

Concordia Lutheran Church

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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

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."

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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”: *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."*

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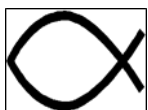
Today we celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion in which we joyfully receive Christ's Body and Blood, under bread and wine, for the forgiveness of our sins. As we celebrate the Sacrament, we also give public witness that we are in complete agreement with the denomination's doctrinal teachings at whose 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.

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!

Have you ever had a medical test where monitors showed more about your true health than you could begin to understand? God demands that we be hold, not just do holy things. Please join us for Lenten worship Wednesday at 6:30 pm. Our theme will be “Calling us Home. . .Holy, Wholly Holy,” based on 1 Peter 1:15-17. Soup & sandwiches will be served at 5:30. Join us!

Our Voters Meeting will be next Sunday, February 25, following worship. Unapproved copies of the November minutes are on the table in the social hall. We will be asking for approval of these minutes at the upcoming meeting. Potluck will follow the voters meeting.

February calendar, birthday sheet and “Happy Times” booklets for younger children are in the black stacking trays in the social hall.



“Fishers of Men”: Donations of tuna for Women’s Action & Resource Center are welcome throughout February. Donations can be left on the shelves in the entryway.

In our thoughts and prayers,

† Margaret Kuch (sister-in-law of Leeta Aanderud) & Brenda Weigum.

Stewardship of Offerings & Attendance

Attendance: 124 Offerings: 4,587.00

“And he was with the wild animals, and the angels were ministering to him.” God the Father cares for Jesus even in the midst of his temptation in the wilds. God cares for us in every situation as well. Jesus realized this and always acted from the basis of trust in God the Father’s provision. This is likewise the basis for our life lived in Christ: God cares for us, so we need not act out of fear or greed.

† This Week at Concordia †

Sunday	8:00 am	Worship @ Glen Ullin
	10:00 am	Divine Service
	11:00 am	Sunday School/Bible Class
Monday	7:00 pm	Sarah Guild
Wednesday	3:30 pm	Catechism
	5:30 pm	Soup/Sandwiches – Council
	6:30 pm	Lenten Service
Thursday	9:00 am	Deadline for March calendar
Sunday	8:00 am	Worship @ Glen Ullin
	10:00 am	Divine Service
	11:00 am	Sunday School/Voters Meeting
	11:30 am	Potluck

Church Office Hours

Monday - Friday 8:00 AM—12:00 PM

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