



First Weekend in Lent

Saturday, February 21, 2026 5:30pm

Sunday, February 22, 2026 9:00am

Today's gospel tells of Jesus' temptation in the desert. His forty-day fast becomes the basis of our Lenten pilgrimage. In the early church Lent was a time of intense preparation for those to be baptized at the Easter Vigil. This catechetical focus on the meaning of faith is at the heart of our Lenten journey to the baptismal waters of Easter. Hungry for God's mercy, we receive the bread of life to nourish us for the days ahead.

Prelude

Ring of the Bell

Welcome/Greeting

Gathering Hymn *"I Want Jesus to Walk with Me"* ELW 325

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the Holy Trinity, one God who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin before God, who removes our guilt and blots out all offenses.

Gracious God,

have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

For seeking worldly delights that deceive us and dishonor you:

Gracious God,

have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

For desiring self-reliance instead of hungering for your word:

Gracious God,

have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

For failing to recognize your coming reign, and

for hindering the work of the Spirit:

Gracious God

have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

For drawing from the well of self-serving ambition, and

for disdain the living water Christ offers:

Gracious God,

have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

For disregarding voices from the margin,

and for distrusting signs of your healing and hope in the world.

Gracious God,

have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

For dwelling in tombs of self-pity and discontent,

and for disregarding Christ's call to come forth to life:
Gracious God,
have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

God's steadfast love, grace, and forgiveness abound.
Through faith, the free gift of God,
you have been clothed in the righteousness of Christ.
In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.
The Spirit of the One who raised Christ from the dead
dwells in you, pours God's love into your hearts,
and gives you life and peace
Amen.

Imposition of Ashes

Prayer of the Day

Lord God, our strength, the struggle between good and evil rages within and around us, and the devil and all the forces that defy you tempt us with empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your word, and when we fall, raise us again and restore us through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Psalm 32

¹ Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven,
and whose sin is put away!

² **Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no guilt,
and in whose spirit there is no guile!**

³ While I held my tongue, my bones withered away,
because of my groaning all day long.

⁴ **For your hand was heavy upon me day and night;
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.**

⁵ Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not conceal my guilt.
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." Then you forgave me
the guilt of my sin.

⁶ **Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble;
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.**

⁷ You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble;
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

⁸ **“I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; I will guide you with my eye.**

⁹ Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding;
who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay near you.”

¹⁰ **Great are the tribulations of the wicked;
but mercy embraces those who trust in the LORD.**

¹¹ Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD;
shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

Here ends the reading of the Psalm.

Children’s Message (9am)

Gospel: **Matthew 4:1-11**

¹ Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tested by the devil. ² He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterward he was famished. ³ The tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.” ⁴ But he answered, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’” ⁵ Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, ⁶ saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, ‘He will command his angels concerning you,’ and ‘On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’” ⁷ Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’” ⁸ Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory, ⁹ and he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to him, “Away with you, Satan! for it is written, ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.’” ¹¹ Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon Pastor Amy Juel

Hymn of the Day “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” ELW 504

Apostle’s Creed

Prayers of the Church (Here Us, O God, **Your mercy is great**)

Offering

Offering Prayer

O God, maker of heaven and earth, your steadfast love embraces all Creation. You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth and bring forth its bounty. Through these gifts of bread and wine, draw us into the death and life of your Son, who calls us to bear witness to his saving work. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen

Words of Institution and The Lord's Prayer

(Just a reminder that you have the option to kneel for communion from Sunday, February 22 through Sunday, March 22.)

Communion Music *"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"* ELW 803
"Healer of our Every Ill" ELW 612
"Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling" ELW 608

Blessing and Prayer after Communion

Sending Blessing

Sending Song *"Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song"* ELW 808

Dismissal

Go in peace. Believe the Good News!
We will!. Thanks be to God!

Postlude

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PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILY OF: Margaret Irwin, wife of Arlan Irwin.

Serving Saturday

Preaching: Pastor Amy Juel
Greeters: Wayne & Lynette Emberland
Musician: Molly Aalfs
Lector: Cindy Dean

Serving Sunday

Preaching: Pastor Amy Juel
Musician: Molly Aalfs
Acolytes: Aubree & Emma Larson
Communion: Janel Skindelien, Brett Aamot, Krista Willis
Greeters: Gary & Julie Wyffels, Isaac, Michelle & Lita Fernholz,
Jeff & Jane Miller
Lector: Brett Aamot
Office: Mary Ellen deCathelineau
Sound/Video: Doug Sawatzky/David Sehloff

First Fruits Recipient of our Wednesday, February 25th offerings is Lutheran Campus Ministry.

GATHER AND GROW - SUNDAY, MARCH 1 US Dakota War of 1862: History, Aftermath, Current Efforts for Healing

The US Dakota War began here, where we now live, in southwestern Minnesota. Failed treaties and corruption led to its beginning in 1862 and in many ways the war did not end until Wounded Knee in 1890. This Gather & Grow Adult Forum will trace this history, consider its impact at the time, and talk about the efforts for reconciliation and healing that are taking place today. Dean Urdahl has authored several books on this history and has been a leading voice in the efforts for reconciliation and healing. He brings a personal perspective with his family among the first European settlers in the area. He brings a professional interest as a retired history teacher. He also brings the perspective of a former state legislator who used his public position to work towards both formal and informal reconciliation and healing. Pastor Troy Pflibsen gets to tag along to talk about the Southwestern Minnesota Synod's work in the midst of the larger efforts.

EASTER FLOWERS

You are invited to purchase plants to honor your loved ones this Easter season. Please order your plant by **Friday, March 27** at the church office. Plants can be taken home after Easter Sunday service.

March 2026 WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday, March 1st	9:00am Youth Led Service/Noisy Offering (Gather & Grow following the service) 10:15 Sunday School
Wednesday, March 4th	5:30 Meal/6:15 Worship/7-7:45 Confirmation
Saturday, March 7th	5:30 Traditional Worship in the Chapel
Sunday, March 8th	9:00am Worship (coffee following) 10:15am Sunday School
Wednesday, March 11th	5:30 Meal/6:15 Worship/7-7:45 Confirmation
Saturday, March 14th	5:30 Traditional Worship in the Chapel
Sunday, March 15th	9:00am Worship (Gather & Grow following service) 10:15am Sunday School
Wednesday, March 18th	5:30 Meal/6:15 Worship/7-7:45 Confirmation
Saturday, March 21st	5:30 Traditional Worship in the Chapel/Coffee with Council
Sunday, March 22nd	9:00am Worship/Coffee with Council 10:15am Sunday School
Wednesday, March 25th	5:30 Meal/6:15 Worship/7-7:45 Confirmation
Saturday, March 28th	5:30 Traditional Worship in the Chapel
Sunday, March 29th	Palm Sunday 9:00am Worship (coffee following) 10:15 Sunday School

Happenings this Week

Monday, Feb 23

Tuesday, Feb 24

Wednesday, Feb 25

Thursday, Feb 26

Saturday, Feb 28

Sunday, March 1

6pm Pinewood Derby - Bethany Hall
 4:30pm - Creation Care - Friendship Room
 5:45pm - Worship Board - Conference Room
 6pm - Youth Jam Session
 6pm - Troop #3749 - Rooms 203/205
 5:30pm - Meal
 6:15pm - Worship Service
 7pm - Confirmation in Chapel
 9:30am - Text Study
 1pm - Quilting
 7:30pm - Youth Jam Session
 2pm - Open Skating
 5:30pm - Chapel Service
 9am - Worship/Youth Led/Noisy Offering
 10am - Gather & Grow/Coffee
 10:15am - Sunday School

FAMILY PROMISE HOST WEEK - March 23-27

We will be hosting Family Promise on March 23-27. We will need a grocery shopper for groceries on Monday, March 23. Meals are needed for Monday, March 23, Tuesday, March 24, and Thursday, March 26. If you are able to help, please let Joni Hanson know. Her number is 320-220-1324. Thank you!

Last Week's Financials

IRA/QCD/s	\$ 17,376.43
Online Giving	\$ 2,629.40
Sat./Sun. Giving	\$ 5,415.75
Total	\$25,421.58

Readings and Psalm

[Genesis 12:1-4a](#)
[Psalm 121](#)
[Romans 4:1-5, 13-17](#)
[John 3:1-17](#)

Monthly Financial Report – January 2026

The Monthly Financial Report of the General Fund for January 2026:

	Actual	Budget	Actual > Budget
Inflows:	\$63,566	\$54,167	\$9,399
Outflows:	(53,539)	(50,396)	(3,143)
Net Inflows > Outflows	\$10,027	\$3,770	\$6,257
Transfers In-Capital Fund*	679	1,667	(987)
Transfers <u>Out</u> -Special Funds**	(2,500)	(2,500)	0
Net Income	\$8,206	\$2,937	\$5,269

* Income transferred from Capital Funds to pay for capital-related expenditures.

** Funds transferred back to Special Funds for what was borrowed in previous year. It is the goal to re-pay the Special Funds \$2,500 per month.

If you have any questions, please contact Bill Fenske at 320-894-1184 or fenskeb13@gmail.com

Weekly Attendance

Saturday 38
 Sunday 162
 You Tube 100
 Sunday School 22

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