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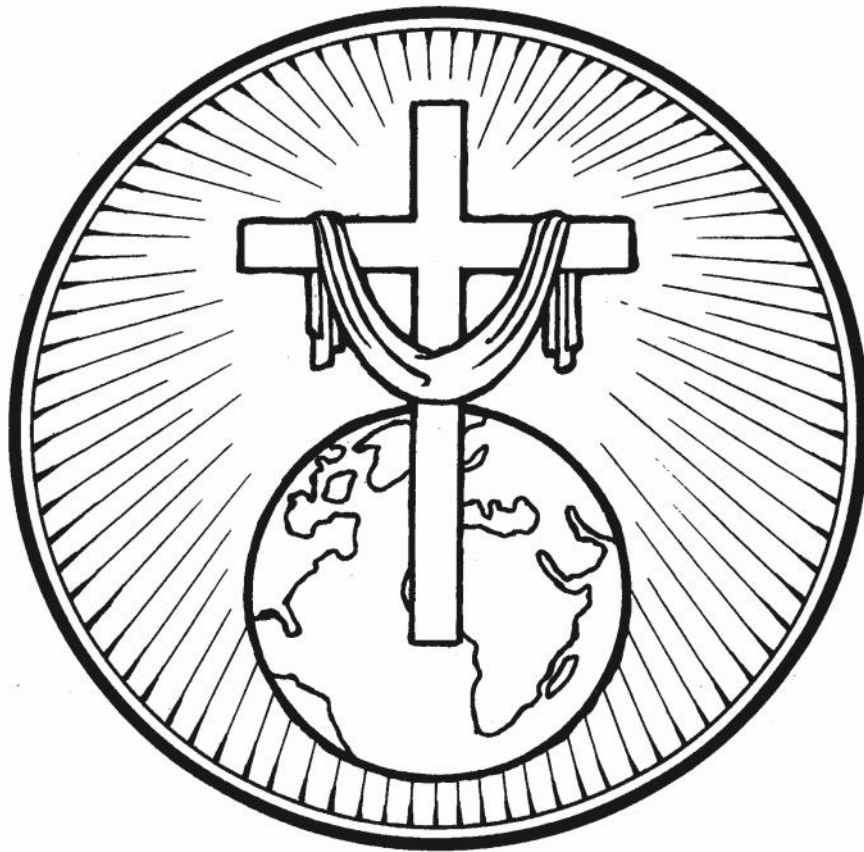
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4th Sunday in Lent



*For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son,
that whoever believes in Him should not perish
but have eternal life.*

John 3:16

SERVICE

Setting Three

Hymn of Invocation # 420 (st. 1-3)

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Introit

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear;

though war arise against me, yet I will be confident.

One thing have I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after;

**that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,
to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to inquire in his temple.**

For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble;

he will conceal me under the cover of his tent;

he will lift me high upon a rock.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

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Kyrie

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Gloria In Excelsis *is omitted during Lent*

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Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; 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: Numbers 21:4-9 (ESV)

From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom. And the people became impatient on the way. And the people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we loathe this worthless food." Then the Lord sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. And the people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned, for we have spoken against the Lord and against you. Pray to the Lord, that he take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. And the Lord said to Moses, "Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live." So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.

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: Ephesians 2:1-10 (ESV)

And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience—among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

“Alleluia” is omitted during Lent

Holy Gospel: St. John 3:14-21 (ESV)

“And 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, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through Him. Whoever believes in Him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their deeds were evil. For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his deeds have been carried out in God.”

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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.

Stewardship of Offerings & Attendance

Attendance: 90 Offerings: \$4,520.00

"For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them."

Ephesians 2:10

Even the good we do in this world is a gift from God, prepared beforehand for us to do. And this too is a gift! For isn't doing good also a good thing for the one who does it? So from first to last, from the Lord's free salvation given to us to the good works He's prepared for us to walk in, it is all a gift of God's grace.



Acknowledgments

Divine Service, Setting Three from *Lutheran Service Book*

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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!

Bible Class: As Jesus is arrested and led away, the frightened Peter follows just far enough behind so as to not be noticed and risk being captured also. He loves the Lord Jesus, but perhaps, a little less than he loves himself. As we hear these words, we are reminded of the meaning of the First Commandment: “We should fear, love, and trust in God above all things.” Peter’s boastful words in the Upper Room (Luke 22:31–34) were a bit hasty as now he begins fearing something more than God, loving something more than Jesus, and trusting something other than God’s promises and Jesus’ teachings. Join us for Bible class this morning as we look at Peter in the Courtyard, Luke 22:31-34, 54-62.



Lenten Worship: Join us for “Return from Denial” on Wednesday, March 17, 6:30 pm.

Pastor Heller will be gone March 18-22. In case of emergency, please call Jamey Backus, 873-7673.

During the month of March, we are collecting Bingo prizes for Knife River Care Center. Items may include bags of popcorn, candy bars, sugar free candy, Pringles, Werthers candy.



Greeters are needed for the months of March, April and May. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board.

The March calendar, birthday and anniversary sheet and council minutes are on the table in the social hall.



Main Street Living is on Midcontinent Channel # 594 at 10:30 am Sundays. On March 21, Rev. Kent Borglum, presents the message “God Has Prepared a New Covenant For

† 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 4:00 pm Catechism
6:30 pm Lenten Service

Sunday 10:00 am Worship Service

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