

Concordia Lutheran Church

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

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Beulah, North Dakota

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2nd Sunday in Lent



"If anyone would come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me."

Mark 8:34b

And God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover, I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall become nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

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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: Romans 5:1-11 (ESV)

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die—but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

"Alleluia": *omitted during Lent*

Holy Gospel: St. Mark 8:27-38 (ESV)

And Jesus went on with His disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi. And on the way He asked His disciples, "*Who do people say that I am?*" And they told Him, "John the Baptist; and others say, Elijah; and others, one of the prophets." And He asked them, "*But who do you say that I am?*" Peter answered Him, "You are the Christ." And He strictly charged them to tell no one about Him.

And He began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again. And He said this plainly. And

Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him. But turning and seeing His disciples, He rebuked Peter and said, *"Get behind Me, Satan! For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man."*

And He called to Him the crowd with His disciples and said to them, *"If anyone would come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel's will save it. For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? For what can a man give in return for his life? For whoever is ashamed of Me and of My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels."*

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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,

- † Margaret Kuch (sister-in-law of Leeta Aanderud) & Brenda Weigum;
- † Bob & Marlene Schriefer & family on the death of Marlene's sister, Loretta Bankson.

Welcome to worship in the season of Lent, the time of following Jesus to the cross. Lent teaches us that it was our sin which caused Jesus to suffer and die. As we confess our sins, “Whenever we confess our sins, [God] is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness” (1 John 1:9). Visitors, please sign our guest book and worship with us again soon!

Please join us for our Voters Meeting following worship this morning. Potluck will follow the voters meeting.

“You’re peculiar!” The world might consider that a slam but it’s a compliment if it’s said because you show that you follow Jesus. Please come to Lenten worship Wednesday at 6:30 pm. Our theme will be “Calling Us Home...Peculiar” (1 Peter 2:9-10). Soup & sandwiches will be served at 5:30 pm.



Greeting Cards: If you would like to see any particular type of card available for sale in the card display, please talk to Tina Heller. She will be ordering additional cards soon.

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

“Thank You” Nona Blaisdell, Judy Jose, Julie Westemeier, and Pede Winkler for providing bars/cookies/candy during the month of February.

Stewardship of Offerings & Attendance

Attendance: 68 Offerings: \$3,720.00

Anytime we sin we are acting like Peter: thinking we know better than the Lord. But as Jesus says, such acts stem from Satan. So let us repent: let us trust our Lord Jesus and follow Him. For certainly He has earned our trust with His gracious sacrifice for us.

† This Week at Concordia †

Sunday	8:00 am	<i>Worship @ Glen Ullin</i>
	10:00 am	Divine Service
	11:00 am	Sunday School/Voters Meeting
	11:30 am	Potluck
Tuesday	1:00 pm	Bible Class @ Knife River Care Center
Wednesday	3:30 pm	Catechism
	5:30 pm	Soup/Sandwiches – Elders & LYF
	6:30 pm	Lenten Service
Thursday	1:30 pm	Naomi/Vesper Guild
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Church Office Hours

Monday - Friday 8:00 AM—12:00 PM

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