

Concordia Lutheran Church

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

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Beulah, North Dakota

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1st Sunday in Lent



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

Ephesians 6:11

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 3:1-21 (ESV)

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God actually say, 'You shall not eat of any tree in the garden'?" And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.' " But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.

And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. But the Lord God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?" And he said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself." He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate." Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

The Lord God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel."

To the woman he said, "I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children. Your desire shall be for your husband, and he shall rule over you."

And to Adam he said, "Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you, 'You shall not eat of it,' cursed is the ground because of you; in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life; thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field. By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

The man called his wife's name Eve, because she was the mother of all living. And the Lord God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them.

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.

Special Music: *The Handbells will ring "Lamb of God" following Gradual.*

Epistle Reading: Romans 5:12-19 (ESV)

Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned—for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come.

But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many. And the free gift is not like the result of that one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brought justification. If, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ.

Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

"Alleluia": *omitted during Lent*

Holy Gospel: St. Matthew 4:1-11 (ESV)

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. And after fasting forty days and forty nights, He was hungry. And the tempter came and said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, command

these stones to become loaves of bread." But He answered, "*It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'*"

Then the devil took Him to the holy city and set Him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down, for it is written, " 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and " 'On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.' "

Jesus said to him, "*Again it is written, 'You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.'*" Again, the devil took Him to a very high mountain and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. And he said to Him, "All these I will give You, if You will fall down and worship me." Then Jesus said to him, "*Be gone, Satan! For it is written, " 'You shall worship the Lord your God and Him only shall you serve.'*"

Then the devil left Him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to Him.

Nicene Creed p. 191

Hymn of the Day # 656

Sermon "*What is this you have done?*"

Offertory p. 192

The Handchimes will ring "Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross" during the gathering of our morning offerings.

Offering

Prayer of the Church

Service of the Sacrament p. 194

Distribution Hymns # 594, 431, 623

Nunc Dimittis p. 199

Thanksgiving p. 200

Benedicamus and Benediction p. 201

Closing Hymn # 418

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: Tom Bornemann, Buck Follis (father of Kim Senske), Anna Pischel, Cheryl Marsh (daughter of Ardella Halter), Delphine Traxel, & Brenda Weigum.

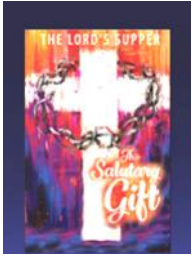


Stewardship of Offerings & Attendance

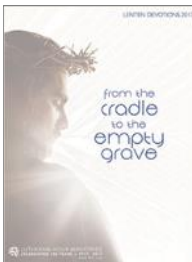
Attendance: 102 Offerings: \$2,477.50

Jesus said to him, "*Again it is written. . .*" Jesus defeats Satan in our place – not by using His power as God, but by His perfect obedience in His perfect humanity. Jesus defeats Satan not by miracles, but by quoting the Scriptures and living according to it. This should cause us great joy for two reasons. First, because we see Jesus win the victory for us. Second, because here Jesus shows us how to stand in that victory: on the Word of God alone.

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.



The Salutary Gift: Our midweek worship continues this Wednesday, March 8th, 6:30 pm. “Bread from Heaven” will be the focus of our worship. Please join us for soup and sandwiches at 5:30 pm.



“From the Cradle to the Empty Grave”: Lutheran Hour Ministries has once again this year put out their special devotions for the season of Lent. The daily devotions will be posted on the website, www.concordiabeulah.org. A few copies of the devotional booklet are on the table in the social hall. If you would like a printed copy of the booklet please talk to Sandy.

The March calendar, birthday and anniversary sheet, council minutes and “*My Devotions*” for the youth are in the black stacking trays in the social hall.

The March Human Care Project is collecting Bingo prizes for Knife River Care Center. Suggestions are, bags of popcorn, candy bars, sugar free candy, Pringles, snack bars, etc.

“Thank You” to Nona Blaisdell for providing the Girls Scout cookies for us last Sunday.

† This Week at Concordia †

Sunday	8:30 am	Divine Service
	9:30 am	Sunday School/Bible Class
	11:00 am	<i>Worship @ Glen Ullin</i>
Monday	10:00 am	Circuit Pastors @ Hannover
Tuesday	2:00 pm	Bible Class
Wednesday	4:30 pm	Catechism
	5:30 pm	Soup/Sandwiches—Council
	6:30 pm	Lenten Service
	7:15 pm	Council Meeting
	7:15 pm	Chime Practice
	7:45 pm	Bell Practice
Thursday	2:30 pm	<i>Pastor @ Marian Manor, Glen Ullin</i>
	7:00 pm	<i>Lenten Service @ Glen Ullin</i>
Saturday		Daylight saving time begins, turn clocks ahead one hour.
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Church Office Hours

Monday – Friday 8:30 AM – 12:30 PM

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