

# Concordia Lutheran Church

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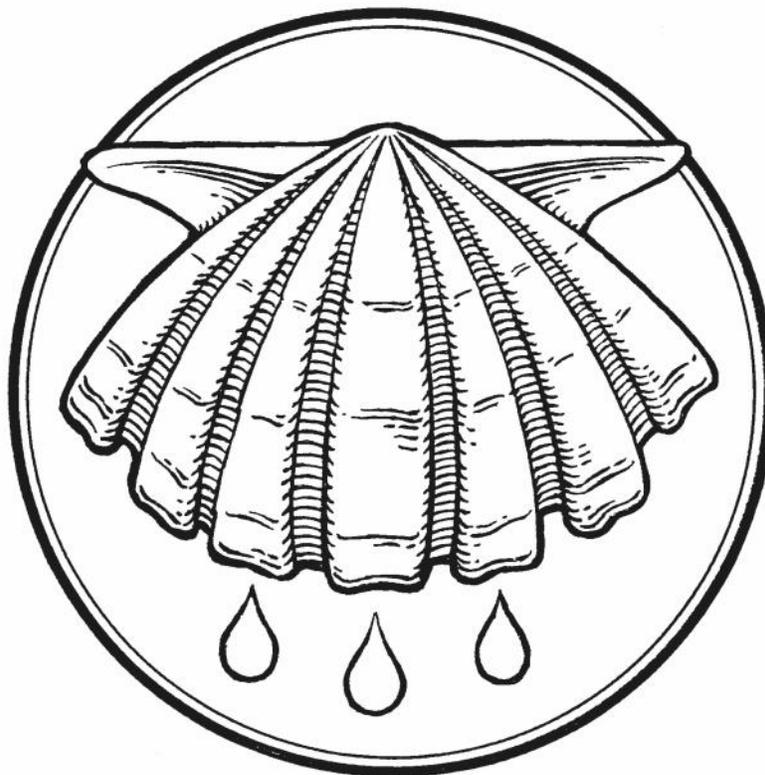
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2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent



*"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



When they came to the land of Canaan, Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. Then the Lord appeared to Abram and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built there an altar to the Lord, who had appeared to him. From there he moved to the hill country on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. And there he built an altar to the Lord and called upon the name of the Lord. And Abram journeyed on, still going toward the Negeb.

### **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 4:1-8, 13-17

What then shall we say was gained by Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the Scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness."

Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due. And to the one who does not work but trusts him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness, just as David also speaks of the blessing of the one to whom God counts righteousness apart from works:

"Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven, and whose sins are covered; blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin."

For the promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of the world did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith. For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression.

That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring—not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations"—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

**"Alleluia"** *is omitted during Lent*

### **Holy Gospel:** St. John 3:1-17

Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. This man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, "Rabbi, we know that You are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him." Jesus answered him, "*Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.*" Nicodemus said to Him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "*Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that*

*which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit."*

*Nicodemus said to Him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except Him who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. 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.*

<b>Nicene Creed</b>	p. 191	<b>Service of the Sacrament</b>	p. 194
<b>Hymn of the Day</b>	# 708	<b>Distribution Hymns: # 596 (st. 1-4), 392, 632</b>	
<b>Sermon: "God so loved"</b>		<b>Nunc Dimittis</b>	p. 199
<b>Offering</b>		<b>Thanksgiving</b>	p. 200
<b>Offertory</b>	p. 192	<b>Benedicamus and Benediction</b>	p. 201
<b>Prayer of the Church</b>		<b>Closing Hymn</b>	# 702

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



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.

*For those unable to drink wine,  
water with a drop of wine can be found in the center of each individual cup tray.*

### **In thoughts and prayers,**



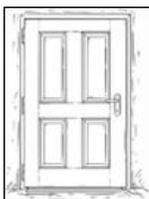
✠ Our sick & recovering, Steve Heupel (father of Amy Bieber) and Carter Johnson (grandson of Ray & Lorraine Sorge).

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## Announcements

**The “I AM” sayings of Jesus:** God revealed Himself to Moses simply and profoundly as “I am” (*Exodus 3:14*). In the Gospel of John, the Evangelist records for us Jesus speaking those exact words to reveal and make Himself known to us as “very God of very God” (Nicene Creed). For our midweek worship in the season of Lent, we will be looking at the “I AM” sayings of Jesus. Please join us as we continue this Wednesday, looking at the words of Jesus, “I AM the door” (*John 10:9*). Worship will be at 6:30 pm. Soup and sandwiches will be served at 5:30 pm.



**Thrivent Choice Dollars:** The deadline to direct your dollars is March 31. You can direct Choice Dollars online by logging onto [thrivent.com](http://thrivent.com) and going to Generosity or Member Benefits and choosing “Thrivent Choice Dollars”. You can also direct Choice Dollars by calling 1-800-847-4836.



**Daylight Saving Time** begins Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup>. Remember to set your clocks ahead one hour Saturday evening.

**The March** calendar, birthday and anniversary sheet and the March “*My Devotions*” for the children are on the table in the social hall.

**During the month of March** donations of snacks for children will be collected for Women’s Action & Resource Center.

### ✠ This Week at Concordia ✠

Today	8:00 am	Worship @ Glen Ullin
	9:15 am	Sunday School
	10:00 am	Divine Service
	11:00 am	Bible Class
Tuesday	1:30 pm	Bible Study
Wednesday	4:00 pm	Catechism
	5:30 pm	Soup & Sandwiches
	6:30 pm	Lenten Service
Sunday	8:00 am	Worship @ Glen Ullin
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Most congregations offer extra services during Lent. During this penitential season, Christians have historically devoted extra time to prayer and meditation on God’s Word. Midweek Lenten Services are a wonderful opportunity for you to spend time hearing God’s Word and receiving His gifts. I encourage you to attend your congregation or parish Lenten Services.

Rev. Mark Chepulis, North Dakota District President