

Concordia Lutheran Church

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

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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

✠ In the Name of Jesus ✠

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!

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.

SERVICE **Setting Three**

Hymn of Invocation # 611

Confession & Absolution p. 184

Introit

Remember your mercy, O Lord, and your steadfast love,
for they have been from of old.

You who fear the Lord, trust in the Lord!

He is their help and their shield.

The Lord has remembered us; he will bless us;

he will bless the house of Israel; he will bless the house of Aaron;

he will bless those who fear the Lord,

both the small and the great.

We will bless the Lord

from this time forth and forevermore. Praise the Lord!

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.

Remember your mercy, O Lord, and your steadfast love,

for they have been from of old.

Kyrie p. 186

Gloria in Excelsis *is omitted during Lent*

Salutation & Collect p. 189

O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Old Testament: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

When Abram was ninety-nine years old the Lord appeared to Abram and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless, that I may make my covenant between me and you, and may multiply you greatly." Then Abram fell on his face. And God said to him, "Behold, my covenant is with you, and you shall be the father of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham, for I have made you the father of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make you into nations, and kings shall come from you. And I will establish my covenant between me and you and your offspring after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.

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."

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: Romans 5:1-11

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" *is omitted during Lent*

Holy Gospel: St. Mark 8:27-38

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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**WE GO FROM THIS PLACE OF WORSHIP WHERE WE ARE ABOUT
EQUIPPING DISCIPLES TO MAKE DISCIPLES FOR JESUS**

Acknowledgments

Divine Service, Setting Three from Lutheran Service Book

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE KING OF LOVE MY SHEPHERD IS: Join us as we continue our Wednesday Lenten worship on the 23rd Psalm, February 28, 6:30 pm. Soup & sandwiches are served at 5:30 pm.

Pastor Heller will be on vacation Wednesday, February 28 — Tuesday, March 5. In case of emergency, please call Jamey Backus, 880-0621.

The March calendar and the birthday & anniversary sheet are on the table in the social hall.



In our thoughts and prayers,

† Tom Bornemann, Kent Larson, Hannah Schantz, & George Zeiszler
(brother of Laura Jorgenson).

Stewardship of Offerings & Attendance

Attendance: 71 Offerings: \$3,558.00

“And He said this plainly.

And Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke him.”

Mark 8:32

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>
	9:15 am	Sunday School
	10:00 am	Divine Service
	11:00 am	Bible Class
Tuesday	1:30 pm	Bible Class @ Knife River Care Center
Wednesday	4:00 pm	Catechism
	5:30 pm	Soup & Sandwiches
	6:30 pm	Lenten Service
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	9:15 am	Sunday School
	10:00 am	Divine Service

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