# Concordia Lutheran Church

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



"If anyone would come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me." Mark 8:34b **DIVINE 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!

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

Gloria Patri p. 186

**Kyrie** p. 186

Gloria In Excelsis: 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 (ESV)

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 (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" is 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."

Nicene Creed p. 191

Hymn of the Day # 708

Sermon: Faith Sees Through Suffering

Offertory p. 192

#### Offering

The Handbells will ring "The Lamb" during the gathering of our morning offerings.

#### **Prayer of the Church**

Service of the Sacrament p. 194

**Distribution Hymns** # 438, 617

Nunc Dimittis p. 199

**Thanksgiving** p. 200

**Benedicamus and Benediction** p. 201

Closing Hymn # 685

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,

† Our sick & recovering: Delmar Dschaak, Eileen Keller, Lorraine Sturn (sister of Elsie Buchmann), Avery Sukut (cousin of Amy Bieber), Deane Weidner, Marvin Weigum, & Lowell Zuther (brother of Clare Renner).



# Stewardship of Offerings & Attendance

Attendance: 98 Offerings: \$3,063.00

"And He said this plainly. And Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him." 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.

We are the North Dakota District – At the recent District Convention, four layperson were elected to the nominating committee: Jerry Goter, Myrlin Hall, Paul Huber, and Jerome Ziegler. Two pastors were also elected: Rev. Mark Buchhop and Rev. Daryl Rothchild. According to the Bylaws, the secretary of district is an advisory member of the nominating committee. This is Rev. Joshua Reimche.

**President Baneck** 

**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 sin our great comfort comes from the promise of God, "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 Bible class after worship this morning.

**All LYF** students and parents please meet in the study room off of the fellowship hall following worship this morning.

**Singing With the Exiles:** Our midweek worship continues this Wednesday, March 4. "Marked," based on Isaiah 44:1-5, will be the focus of our worship. Please join us for soup and sandwiches at 5:30 pm served by the Elders and LYF.

**The March** Human Care Project is collecting protein foods for Women's Action & Resource Center. Please place your donations in the shelf unit in the entryway. Thank you.

The March calendar, birthday and anniversary sheet, January council minutes and "My Devotions" for the children are in the black stacking trays in the social hall.



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

#### +This Week at Concordia+

Sunday	8:30 am 9:30 am <i>11:00 am</i>	
Monday	10:00 am	Circuit Pastors @ Dickinson
Tuesday	2:00 pm	Bible Class
Wednesday	3:30 pm 4:30 pm 5:30 pm 6:30 pm 7:15 pm 7:15 pm 7:45 pm	2 <sup>nd</sup> Year Catechism 3 <sup>rd</sup> Year Catechism Soup/sandwiches—Elders & LYF Lenten Service Lay Ministry Meeting Chime Practice Bell Practice
Thursday	1:30 pm <i>7:00 pm</i>	Naomi/Vesper Guild Lenten Service @ Glen Ullin
Sunday	8:30 am 9:30 am <i>11:00 am</i>	Divine Service Sunday School/Bible Class Worship @ Glen Ullin

## Church Office Hours

Monday – Friday 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM Church: 873-4388 Parsonage: 873-4223 revheller@westriv.com concordiasecretary@westriv.com Website: www.concordiabeulah.org

Please use a pew card to record your worship and/or Communion attendance this morning.