

Concordia Lutheran Church

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

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1st Sunday in Lent



*Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand
against the schemes of the devil.*

Ephesians 6:11

"And you shall make response before the Lord your God, 'A wandering Aramean was my father. And he went down into Egypt and sojourned there, few in number, and there he became a nation, great, mighty, and populous. And the Egyptians treated us harshly and humiliated us and laid on us hard labor. Then we cried to the Lord, the God of our fathers, and the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. And the Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with great deeds of terror, with signs and wonders. And he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. And behold, now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground, which you, O Lord, have given me.' And you shall set it down before the Lord your God and worship before the Lord your God. And you shall rejoice in all the good that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house, you, and the Levite, and the sojourner who is among you.

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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 10:8b-13 (ESV)

"The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. For the Scripture says, "Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

"Alleluia" *is omitted during Lent*

Holy Gospel: St. Luke 4:1-13 (ESV)

And Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness for forty days, being tempted by the devil. And He ate nothing during those days. And when they were ended, He was hungry. The devil said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread." And Jesus answered him, "*It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone.'*" And the devil took Him up and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time, and said to Him, "To You I will give all this authority and their glory, for it has been delivered to me, and I give it to whom I will. If You, then, will worship me, it will all be Yours." And Jesus answered him, "*It is written, 'You shall worship the Lord your God, and him only shall you serve.'*"

And he took Him to Jerusalem and set Him on the pinnacle of the temple and

said to Him, "If you are the Son of God, throw Yourself down from here, for it is written, " 'He will command His angels concerning You, to guard You,' and " 'On their hands they will bear You up, lest You strike Your foot against a stone.' "

And Jesus answered him, "*It is said, 'You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.'* " And when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from Him until an opportune time.

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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,

† Our sick & recovering: Cami Hafner (wife of Wes Hafner), Donald Kuch (brother-in-law of Leeta Aanderud), Luella Langmack (sister of Walter Morast), Cheryl Marsh (daughter of Ardella Halter), & Avery Sukut (cousin of Amy Bieber).

Our Stewardship of Offerings and Attendance

Worship: 86 Offerings: \$2,010.50

And Jesus answered him, "*It is written, . . .*" Isn't it interesting that Jesus does not defeat Satan with His power as God, but rather by His perfect obedience in His perfect humanity? Jesus defeats Satan not by miracles, but by quoting the Scriptures and living according to it. This should cause us great joy for two reasons. First, because we see Jesus win the victory for us. Second, because here Jesus shows us how to stand in that victory: on the Word of God alone. Let us build our lives on the sure rock of this Word!

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

Announcements

February 14, 2016

Welcome to worship in the season of Lent, the time of following Jesus to the cross. The 1st Sunday in Lent teaches us the cost of following Jesus. We who have died to sin and been raised to new life in Jesus in Holy Baptism are daily tempted to abandon Jesus so that the evil foe may be lord over us. As we feebly struggle, we find comfort in the words of the battle hymn of the Reformation, "A Mighty Fortress". The Valiant One, Jesus, has crushed the head of the evil one for us and He alone is our fortress in our struggle with the devil. Visitors, please sign our guest book and worship with us again soon!



Christ, the Lamb of God: Our midweek worship continues this Wednesday, February 17th, 6:30 pm. "On the Mountain, The Lamb" will be the focus of our worship. Please join us for soup and sandwiches at 5:30 pm.

Voters Meeting: Our annual voters meeting will be Sunday, February 21st, following worship. Unapproved minutes from the November 15, 2015, meeting are on the table in the fellowship hall. Potluck brunch will follow the annual meeting.

Teens Stand Strong is the theme of the district LYF spring retreat March 4-5 in Carrington. More information can be found at: <http://www.ndyouthonfire.org/events/retreat>. Remember, the congregations pays your registration fee!

Roof Fund: Our loan for the roof work is paid off in full. "*Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever!*" (Psalm 106:1).

Bibles: The church has Bibles for sale. They are English Standard Version, large print, hardbound burgundy covers. The cost is \$15.00.

"Thank You" to Eleanor Becker and Norma Sailer for providing bars following worship last Sunday.

† This Week at Concordia †

Sunday	8:30 am	Divine Service
	9:30 am	Sunday School/Bible Class
	11:00 am	<i>Worship @ Glen Ullin</i>
	2:30 pm	Pastor @ Knife River Care Center
Monday	7:00 pm	Sarah Guild
Tuesday	2:00 pm	Bible Class
Wednesday	4:30 pm	Catechism
	5:30 pm	Soup & sandwiches-Council
	6:30 pm	Lenten Service
	7:15 pm	Chime Practice
	7:45 pm	Bell Practice
Thursday	7:00 pm	<i>Lenten Service @ Glen Ullin</i>
Sunday	8:30 am	Divine Service
	9:30 am	Sunday School/Voters Meeting
	10:30 am	Potluck Brunch