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*Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be
able to stand against the schemes of the devil.*

Ephesians 6:11

DIVINE SERVICE Setting Three

Hymn of Invocation # 663

Confession & Absolution p. 184

Introit

When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble;

I will rescue him and honor him.

With long life I will satisfy him

and show him my salvation.

Because you have made the Lord your dwelling place—

the Most High, who is my refuge—

no evil shall be allowed to befall you,

no plague come near your tent.

For he will command his angels concerning you

to guard you in all your ways.

On their hands they will bear you up,

lest you strike your foot against a stone.

You will tread on the lion and the adder;

the young lion and the serpent you will trample underfoot.

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With long life I will satisfy him

and show him my salvation.

Gloria Patri p. 186

Kyrie p. 186

Gloria in Excelsis *is omitted during Lent*

Salutation & Collect p. 189

O Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide the people of Your Church that following our Savior we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 22:1-18 (ESV)

After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here am I." He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you." So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac. And he cut the wood for the burnt offering and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar. Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy will go over there and worship and come again to you." And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together. And Isaac said to his father Abraham, "My father!" And he said, "Here am I, my son." He said, "Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" Abraham said, "God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So they went both of them together.

When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here am I." He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called the name of that place, "The Lord will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided."

And the angel of the Lord called to Abraham a second time from heaven and said, "By myself I have sworn, declares the Lord, because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, I will surely bless you, and I will surely multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of his enemies, and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice."

Gradual

O come, let us fix our eyes on Jesus,
the founder and perfecter of our faith,
who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame,
and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

Epistle Reading: James 1:12-18 (ESV)

Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him. Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am being tempted by God," for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one. But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death.

Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers. Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creation.

"Alleluia" is omitted during Lent

Holy Gospel: St. Mark 1:9-15 (ESV)

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And when He came up out of the water, immediately He saw the heavens opening and the Spirit descending on Him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, *"You are My beloved Son; with You I am well pleased."*

The Spirit immediately drove Him out into the wilderness. And He was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. And He was with the wild animals, and the angels were ministering to Him.

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, and saying, *"The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel."*

Nicene Creed p. 191

Hymn of the Day # 656

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Today we celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion in which we joyfully receive Christ’s Body and Blood, under bread and wine, for the forgiveness of our sins. As we celebrate the Sacrament, we also give public witness that we are in complete agreement with the denomination’s doctrinal teachings at whose altar we commune. Therefore, we ask that only communicant members of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod commune with us. All guests are asked to talk to Rev. Heller before coming to the altar to receive the Sacrament.

In our thoughts and prayers,

† Our sick & recovering: Ray Halter, Neal Reinhardt, Donna Weidner, & Brenda Weigum.

Welcome to worship in the season of Lent, the time of following Jesus to the cross. The 1st Sunday in Lent teaches us the cost of following Jesus. We who have died to sin and been raised to new life in Jesus in Holy Baptism are daily tempted to abandon Jesus so that the evil foe may be lord over us. As we feebly struggle, we find comfort in the words of the battle hymn of the Reformation, "A Mighty Fortress." The Valiant One, Jesus, has crushed the head of the evil one for us and He alone is our fortress in our struggle with the devil. Visitors, please sign our guest book and worship with us again soon!

Today in Sunday School, students study the account "Jesus Calms a Storm." Just as Jesus calmed the storm with His Word for the frightened disciples, so He calms and ends the storm of sin and death by taking our sin upon Himself and dying in our place so we may live eternally. Consider discussing, "*What did Jesus do to calm the storm? How does Jesus calm the storms in our life?*"

Topic Leaders will meet Tuesday, February 28th, 1:00 p.m.

**God's
Gift of
Forgiveness**

Our midweek Lenten services continue this Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. This week our worship focuses on Hiding from God or Hiding in God?, based on Psalm 32. Soup & sandwiches will be served by LYF and Elders at 5:30 p.m.

LYF: LYF will meet on Sunday, March 4th, 10:30 a.m. Children in grades 1-7 and their parents are invited to attend. We will discuss future activities and dates. Let's Grow in Christ!

The March calendar, Pray for us Calendar, Birthday and Anniversary Sheet, January council minutes, and children's devotional booklets are in the black stacking trays in the social hall. Feel free to pick up any copies you wish.

Greeters are needed for 2012. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the social hall.

Thank you to all who helped paint the social hall. Your work is greatly appreciated!



Lenten Soup/Sandwich Schedule

February 29	LYF & Elders
March 7	Sign-up Sheet
March 14	LWML
March 21	Council
March 28	To be determined

The March 7th sign-up sheet is on the table in the social hall. Signing up to bring food also includes setting up, serving and/or clean up.



Stewardship of Offerings and Attendance

Worship: 102 Offerings: \$2,209.00

As we enter the Lenten season we have the opportunity to reflect more deeply on our spiritual lives. James says that **“God chose to give us birth through the word of truth that we might be a kind of firstfruits of all He created.”** God created human beings to be the crowns and keepers of His creation. This is a major part of our stewardship in response to God who first loved us!

† This Week at Concordia †

Sunday 8:30 am Divine Service
 9:30 am Bible Class/Sunday School
 11:00 am *Worship @ Glen Ullin*

Tuesday 1:00 pm Topic Leaders
 2:00 pm Bible Class

Wednesday 12:30 pm Pastor @ Senior Suites (Hazen)
 5:30 pm Soup/Sandwiches - LYF & Elders
 6:30 pm Lenten Services
 7:15 pm Chime Practice
 7:45 pm Bell Practice

Thursday 7:00 pm *Lenten Service @ Glen Ullin*

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 10:30 am LYF Meeting
 11:00 am *Worship @ Glen Ullin*

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Communion attendance this morning.*