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SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

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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.*

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until he comes. Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor.

For those desiring to receive the sacrament using the common cup (large chalice), it is offered at the 8:00 a.m. service in addition to the individual cups. Those with special dietary needs such as gluten free or alcohol free are encouraged to speak with the pastor.

Lectionary Summary: In His covenant with Abraham, the Lord promised to be with him, to bless him and to make him “*the father of a multitude of nations.*” It is “*an everlasting covenant*” in Christ Jesus, the seed of Abraham who is blameless before God Almighty. All who believe in this Lord Jesus are the offspring of Abraham and are blessed “*throughout their generations*” (Gen. 17:1–7), because the Christ has suffered many things. He was rejected and killed, and after three days He rose again (Mark 8:31). To comprehend this theology of the cross, we must set our minds “*on the things of God,*” and not “*on the things of man*” (Mark 8:33). “*God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us*” (Rom. 5:8). Therefore, having been “*reconciled to God by the death of his Son,*” much more “*shall we be saved by his life*” (Rom. 5:10). Baptized into His cross and resurrection, “*we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,*” and by faith we rejoice in the hope of His glory (Rom. 5:1–2).

Order of Service
Divine Service Setting 3 LSB 184

Preservice Music

Greeting and Welcome

Ringling of the Bell

♪ **Opening Hymn: “Lift High the Cross”** *LSB 837 sts. ref, 1, 3–4, 6*
ref **Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim**
 Till all the world adore His sacred name.

1 **Come, Christians, follow where our Captain trod,**
 Our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God. *Refrain*

3 **All newborn soldiers of the Crucified**
 Bear on their brows the seal of Him who died. *Refrain*

4 **O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,**
 As Thou hast promised, draw us all to Thee. *Refrain*

6 **So shall our song of triumph ever be:**
 Praise to the Crucified for victory! *Refrain*

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Stand

P In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- P** Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- C** **O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**
- P** Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved.
Grant this, Lord, unto us all.
- C** **Amen.**

Introit

Ps. 115:11–13, 18; antiphon: Ps. 25:6

- P** Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love,
C **for they have been from of old.**
- P** You who fear the LORD, trust in the LORD!
C **He is their help and their shield.**
- P** The LORD has remembered us; he will bless us;
C **he will bless the house of Israel; he will bless the house of Aaron;**
- P** he will bless those who fear the LORD,
C **both the small and the great.**
- P** We will bless the LORD
C **from this time forth and forevermore. Praise the LORD!**
- 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** Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love,
C **for they have been from of old.**

Kyrie

LSB 186

- C** **Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us.**
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Due to the penitential nature of the season of Lent the Gloria in Excelsis is omitted.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

P Let us pray.

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.

C Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 17:1–7, 15–16

¹When 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, ²that I may make my covenant between me and you, and may multiply you greatly.” ³Then Abram fell on his face. And God said to him, ⁴“Behold, my covenant is with you, and you shall be the father of a multitude of nations. ⁵No 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. ⁶I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make you into nations, and kings shall come from you. ⁷And 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. ¹⁵And God said to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. ¹⁶I 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.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Romans 5:1–11

¹Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ²Through 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. ³More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and 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. ⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— ⁸but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰For 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. ¹¹More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Holy Gospel

Mark 8:27–38

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

C Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

²⁷And 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?” ²⁸And they told him, “John the Baptist; and others say, Elijah; and others, one of the prophets.” ²⁹And he asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Christ.” ³⁰And he strictly charged them to tell no one about him. ³¹And 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. ³²And he said this plainly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But 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.” ³⁴And 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. ³⁵For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel’s will save it. ³⁶For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? ³⁷For what can a man give in return for his life? ³⁸For 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.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ✝ of the world to come. Amen.

Sit

Children's Sermon

♪ Sermon Hymn: "Come, Follow Me," the Savior Spake

LSB 688

- 1 "Come, follow Me," the Savior spake, "All in My way abiding;
Deny yourselves, the world forsake, Obey My call and guiding.
O bear the cross, whate'er betide, Take My example for your guide.
- 2 "I am the light, I light the way, A godly life displaying;
I bid you walk as in the day; I keep your feet from straying.
I am the way, and well I show How you must sojourn here below.
- 3 "My heart abounds in lowliness, My soul with love is glowing;
And gracious words My lips express, With meekness overflowing.
My heart, My mind, My strength, My all, To God I yield, on Him I call.

- 4 “I teach you how to shun and flee What harms your soul’s salvation,
Your heart from ev’ry guile to free, From sin and its temptation.
I am the refuge of the soul And lead you to your heav’nly goal.”
- 5 Then let us follow Christ, our Lord, And take the cross appointed
And, firmly clinging to His Word, In suff’ring be undaunted.
For those who bear the battle’s strain The crown of heav’nly life obtain.

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Sermon “Theory vs. Reality”

Pastor Buchhorn

Stand

♪ **Offertory**

LSB 192

- ☐ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit.
Amen.

Prayer of the Church

Preface

LSB 194

- ♪ **P** The Lord be with you.
♪ **C** And with thy spirit.
♪ **P** Lift up your hearts.
♪ **C** We lift them up unto the Lord.
♪ **P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.
♪ **C** It is meet and right so to do.
☐ It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

♪ Sanctus

LSB 195

C Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Lord's Prayer

LSB 196

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.

The Words of Our Lord

LSB 197

Pax Domini

LSB 197

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
♪ **C** Amen.

♪ Agnus Dei

LSB 198

C O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,
grant us Thy peace. Amen.

*Those with mobility issues who would prefer to receive the sacrament at the pew are encouraged to remain standing at the conclusion of the Agnus Dei.
Those coming to the altar will be welcomed and dismissed half table by half table.
It is helpful to fill the table from the wall toward the middle on both sides.
Used individual cups can be left in the holes in the altar rail.*

Sit

Distribution Hymns

♪ **“Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness”**

LSB 563

- 1 Jesus, Thy blood and righteousness My beauty are, my glorious dress;
Midst flaming worlds, in these arrayed, With joy shall I lift up my head.**
- 2 Bold shall I stand in that great day, Cleansed and redeemed, no debt to pay;
Fully absolved through these I am From sin and fear, from guilt and shame.**
- 3 Lord, I believe Thy precious blood, Which at the mercy seat of God
Pleads for the captives’ liberty, Was also shed in love for me.**
- 4 Lord, I believe, were sinners more Than sands upon the ocean shore,
Thou hast for all a ransom paid, For all a full atonement made.**
- 5 When from the dust of death I rise To claim my mansion in the skies,
This then shall be my only plea: Jesus hath lived and died for me.**
- 6 Jesus, be endless praise to Thee, Whose boundless mercy hath for me,
For me, and all Thy hands have made, An everlasting ransom paid.**

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♪ **“Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus”**

LSB 685

- 1 Let us ever walk with Jesus, Follow His example pure,
Through a world that would deceive us And to sin our spirits lure.
Onward in His footsteps treading, Pilgrims here, our home above,
Full of faith and hope and love, Let us do the Father’s bidding.
Faithful Lord, with me abide; I shall follow where You guide.**
- 2 Let us suffer here with Jesus And with patience bear our cross.
Joy will follow all our sadness; Where He is, there is no loss.
Though today we sow no laughter, We shall reap celestial joy;
All discomforts that annoy Shall give way to mirth hereafter.
Jesus, here I share Your woe; Help me there Your joy to know.**

3 Let us gladly die with Jesus. Since by death He conquered death,
He will free us from destruction, Give to us immortal breath.
Let us mortify all passion That would lead us into sin;
And the grave that shuts us in Shall but prove the gate to heaven.
Jesus, here with You I die, There to live with You on high.

4 Let us also live with Jesus. He has risen from the dead
That to life we may awaken. Jesus, You are now our head.
We are Your own living members; Where You live, there we shall be
In Your presence constantly, Living there with You forever.
Jesus, let me faithful be, Life eternal grant to me.

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Stand

Post Communion Canticle: “Nunc Dimittis”

LSB 199

C Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word,
for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people,
a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost,
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Thanksgiving

LSB 200

P O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

C and His mercy endureth forever.

P Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us
through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would
strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one
another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

P Bless we the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

LSB 202

- ♪**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

♪Closing Hymn: “Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me”

LSB 722

- 1 Lord, take my hand and lead me Upon life’s way;
Direct, protect, and feed me From day to day.
Without Your grace and favor I go astray;
So take my hand, O Savior, And lead the way.
- 2 Lord, when the tempest rages, I need not fear,
For You, the Rock of Ages, Are always near.
Close by Your side abiding, I fear no foe,
For when Your hand is guiding, In peace I go.
- 3 Lord, when the shadows lengthen And night has come,
I know that You will strengthen My steps toward home.
Then nothing can impede me, O blessèd Friend;
So take my hand and lead me Unto the end.

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NEWS AND NOTES

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

BIRTHDAYS: Roger Saul, Colleen Janke, Franklin Mrsny, Cole Hoffman & Isla Hoffman

ANNIVERSARIES: Jerry & Deb Jensen

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 \$6,845.

SUNDAY SCHOOL OPENING: Due to the voters' meeting, there will be no joint Sunday School Opening in the basement. Preschool - 3rd grade students are to go directly to their music time and 4-8 to their classroom.

HIGH SCHOOL & PARENTS BIBLE CLASS: The class will not meet today. All are invited to the voters' meeting.

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS: If time allows following our voters' meeting, we will take up the conclusion of our study on the book of Titus.

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY: As we are coming to the end of our study on the Gospel of Luke, join us as we dig deeper into his unique telling of the events of the first Easter. The class meets on Wednesday at 9:00 a.m.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY: This Saturday, March 2, we will meet for a study and breakfast from 7:30-8:30 a.m. at Cup of Grace. The group meets the first and third Saturday of the month.

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 "Included in Such Company" -- Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler -- The more you listen to the life of Jesus, the more you admire Him and the more grateful you are to be included in His company. Hear the "Lutheran Hour" message on KTCH AM next Sunday at 7:30 am.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Today, we will study "The Faith-Full Friends." The Bible tells us David and Jonathan were such close friends that "the soul of Jonathan was knit to the soul of David" (1 Samuel 18:1). Saul's insane jealousy of David tests their friendship to the limit. David and Jonathan establish a plan to alert David if Saul continues to seek his life. Sadly, Saul's anger remains unchecked. Jonathan, faithful to God's will, warns David to flee from the king.

PLEASE CHECK YOUR CHURCH MAILBOX: Due to the ever-rising postage fees, we will be using church mailboxes more frequently. Reader and greeter schedules will no longer be mailed.

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 for details.

CALLED VOTERS' MEETING: A called voters' meeting is being planned for **today**, 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 **Today**, 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.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: **Today**, Sunday, February 25 @ 5:30pm 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

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.

BUILDING HEALTHY FAMILIES: Remember the old Sunday School song that starts, *"Oh be careful little eyes what you see..."*? As simple as these lyrics may be, they hold a profound truth for us. Many of the things our little eyes see today aren't good for us and aren't God-pleasing. Our hearts and minds are imprinted with images and messages that negatively influence how we think and feel about ourselves and others. Be careful to avoid experiences, relationships, web sites, TV shows and song lyrics that don't reflect God's good will for you, His beloved child. His designs and plans for you are oh so much better! *"Turn my eyes from looking at worthless things; and give me life in your ways."* Psalm 119:37 **Lutheran Family Service**
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PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S WORSHIP

PASTORS: Pastor Michael Buchhorn, Senior Pastor

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ELDER ON DUTY: Chuck Potosnyak (8:00) Chad Janke (10:30)

ACOLYTES: Tre'cyn Ocampo & Lucille Ocampo (8:00)

Veronica Daum & Courtney Roeber (10:30)

READERS: Hallie Heithold (8:00) Doug Temme (10:30)

GREETERS: Jerry & Loree Echtenkamp (8:00) Chad & Pam Janke (10:30)

FISHERS OF KIDS PRESCHOOL: Teacher – Keila Olson – 402.584.2257

Director – Rhonda Sebade – 402.369.2170

LUTHERAN HOUR SPONSOR: Bonnadell Koch in memory of Ron

THIS WEEK AT GRACE

TODAY	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
MONDAY	1:30 pm.	Country View Communion
WEDNESDAY	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
	7:00 pm.	Midweek
THURSDAY	10:00 am.	Preschool Chapel
	7:00 pm.	Choir
SATURDAY	7:30 am.	Men's Bible Study
	4:00 pm.	Family Communion
NEXT SUNDAY	8:00 am.	Worship
	9:15 am.	Sunday School & Bible Class
	10:30 am.	Worship
	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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