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**FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT**

**February 18, 2024**

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**Welcome:** We are glad that you are here or are watching our worship service online. May you be blessed through this time of worship. We pray you find today's service a source of encouragement and strength. *Offerings are received at the door as you enter or leave. Please take a moment to complete an attendance registration slip found in the pew rack and return it to the offering plates also.*

**Prayer Requests** are always welcome. To have someone included in our prayers during worship, please call the pastor or church office or write down the request and give it to the pastor.

**Lectionary Summary:** In faith and the fear of God, Abraham prepared to sacrifice his beloved son, Isaac. At the Word of the Lord, he *“took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son.”* And *“when they came to the place of which God had told him,”* Abraham bound Isaac *“and laid him on the altar”* (Gen. 22:6, 9). Then God stayed Abraham's hand and provided *“for himself the lamb for a burnt offering”* (Gen. 22:8). That Lamb is God's own beloved Son, Jesus, in whom *“all the nations of the earth”* are blessed (Gen. 22:18). As the Substitute for all the sons of men, Jesus is driven by the Spirit *“into the wilderness”* to be *“tempted by Satan”* (Mark 1:12–13) in order to endure and defeat all temptation. We are tempted by our own desire, which conceives and *“gives birth to sin”* (James 1:14–15). But this blessed Man, Christ Jesus, remained *“steadfast under trial,”* and He has received *“the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him”* (James 1:12). His faithfulness, His victory and His life are now given to us by His grace in the Gospel.

**Order of Service**  
**Divine Service Setting Four    LSB 203**

**Preservice Music**

**Welcome and Greeting Time**

**Ringling of the Bell**


**8:00 a.m.**

**♪ Opening Hymn: “O Christ, You Walked the Road”** *LSB 424*

- 1    O Christ, You walked the road Our wand’ring feet must go.  
      You faced with us temptation’s pow’r And fought our ancient foe.**
- 2    No bread of earth alone Can fill our hung’ring hearts.  
      Lord, help us seek Your living Word, The food Your grace imparts.**
- 3    No blinding sign we ask, No wonder from above.  
      Lord, help us place our trust alone In Your unswerving love.**
- 4    When lures of easy gain With promise brightly shine,  
      Lord, help us seek Your kingdom first; Our wills with Yours align.**
- 5    O Christ, You walked the road Our wand’ring feet must go.  
      Stay with us through temptation’s hour To fight our ancient foe.**

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*Stand*

**[P]** In the name of the Father and of the  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**[C]** Amen.

**10:30 a.m.**

**♪ Baptismal Hymn: “Father Welcomes”** *LSB 605*

*ref* **Father welcomes all His children To His fam’ly through His Son.  
      Father giving His salvation, Life forever has been won.**

- 1    Little children, come to Me, For My kingdom is of these.  
      Life and love I have to give, Mercy for your sin. *Refrain***

**2 In the water, in the Word, In His promise, be assured:  
Those who are baptized and believe Shall be born again. *Refrain***

**3 Let us daily die to sin; Let us daily rise with Him,  
Walk in the love of Christ our Lord, Live in the peace of God. *Refrain***

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## Order of Baptism

LSB 268

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** **who made heaven and earth.**

**P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

**C** **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

**P** Since we are gathered to hear God's Word and call upon Him in prayer and praise, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

**C** **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

## Introit

*Psalm 91:9–13; antiphon: vv. 15–16*

**P** When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will rescue him and honor him.

**C** **With long life I will satisfy him and show him my salvation.**

**P** Because you have made the LORD your dwelling place— the Most High, who is my refuge—

**C** **no evil shall be allowed to befall you, no plague come near your tent.**

**P** For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways.

- C** On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.
- P** You will tread on the lion and the adder; the young lion and the serpent you will trample underfoot.
- C** **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.**
- P** When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will rescue him and honor him.
- C** **With long life I will satisfy him and show him my salvation.**

## ♫ Kyrie

LSB 204

- C** Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P** The Lord be with you.

- C** And also with you.

- P** Let us pray.

O Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide the people of Your Church that following our Savior we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

- C** Amen.

*Sit*

## Old Testament Reading

*Genesis 22:1–18*

<sup>1</sup>After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, “Abraham!” And he said, “Here am I.” <sup>2</sup>He said, “Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you.” <sup>3</sup>So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac. And he cut the wood for the burnt offering and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. <sup>4</sup>On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar. <sup>5</sup>Then Abraham said to his young men, “Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy will go over there and worship and come again to you.” <sup>6</sup>And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together. <sup>7</sup>And Isaac said to his father Abraham, “My father!” And he said, “Here am I, my son.” He said, “Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?” <sup>8</sup>Abraham said, “God will

provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son.” So they went both of them together. <sup>9</sup>When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. <sup>10</sup>Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. <sup>11</sup>But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, “Abraham, Abraham!” And he said, “Here am I.” <sup>12</sup>He said, “Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.” <sup>13</sup>And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. <sup>14</sup>So Abraham called the name of that place, “The LORD will provide”; as it is said to this day, “On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided.” <sup>15</sup>And the angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven <sup>16</sup>and said, “By myself I have sworn, declares the LORD, because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, <sup>17</sup>I will surely bless you, and I will surely multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of his enemies, <sup>18</sup>and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice.”

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle

*James 1:12–18*

<sup>12</sup>Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him. <sup>13</sup>Let no one say when he is tempted, “I am being tempted by God,” for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one. <sup>14</sup>But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. <sup>15</sup>Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death. <sup>16</sup>Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers. <sup>17</sup>Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. <sup>18</sup>Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

♪ Verse

*LSB 205*

**C** These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.

## Holy Gospel

Mark 1:9–15

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>9</sup>In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan.

<sup>10</sup>And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens opening and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. <sup>11</sup>And a voice came from heaven, “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.” <sup>12</sup>The Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. <sup>13</sup>And he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. And he was with the wild animals, and the angels were ministering to him. <sup>14</sup>Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, <sup>15</sup>and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

**Apostles’ Creed (8:00 a.m. only)**

**C** **I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.**

*Sit*

**Children’s Message**

♪ **Sermon Hymn: “The Lamb”**

LSB 547

**1 The Lamb, the Lamb, O Father, where’s the sacrifice?**

**Faith sees, believes God will provide the Lamb of price! *Refrain***

*ref* **Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me His own!  
The Lamb is reigning on His throne!**

**2 The Lamb, the Lamb, One perfect final offering.**

**The Lamb, the Lamb, Let earth join heav’n His praise to sing. *Refrain***

- 3    The Lamb, the Lamb, As wayward sheep their shepherd kill**  
**So still, His will On our behalf the Law to fill.** *Refrain*
- 4    He sighs, He dies, He takes my sin and wretchedness.**  
**He lives, forgives, He gives me His own righteousness.** *Refrain*
- 5    He rose, He rose, My heart with thanks now overflows.**  
**His song prolong Till ev'ry heart to Him belong.** *Refrain*

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## Sermon “Tested”

**Pastor Buchhorn**

*Stand*

### **Litany**

*LSB 288*

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| <b>P</b> O Lord,                             | <b>C</b> have mercy.          |
| <b>P</b> O Christ,                           | <b>C</b> have mercy.          |
| <b>P</b> O Lord,                             | <b>C</b> have mercy.          |
| <b>P</b> O Christ,                           | <b>C</b> hear us.             |
| <b>P</b> God the Father in heaven,           | <b>C</b> have mercy.          |
| <b>P</b> God the Son, Redeemer of the world, | <b>C</b> have mercy.          |
| <b>P</b> God the Holy Spirit,                | <b>C</b> have mercy.          |
| <b>P</b> Be gracious to us.                  | <b>C</b> Spare us, good Lord. |
| <b>P</b> Be gracious to us.                  | <b>C</b> Help us, good Lord.  |

- P** From all sin, from all error, from all evil;  
 From the crafts and assaults of the devil; from sudden and evil death;  
 From pestilence and famine; from war and bloodshed; from sedition and from rebellion;  
 From lightning and tempest; from all calamity by fire and water; and from everlasting death:

### **C Good Lord, deliver us.**

- P** By the mystery of Your holy incarnation; by Your holy nativity;  
 By Your baptism, fasting, and temptation; by Your agony and bloody sweat; by Your cross and passion; by Your precious death and burial;  
 By Your glorious resurrection and ascension; and by the coming of the Holy Spirit, the Comforter:

**C Help us, good Lord.**

**P** In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in the hour of death; and in the day of judgment:

**C Help us, good Lord.**

**P** We poor sinners implore You

**C to hear us, O Lord.**

**P** To rule and govern Your holy Christian Church; to preserve all pastors and ministers of Your Church in the true knowledge and understanding of Your wholesome Word and to sustain them in holy living;

To put an end to all schisms and causes of offense; to bring into the way of truth all who have erred and are deceived;

To beat down Satan under our feet; to send faithful laborers into Your harvest; and to accompany Your Word with Your grace and Spirit:

**C We implore You to hear us, good Lord.**

**P** To raise those who fall and to strengthen those who stand; and to comfort and help the weakhearted and the distressed:

**C We implore You to hear us, good Lord.**

**P** To give to all peoples concord and peace; to preserve our land from discord and strife; to give our country Your protection in every time of need;

To direct and defend our president and all in authority; to bless and protect our magistrates and all our people;

To watch over and help all who are in danger, necessity, and tribulation; to protect and guide all who travel;

To grant all women with child, and all mothers with infant children, increasing happiness in their blessings; to defend all orphans and widows and provide for them;

To strengthen and keep all sick persons and young children; to free those in bondage; and to have mercy on us all:

**C We implore You to hear us, good Lord.**

**P** To forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers and to turn their hearts; to give and preserve for our use the kindly fruits of the earth; and graciously to hear our prayers:

**C We implore You to hear us, good Lord.**

**P** Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,

**C we implore You to hear us.**

**P** Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

**C have mercy.**

**P** Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,  
**C** have mercy.  
**P** Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,  
**C** grant us Your peace.

<b>P</b> O Christ,	<b>C</b> hear us.
<b>P</b> O Lord,	<b>C</b> have mercy.
<b>P</b> O Christ,	<b>C</b> have mercy.
<b>P</b> O Lord,	<b>C</b> have mercy. Amen.

### Lord's Prayer

**C** Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

**P** O Lord, do not deal with us according to our sins.  
**C** Do not reward us according to our iniquities.  
**P** Almighty God, our heavenly Father, You desire not the death of a sinner, but rather  
that we turn from our evil ways and live. Graciously spare us those punishments  
which we by our sins have deserved, and grant us always to serve You in holiness  
and pureness of living; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and  
reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**C** Amen.

### Benedicamus & Benediction

*LSB 212*

**P** Let us bless the Lord.  
**C** Thanks be to God.  
**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.  
**C** Amen.

*Sit*

♪ **Hymn to Depart: “O Lord, throughout These Forty Days”**

*LSB 418*

- 1 O Lord, throughout these forty days You prayed and kept the fast;  
Inspire repentance for our sin, And free us from our past.**
- 2 You strove with Satan, and You won; Your faithfulness endured;  
Lend us Your nerve, Your skill and trust In God’s eternal Word.**
- 3 Though parched and hungry, yet You prayed And fixed Your mind above;  
So teach us to deny ourselves, Since we have known God’s love.**
- 4 Be with us through this season, Lord, And all our earthly days,  
That when the final Easter dawns, We join in heaven’s praise.**

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## **NEWS AND NOTES**

**WE REJOICE** with the following members of Grace who are celebrating this week.

**BIRTHDAYS:** Randy Surber, Chase Rethwisch, Cythina Rethwisch, William Haisch, Brian Nelson, Marjorie Meyer, Elaine Saul, Rachel Holland, Melissa Pickinpaugh, Hallie Heithold, Keith Knudsen, Derek Schardt, Terry Janke, Ruth Victor, Mardelle Brudigan, Kayla Reed, Nicholas Forsyth, Virginia Nelson, Liam Blohm & Lyndon Jensen  
**ANNIVERSARIES:**

**WE WELCOME:** into the Lord’s family through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism: Buzz Arthur and Violet Ann Ruwe, children of B.J. & Sara (Rohde) Ruwe. Buzz and Violet were born January 24, 2023. Their sponsors are Edward & Heather Rohde and Lucas & Stephanie Ruwe. May God bless and keep this growing family.

**NURSERY:** A nursery room has been created to help parents with young children. The nursery is located in the first room west of the upstairs fellowship hall. Please feel welcome to use the room to quiet your child.

**PARENTS OF LITTLE CHILDREN:** Books which your children may enjoy are available in book bags located near the doors at the east end of the sanctuary. Please return the books after the worship service. Thank you.

**LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS WERE** \$10,120.

**SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS:** Today we continue our study of the book of Titus. All are welcome to join this time to dig deeper into this book of practical guidance for our life of faith. In chapter three we are reminded of our past apart from Christ and the amazing difference His coming has made. The class meets at 9:15 in the basement.

**WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY:** This week we will be concluding our study of the Gospel of Luke. Join us as we review the events of the first Easter and their enduring consequences for us today. We meet at 9:00 a.m. in the large meeting room upstairs.

**LENTEN MIDWEEK WORSHIP:** Throughout the season of Lent special worship opportunities are provided at 6:15 p.m. on Wednesday. As we are encouraged to watch and pray, we will reflect on the questions first asked of those who were there. This week's question, "Are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss?"

**LENTEN FELLOWSHIP MEALS:** Prior to the midweek worship service there will be a fellowship meal in the church basement beginning at 5:15 p.m. This week the Mission Council is preparing tavern sandwiches.

**WSC SUNDAY SUPPER:** All students are invited to join us Sunday evening at 7:30 p.m. for a free home cooked meal served at the Cup of Grace campus center. Join us for this time of food and fellowship before jumping into another week of classes.

**LUTHERAN HOUR:** "When Winning Is Losing" -- Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. John Nunes -- In Christ, losing is winning and winning is losing. Dr. John Nunes explains what that means. Hear the "Lutheran Hour" message on KTCH AM next Sunday at 7:30 am.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** “The Fearless Shepherd” is the title for today’s lesson. As their armies remain encamped against one another, the Philistines send their champion, Goliath, to challenge the Israelites. The Israelites fear to challenge the giant. Young David expresses dismay at the soldiers’ lack of trust in God. Confident that the Lord will give him victory, David uses his sling and knocks Goliath to the ground before cutting off Goliath’s head with the giant’s own sword.

**LENTEN DEVOTIONAL BOOKLETS:** Devotional booklets for the season of Lent entitled "Lamb of God" are available at the entryways this morning. The booklets from Lutheran Hour Ministries help us to see Jesus as both human and divine. He is concerned about people's everyday lives and their eternal welfare. As God's Son, He bore the weight of our sins so we in faith can carry His mission to the world. These devotions are also available in an electronic format. See [lhm.org](http://lhm.org) for details.

**CALLED VOTERS' MEETING:** A called voters' meeting is being planned for Sunday, February 25 at 9:15 a.m. to formally approve our calling of an Associate Pastor Candidate from this spring's seminary graduating class and to take up other details relating to this call. As mentioned in previous reports, the calling process for a graduating seminarian does not allow our congregation to specify only one person to call. We have spoken to four potential candidates, but the final placement decision is entrusted to the LCMS Ministerial Placement Committee which works with our district president. It is still possible we will not receive a candidate due to the need being greater than the supply. Continue to pray that God will guide this process for the good of the church.

**WAYNE FFA BREAKFAST** Sunday, February 25th from 9am-1pm, at the High School Shop (west side of high school). Free will donation. Pancakes, scrambled eggs, juice, coffee, and sausage will be served. Breakfast available to-go.

**ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE FORMING:** By God's Grace and with His continued blessing in 2025 our congregation will celebrate its centennial. In November of 1925 Grace Lutheran Church was organized. A committee is being organized to begin planning for our observance of this milestone. If you would like to be a part of the planning committee for our congregation's observance, please contact Craig Evans or Chuck Potosnyak.

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY:** Sunday, February 25 @ 5:30 pm in the church basement.

This coming month as we dive into a short devotional; we plan to do a soup swap. How does this work? There are plastic containers and Ziplock bags in the front of the church to fill up with soup options. How many soup options are up to you. We just ask that you bring a sample of the soup to share as well as the recipe to our Bible Study. Then we will swap away. If time allows, we will also plan to make our candles and soap. As always, bringing items is optional. This is open to all ladies and friends are always welcome. Reminder we are a low-key group so if you are unable to make it every time that's okay you are always welcome to come when it works in your schedule. Questions contact Julie Bose or Teresa Tiedtke

**CHECK IT OUT:** “Catching Christmas” by Terri Blackstone has been added to the Church Library. When cab driver Finn brings an elderly lady to the doctor, he realizes he can’t leave her alone-despite missing needed fares-stays with her. Callie begins requesting him by name, and soon he meets her granddaughter, a young attorney struggling to keep her job. The story is heart-warming and full of humor. A must read even though the Christmas season has passed for another year. FIC/BLA “Just Once” by Karen Kingsbury has been added to the Church library.

Diagnosed with Alzheimer’s, Irvel sets out with her husband to record their love story—a romance that could happen just once—while they are both able to remember. Years later their grand-daughter, Audra, discovers these tapes while renovating the house. She uncovers not only a tale of love, but a secret no one knew—her grandmother was a spy during WWII! FIC/KIN

**BUILDING HEALTHY FAMILIES:** Tomorrow is President’s Day, an opportunity for us to reflect on our nation’s past and current leaders. Pray for our current president and for all those who will be voting in the upcoming election later this year. It’s important. “First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way.” I Timothy 2:1-2 Lutheran Family Service [www.LutheranFamilyService.org](http://www.LutheranFamilyService.org)

## **PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S WORSHIP**

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**ELDER ON DUTY:** Payton Janke (8:00) Doug Heithold (10:30)

**ACOLYTES:** Chloe Kai & Myles Tiedtke (8:00)

Evan Bose & Ashlyn Trautman (10:30)

**READERS:** Kathy Johnson (8:00) Andy Bose (10:30)

**GREETERS:** LeRoy & Carol Robbert (8:00) Don & Lisa Nelson (10:30)

**FISHERS OF KIDS PRESCHOOL:** Teacher – Keila Olson – 402.584.2257

Director – Rhonda Sebade – 402.369.2170

**LUTHERAN HOUR SPONSOR:** Fauneil Bennett in memory of Evan

## **THIS WEEK AT GRACE**

<b>TODAY</b>	8:00 am.	Worship
	9:15 am.	Sunday School & Bible Class
	10:30 am.	Worship
	7:30 pm.	Sunday Night Dinner
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	9:00 am.	Bible Study
	10:00 am.	Preschool Chapel
	4:30 pm.	Bell Choir
	5:15 pm.	Lenten Supper
	6:15 pm.	Lenten Worship
<b>THURSDAY</b>	7:00 pm.	Midweek
	10:00 am.	Preschool Chapel
	7:00 pm.	Choir
<b>SATURDAY</b>	4:00 pm.	Family Communion
	5:00 pm.	Youth Skating
<b>NEXT SUNDAY</b>	8:00 am.	Worship/Communion
	9:15 am.	Sunday School
	9:15 am.	Call Meeting
	10:30 am.	Worship/Communion
	7:30 pm.	Sunday Night Dinner

# KIDS IN THE DIVINE SERVICE

## Why do we celebrate Lent for 40 days?

Don't forget what Lent is all about! It is a time when we are reminded of what Jesus gave up for us, and a time when we look forward to and prepare for His death and resurrection!



We celebrate Lent for six weeks, or 40 days, as we remember Christ's temptation in the wilderness in the Gospel of Matthew. There **Jesus was without food** for 40 days.



We remember the temptation of **the Israelites in the desert** after the Lord had delivered them from Egypt. This lasted 40 years.



Finally, we can remember the story of **Noah and his family**. After 40 days and 40 nights of rain, the Lord delivered them as He promised.

During these 40 days of Lent, we remember God's faithfulness to His people and how His faithfulness is complete in Jesus, our Savior. Jesus remains faithful to us, always being where He promises to be: in His Word and Sacraments. Wow! What a Savior!



**Parents:** Continue to encourage your children in their Lenten preparation. During worship, point out the places where our Lord comes to us (i.e. God's Word, Holy Communion, Holy Baptism, Absolution). Remember, being their example and companion on this Lenten journey makes a difference!



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