopal Church

If you are visiting with us today, we welcome you. If you desire to receive communion and are baptized with water in the name of the Trinity, we invite you to do so. If you would like a blessing, but not communion, please come forward and cross your arms. If you have trouble kneeling, please remain standing at the altar rail. If you have trouble walking, let an usher know, and communion will be brought to your seat.

GLUTEN INTOLERANT - Please let an Usher know if you are gluten intolerant, and they will arrange to have gluten free wafer and wine available to you at the altar rail.

- **Large print and Spanish prayer books** are available. Please see the ushers if you would like one.
- **Hearing Assistance** devices are available through our ushers before services.
- **Silence Electronic Devices**
Please make sure all electronic devices are on SILENT before the worship service begins.

Holy Eucharist Rite I

Prelude	<i>I Call to You, Lord Jesus Christ, BWV 639</i>	J. S. Bach
Great Litany		BCP 148/Hymnal S67
Kyrie		BCP 153/Hymnal S67
Collect of the Day		BCP 218
Old Testament		Genesis 12:1-4a

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. 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 the one who curses 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.

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 He will not let your foot be moved *
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.
- 4 Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel *
shall neither slumber nor sleep;
- 5 The LORD himself watches over you; *
the LORD is your shade at your right hand,
- 6 So that the sun shall not strike you by day, *
nor the moon by night.
- 7 The LORD shall preserve you from all evil; *
it is he who shall keep you safe.
- 8 The LORD shall watch over your going out and your coming in, *
from this time forth for evermore.

The New Testament

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor 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 reckoned to him as righteousness.” Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness. 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. 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, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, 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.

Sequence Hymn

The Great Creator of the Worlds, vs. 1, 4-5

Hymnal 489

The Gospel

John 3:1-17

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. 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 apart from the presence of God.” Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” 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?” Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ 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.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?”

“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. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just 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, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. “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 Sermon

Rev. Carolyn Bartkus

The Nicene Creed

BCP 326

The Peace

BCP 332

Birthday and Anniversary Blessings

Birthday Prayer:

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant *N.* as *he* begins another year. Grant that *he* may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen *his* trust in your goodness all the days of his life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Announcements

Offertory 8:30

Two-Part Invention No. 6 in E Major

J. S. Bach

Offertory 11:00

Here, O Lord, Your Servants Gather

Isao Koizumi

Song of Thanksgiving

Music of Taizé

*In the Lord I'll be ever thankful, in the Lord I will rejoice.
Look to God do not be afraid, lift up your voices, the Lord is near;
Lift up your voices, the Lord is near.*

HOLY EUCHARIST

The Great Thanksgiving

(Eucharistic Prayer A)

BCP 333

Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy

BCP 334/Hymnal S114

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 336

The Breaking of the Bread

BCP 337

Agnus Dei
Prayer of Humble Access
Communion

BCP 337/Hymnal S158
BCP 337

Communion Hymn
Prayer after Communion

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

Hymnal 691
BCP 339

Lay Eucharistic Visitor Prayer

When Lay Eucharistic Visitors are sent from the table to take Communion to those who are home-bound or hospitalized, the following prayer will be said:

Celebrant: In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the Communion of Christ's Body and Blood.

People: **We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread and one cup. Amen.**

The Blessing

Closing Hymn

Lift High the Cross

Hymnal 473

Dismissal

BCP 339

Postlude

Crucifer

Rebecca Groom te Velde

Note on Prayers during Lent

During Lent, we will chant the Great Litany in place of our usual spoken Prayers of the People.

We continue to hold in our hearts and in our prayers those on our parish prayer list.

We invite you to pray for them in your devotions throughout the week, trusting that God holds each of us in steadfast love.

The Sanctuary Candle is given by Dr. Gary Gordon in honor of his mom Elaine Gordon Abayomi's 83rd Birthday.

For those in our community in special need of prayer especially.... Alan, Anne, Betsy, Beth, Bill, Bill, Chad, Connie, Derek, Don, Emilia, Eric, Frank, Gabe and Angel, Gail, Janey, Jayce, Jean, Jerry, Jessica, Jim, Joan, June, Justin, Kallie, Karen, Karen, Kathy, Keegan, Kelly, Kevin, Laura, Levi, Lori, Marcelle, Margaret, Marian, McMellian Family, Melissa, Nancy, Nicia, Owen, Pam, Paul, Penny, Polly, Rachel, Ray, Rick, Robert, Ron, Sam, Sandra, Shannon, and Zoey.

We ask you to watch over those in the service of our country... Alton, Andrew, Brandon, Cody, Devin, Gabe, Hannah, Houston, Jaden, Juston, Kyle, Laney, Liam, Nyah, Owen, Rachel, Richard, Robert, Tony, and Will.

We pray for those celebrating birthdays this week... Oksana Braun, Benjamin Boshert, Fiona Erb, Eric Luthe, Lynn Martin, and Daniel Rodriguez.

We give thanks for the birth of Hazel Riley Edwards on February 10, 2026, daughter of Emilia and Luke Edwards, and granddaughter of Valerie and Chester Sikorski.

We pray for those celebrating wedding anniversaries this week... David and Pam Dean, Dan and Karen Peel, Blake and Dora Wegener.

We pray for all who have died, Nancy Parker. May light perpetual shine upon her.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for The Nippon Sei Ko Kai.

In the Episcopal Diocese of Dallas, we pray for Saint Michael and All Angels – Dallas, St. Thomas the Apostle – Dallas, and St. Philip’s Sudanese - Dallas. We also pray for God’s mercy on the members of our diocesan family currently held in immigration detention: Juan, Jose, Pedro, Omar, Dina and her father, Mo, Barbod, Milad, Sahel, Asra, Amir, Hana, Saeed, Farshid and their families.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attorneys Virginia Hammerle and Charles Beachley will speak on “Achieving your Goals through Wills, Trusts & Asset Protection” today at 9:45 a.m. in the Parish Hall.

Laundry Love is this Tuesday, March 3rd 6:30pm – 8:30pm at CK Coin Laundry in Lewisville at 788 S. Mill St. (formerly Starbrite Laundry).

OUTREACH CORNER:

Episcopal Relief and Development remains our focus for the next few weeks. Thank you to all who have donated toward this most worthy cause. In case you're wondering...

Did you know... one area in which Episcopal Relief and Development is proactive is in early childhood development, focusing on the first 1000 days of a child's life? Their focus includes: (1) training parents and caregivers; (2) disease prevention; (3) opportunities for economic stability; (4) improving food insecurity and nutrition; (5) promoting positive interactions. Read more about this at: <https://www.episcopalrelief.org/what-we-do/priorities/early-childhood-development/>.

March 8th between Services: This is a meeting for current ushers/greeters and those who are interested in serving. We will meet in the church sanctuary. Mother Carolyn and Labeth Page will review expectations for Lent, Holy Week, and Easter services and handouts will be provided. We also welcome anyone interested in learning more about being an usher or greeter at this meeting. If you are interested in ushering or greeting role but cannot commit to a specific service, come learn about Super Subs!! We need more members available to usher and welcome our visitors.

***In the Wilderness* Lent program Wednesday's Feb. 25th – Mar. 25th**

Come for food, fellowship, and reflect on the stories of temptation, repentance, and reconciliation in the Bible. Dinner 6:00 p.m., Program 6:30 p.m. led by David Schones
All ages are welcome.

We are looking for help providing dinner. To sign up, contact Mary Ann DuTeil for the Text 940-395-1606 or email mauigirltx@gmail.com.

Annunciation Book Club: Our book for March is Still Life by Louise Penny. Penny's award-winning debut novel, the first in the popular Chief Inspector Armand Gamache Series, begins a journey of crime and mystery that helps establish Penny as a New York Times best-selling author. The book club, affectionately referred to as ABC, will meet **March 9, 6:30, in the Oratory Chapel** to discuss this celebrated novel, secrets uncovered, and human frailties laid bare! Even if you don't get to read the book, do join us!

Resurrection Garden – Sunday, March 22nd at 9:45

Join us for a special multigenerational Sunday School class as we prepare our hearts for Easter by creating a beautiful garden. All ages are welcome: children, youth, parents,

grandparents, and friends! This hands-on experience is a meaningful way to reflect on the hope of the resurrection while creating something special to take home or share.

Palm Cross Making – Saturday, March 28th at 10 AM.

All are invited to gather in the Oratory Chapel for a class led by the Flower Guild.

Children’s Stations of the Cross – Sunday, March 29th at 9:45

All children are invited to gather in the sanctuary for Stations of the Cross.

Altar Flowers & Sanctuary Light

During Lent, we do not place flowers on the altar. If you’d like to make a memorial or thanksgiving during this season, you’re invited to dedicate the Sanctuary Light. Sanctuary Light dedication donation is \$10. The sign-up sheet in the narthex.

Easter Egg Hunt Candy Donations Needed

Our annual Easter Egg Hunt is just around the corner! Our Youth Group is organizing and we need your help. We are asking parishioners to please donate individually wrapped candy to be placed inside the eggs. Donations will be collected now through March 29. Please look for the box in the narthex where you can leave your candy donations. Thank you for helping us make this a joyful and sweet celebration for our children!

Save the Date for VBS

Mark your calendars for Vacation Bible School, June 8–12. This year’s theme is “Just Like Me: Welcome to the Garden.” We are so excited for this fun and engaging way to share the love of Jesus with our children! If you would like to volunteer and be part of this special week, please reach out to Beth Parker, Director of Children’s Ministry. We would love to have you join the team!

Navajo Ministry – Year 43

The Navajo Ministry team will serve in Bluff July 4–10. We depart Friday, arrive Saturday, worship and prepare Sunday, work on campus projects Monday–Thursday, and host evening dinners/programs Monday–Wednesday before returning home Friday.

Volunteers needed: chef, Christian Formation leaders, and helpers for small repairs, painting, and yardwork. For more information about supporting the Episcopal Church in Navajoland, contact Mary Ann DuTeil at Mauigirltx@gmail.com.

This ministry is funded solely through donations. To order Easter treats (hot cross buns, cookies, Easter basket cakes, or cupcakes), contact Mary Ann.