

# FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

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## ✠ DIVINE SERVICE ✠

**OPENING HYMN**      "O Christ, You Walked the Road"      (LSB 424)

### INVOCATION

*Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]*

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

### EXHORTATION

*1 John 1:8-9*

- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.  
**C** But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

### CONFESSION *and* ABSOLUTION

*John 20:19-23*

- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.  
**C** Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. 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.

**SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY**

*2 Timothy 4:22*

**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.

*(Please be seated)*

**OLD TESTAMENT**     *Genesis 3:1–21*     (Sin entered into the world through the fall of Adam.)

*After the reading:*

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

**ANTHEM**     "Arise and Come to Jesus" ...SACRED HARP, arr. Drennan  
*Laura Streich, vocal soloist*

**EPISTLE**     *Romans 5:12–19* (By one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by one man's obedience shall the many be declared righteous.)

*After the reading:*

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

*(Please stand)*

**LENTEN RESPONSE**

*Joel 2:13*

**C** Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for He is gra - cious and  
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in  
stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

**HOLY GOSPEL** *Matthew 4:1–11* (Our Lord is tempted by Satan in the wilderness.)

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fourth chapter.

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

*After the reading:*

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

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

*(Please be seated)*

**SERMON HYMN** "O Lord, Throughout These Forty Days" (LSB 418)

**SERMON** "I'll Be Fine" (Genesis 3:4)

Pastor Sam Handschke

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## OFFERING

*(Please stand)*

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

**P** Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

O Lord, in the midst of this life we are beset by many temptations. Fix our eyes on our Lord Jesus, who bore temptation for us and resisted to the point of death, and bring us through the evils of this fallen world to dwell with You forever. Lord, in Your mercy,



**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Almighty God, You take no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but desire that they turn from evil and live. Give pastors courage to warn of sin and death. Give all Christians strength to defend that message. Turn sinners to life by the proclamation of Christ, who delivers from all unrighteousness. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Almighty God, preserve all catechumens and their teachers, all children and their parents, and every Christian home from the assaults of the evil one. As Your Son overcame Satan in the desert by the Word of God, so also give us the victory through Christ and His Word. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** O Lord, You have established earthly authorities to punish evil and praise those who do good. Grant our rulers humble hearts to resist the allure of power and to worship You alone. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Merciful Father, though we deserve nothing of Your kindness, You have shown Yourself to be the strength of the weak, the healer of the sick and the hope of those who mourn. Hear us on behalf of those who are troubled in mind or body, the dying and those who grieve [*especially* \_\_\_\_\_]. Sustain them through their afflictions and pain, heal them according to Your gracious will and deliver them at the last to everlasting life in Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Almighty God, You covered the shame of our first parents with animal skin and thereby foreshadowed the perfect sacrifice of Your Son's blood by which we are cleansed and clothed. Give us the garments of repentance and faith, that we may receive Your Son's body and blood for the forgiveness of all our sins. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Merciful Father, though You gave us stewardship of Your good creation, we love the gifts more than the giver. Save us from trusting in our possessions more than in Your Son. Teach us to use what You have provided to help those in need and to relieve the poor, the unemployed and the oppressed. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Lord God, heavenly Father, You have given us a refuge from the world in the Body of Christ. Protect us from all evils of body and soul, that we would find rest in this life and eternal rest in Your heavenly embrace; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

*Matthew 6:9-13*

**☩** 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 8:30 am service continues on page 10 with the Benediction.

**IN REGARD TO HOLY COMMUNION:** According to Scripture, Holy Communion should be celebrated by those who are: **United in a common faith** (1 Cor. 10:16-17, 21-22; Rom. 16:17); **Repentant of sins** (1 Cor. 5:11, Matt. 18:17-18); **Able to examine their lives** (1 Cor. 11:27-29); and believe that in this precious meal they **receive the true body and blood of Jesus** given and shed for the forgiveness of their sins (Luke 22:19-22).

Since Scripture teaches that those people who do not fully understand the meaning of this meal eat and drink to their own harm (1Cor. 11:27-29), and because the Lord's Supper is the supreme act of stating our unity in faith and doctrine, we would ask those people who are visiting with us to **please speak with one of our pastors**, before communing, in order that we might fulfill our responsibility of properly instructing people in the right use of the precious Sacrament.

## ✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

### PREFACE

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

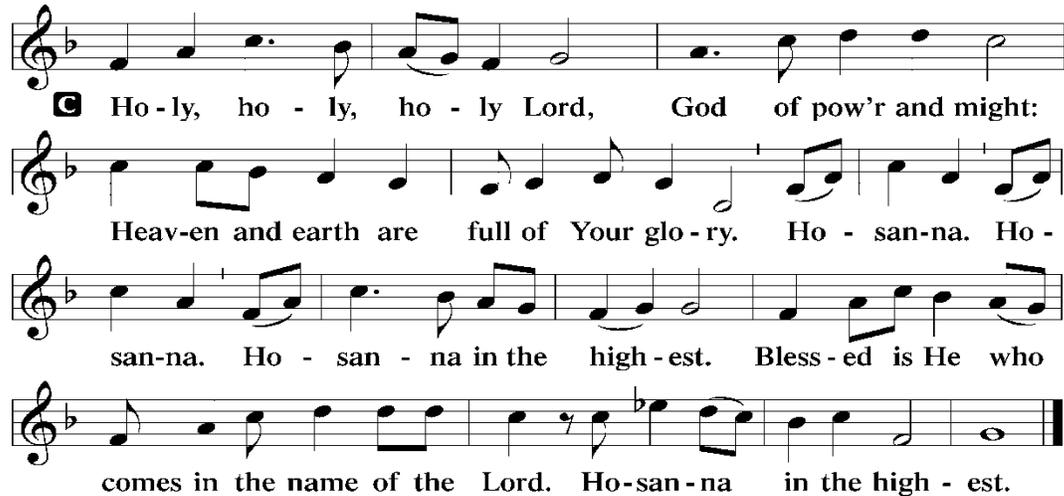
**C** We lift them to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

**P** 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, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. 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



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:  
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -  
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit.

Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us to do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

**WORDS OF OUR LORD**

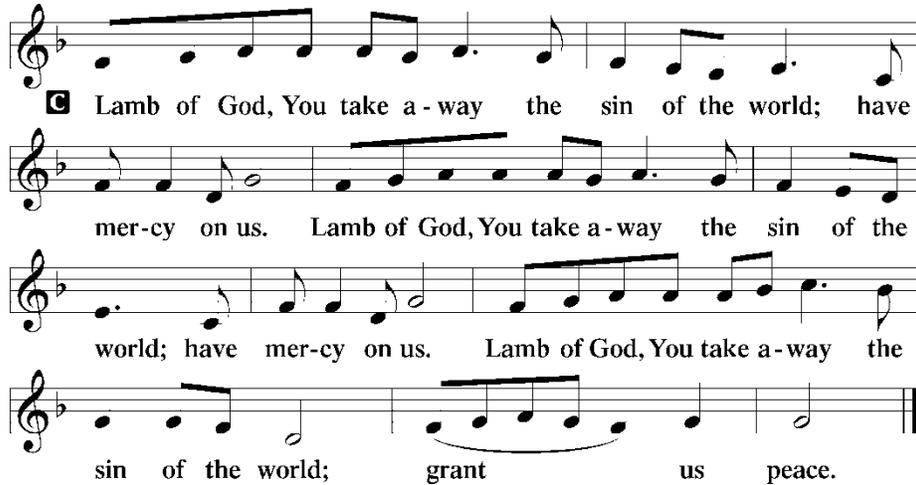
*Matt 26:26–28; Mk 14:22–24; Lk 22:19–20; 1 Cor 11:23–25*

**PAX DOMINI**

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

**C** And also with you.

**AGNUS DEI**



**C** Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.



*(Please be seated)*

**DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

"Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word" (LSB 655)

"God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It" (LSB 594)



(Please stand)

**NUNC DIMITTIS** ~ *Song of Simeon*

Luke 2:29-32



Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace; Your word has been ful-



filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va-tion which You have pre-



pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re -



veal You to the na-tions and the glo-ry of Your peo-ple Is - ra - el.



Glo-ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Spir-it;



as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.

**POST-COMMUNION COLLECT**

**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.

## BENEDICTION

*Numbers 6:24–26*

**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.

## CLOSING HYMN

“Jesus, Lead Thou On”

(LSB 718)

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## THE ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT



**AS WE GATHER** Adam and Jesus are a study in contrasts. Where man in the Garden of Eden was weak before the devil’s wiles, Jesus returns the words of Satan with the Word of God. In so doing, He does not simply repeat words but expresses His trust and confidence in the Father. The Spirit led Jesus to the place of temptation knowing that Jesus knew what Adam forgot. Thanks be to God the error of Adam is not like the gift of God in Christ. What Adam lost, Christ won and not for Himself but for all who believe in Him. The family of sinners born with Adam’s

sin is contrasted with the sons and daughters of righteousness born of Christ and His atoning work. Everyone suffers from Adam’s sin but only those who believe know the saving fruits of Christ’s holy obedience.

*So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths. Genesis 3:6–7*

If there are prayer concerns for you, your family, your friends, or your neighbors, please put them on the back of the blue attendance/communion card. Our Board of Elders are prayerful with our pastors about these joys and struggles of our earthly journey.  
*"The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective." James 5:16b*

**Welcome to Faith Evangelical Lutheran on this First Sunday in Lent!**

We are delighted to have you in worship with us. If you are visiting from out of town, we bid you welcome and God-speed on your journey. Should you be from our community, and have no church home, we invite you to make Faith your church home.

**Preaching this morning** is Rev. Sam Handschke. Pastor Sam will also be preaching at Blunt between our services.

**Holy Communion** is celebrated at our 11:00 service this Sunday. In this Sacrament, our Lord gives His true body and blood for our forgiveness. Those who confess the faith declared at this altar and who desire to receive communion today are asked to read our communion statement found in the bulletin. Thank you.



**Want to listen to our worship service via livestream?** Go to: [www.faithluth.com](http://www.faithluth.com). Click on livestream and it will take you to the service or if you have missed the service it will take you to the archived services. We livestream our 8:30 service each Sunday.

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**STEWARDSHIP CORNER**

**Wed. Feb. 11, Att. 58;** Offering \$185.00; **Sun., Feb. 15, Att. 208;** General Fund \$9,087.73; Sunday School \$0.00; Building Fund \$340.00; Love Fund \$100.00; Contingency Fund \$100.00; Easter Stoles \$1,000.00; Organ Fund \$200.00; Berea Books Reimbursement \$103.47; Ash Wed. \$100.00; New

Year's Eve \$10.00; Christmas Eve \$10.00; Workman's Comp. \$1,137.28; Avera Medical Refund \$2,369.58; Trinity Lutheran Supplies \$200.00.

**Endowment Fund** There are lime green envelopes on the back side of the large center support post in the Narthex for your use. Donations do not have to be in memory of someone, they can be in celebration of an event in your lives, to the glory of God, or any number of happenings in your lives. The envelopes have an area where you can designate where you wish the funds to go. **Please use a separate check for your donation.** Where we deposit the funds does not take cash, so **it needs to be in the form of a check.** The counters cannot always find checks to cover when cash is given. Thanks for your help!

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**Offering Envelopes** Many of you are here most Sundays but still have not picked up your envelopes. Please pick up your offering envelopes today. It is much easier and quicker for the counters if you use your envelopes, so they don't have to stop and look up your number. Even if you are an auto-giver there are special envelopes (Endowment, Lent, Advent, Building, Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day) that you could use throughout the year. The envelopes are arranged numerically and semi-alphabetically. Thanks!

**Greeters** Faith Lutheran is wanting to get our greeters crew up and going again. If you are willing to greet on Sundays **please sign the sheet in the Narthex.** *We are still in need of more greeters.* The more we have the better. If we get enough, they may only have to greet a couple times a year. Please consider joining this group.



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**Broadcast Ministry – Livestream help needed** You can be part of our broadcast ministry, the team responsible for getting our worship service into

homes in Ft. Pierre and Pierre, and across our state and country. The reach of this ministry is immense, and we need your help to consistently make this critical broadcast available. Members of the team are trained in controlling the broadcast computer and cameras. This ministry requires some technical skills – if you can operate your phone then you can control our broadcast. Our goal is to have each volunteer scheduled once every six to eight weeks. Please talk to one of the Elders or Pastor Sam if you have questions or if you would like to volunteer.

**Lenten Meals** We will be having meals the Wednesdays during Lent from 5:15 pm - 6:30 pm beginning on Ash Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>. Below are the Wednesdays.



February 18 – Noon after the 11:00 am service – Forever Young Potluck  
February 18 – Evening - LWML - Taco burgers, hot dogs, tater tots, apple slices, and cookies  
February 25 – Board of Parish Fellowship -  
March 4 – Board of Stewardship – pulled pork and mac & cheese  
March 11 – Board of Education -  
March 18 – Board of Prop. Mgt. -  
March 25 – Board of Early Ed. – Chili & fixin’s and cinnamon rolls



**Pancake Breakfast**

**Men’s Club Breakfast Fundraiser** The Men’s Club has decided that the funds raised by this breakfast fundraiser will go to help our youth go to Camp Minneboji or Circuit Bible Camp. **Join us TODAY** between services for pancakes, sausage, biscuits and gravy and help our youth go camping!

### **LWML News**

The spring Pierre Zone Rally will be held **Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup> at 2pm** in the Christian Life Center. Please join us as Pastor Otten will give a presentation on his trip he took last summer. Topic is “Differences in Africa, and the role

of Islam.” Business meeting will follow the presentation. All are welcome to attend. Refreshments will be served.



**Dartball Competition** A state-wide dartball tournament is being organized for March 7 at Faith, Sioux Falls. The tournament will begin at 10:30 a.m. To register a team or for more info, please call Adam Schulz at 605-999-2403 or email [adamschulz05@gmail.com](mailto:adamschulz05@gmail.com).

**FOOD DRIVE** During the month of March, Faith Lutheran will collect items for the Pierre-Fort Pierre Food Pantry. A handy shopping list can be found on the donation tables in the Narthex. Current highest-need food items include: cooking oil and spray, ketchup, mayo, mustard, pasta (dry) and sugar. Other items currently in



### Food Donations

high need include cleaning supplies (such as dusting spray, floor cleaner, and tub and tile cleaner), deodorant, dish soap, facial tissue, garbage bags, paper towels, and toilet paper. The Food Pantry is in ongoing need of all types of nonperishable food items, personal hygiene products, and paper products. **FINANCIAL DONATIONS ARE ALSO WELCOME.** Make checks payable to PARS (Pierre Area Referral Service); leave in the church office or place in an offering plate. Write Townsend Challenge on the memo line. During March and April, local financial institutions will provide matching funds for donations made to the Ardis Townsend Challenge for the Food Pantry.



**Building Healthy Families:** *Wives, what do you think of your husband's gifts? (No, not the ones he gave you for your last birthday or Christmas!) What are his talents? What does he love to do? What are his spiritual gifts? What are his accomplishments? Aspirations? Hopes and dreams? Recognize them, name them, and communicate your respect for them...to him and to others. Communicating*

authentic respect is one way to build a great relationship. Want to learn more ways to strengthen or repair your marriage? Check out the blog posts on the LFS website and call us to schedule time to meet with a marriage counselor in person or virtually. We're here to help! Learn more at [www.LutheranFamilyService.org](http://www.LutheranFamilyService.org) **Lutheran Family Service 605-271-1081**

**Main Street Living** “Main Street Living” is a liturgical worship service broadcasting a different local pastor each Sunday morning. It airs along with the classic Lutheran Hour program, “This is the Life.” Both can be viewed on KDLT (NBC) & KEVN (FOX) Visit [www.mainstreetliving.com](http://www.mainstreetliving.com) to view current and past episodes. **Did you know** you can see the Worship Service and Kid's Crossing on our website at anytime? All programs are streamed on [www.mainstreetliving.com](http://www.mainstreetliving.com), and are available the day before they are broadcast.

**Feb. 22, 2026 KEVN (FOX) 8 AM** - “Cell of Hope” - Flag Washington (Lawrence Hilton Jacobs), who came to Christ while in prison, gets a new cellmate Jimmy Stricklin (Richard Dinitri) who is obnoxious.

**8:30 AM** - Rev. Tanner Sutcliffe, pastor at Risen Savior, Tea, presents a message titled, “The Word in Wilderness.” The sermon is based on Matthew 4:1-11.

**Life Quotes** “God created us anew in Baptism. We are the work of His hands, and He will not forsake us. Guided by the Spirit through the wisdom of His Word, we learn to walk in His ways, even when we must ‘walk in the midst of trouble.’” *Dr. Carol Geisler, Lutheran Hour Ministries – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)*

# Faith Lutheran Youth

**2026 Bible Bowl Topic:** The Life of David, I Samuel 16 - I Kings 2, Psalm 51, Luther's Small Catechism: Confession, Date is **Saturday, March 21st** beginning at 10 am Place Faith Lutheran Church 714 N. Grand AVE, Pierre, SD The District Bible Bowl is open to youth grades 6 through 12. For any additional questions, contact the District Bible Bowl coordinator, Rev. Marcus Ring (605) 831-0601 revmring@gmail.com



**Camp Minneboji** is held every year at Camp Okoboji in NW Iowa. The summer camp, for kids in grades 4-9, features Bible study, mission presentations, music, crafts, sports, recreation, a camp T-shirt and the chance to meet new Christian friends. Camp registration and fee are required to attend. Camp week is **June 21 – June 27, 2026**. This year's camp theme is "Lifted Up". The Camp registration fee is \$465 for the week. The Honor's Camp registration is \$495 for the week. **The registration deadline is May 1.** Please download the Camp Booklet for registration materials and details and to find all of the information you will need to have a great summer camp experience.

Please let Pastor Sam or the office know if you are planning to attend Camp Minneboji or Circuit Bible Camp as the church will have scholarships to help with finances.



## ***This Week at Faith Lutheran***

### **Today: Feb. 22 LENT 1**

8:30 am Worship  
9:30 am Rebekah Circle  
9:30 am Men's Club Breakfast Fndrsr  
9:45 pm Sunday School/*Revelation*  
11:00 am Communion  
2-5:30 pm Softball  
3:00 pm Board of Education

### **Mon: Feb. 23**

5:30 pm Daycare Staff Meeting-gym  
7-9 pm Hockey Meeting

### **Tues: Feb. 24**

8:00 am Staff Devotions  
10:00 am Pickleball  
10:30 am Women's Study '*Joshua*'  
12:00 pm Mary/Martha Circle  
6:15 pm *Raising Kids* Study  
7-8 pm 5th grade girls Basketball

### **Wed: Feb. 25 Midweek Lent 1**

11:00 am Lenten Worship

5:15-6:30 pm Lenten Meal  
5:45 pm *Revelation* -Wulf's home  
6:00 pm Midweek/Catechism  
6:30 pm *Galatians* Study in homes  
7:00 pm Lenten Worship  
8:00 pm LYF

### **Thurs: Feb. 26**

8:00 am Staff Devotions  
6-9 pm Softball

### **Fri: Feb. 27**

5:30-6:30 pm 5<sup>th</sup> grade girls BB

### **Sun: Mar. 1 Lent 2**

8:30 am Communion  
9:30 am First Sunday Fellowship  
9:45 am Sunday School/*Revelation*  
11:00 am Worship  
5:00 pm Bd. of Parish Fellowship  
6:00 pm Board of Elders





Our Lent sermon series is based on the ancient hymn “O Love, How Deep” (*LSB* 544). This hymn, written in the fifteenth century, contemplates the love of God in becoming man, taking on our life, dying our death, and rising again, all *for us*. But for us to understand and appreciate this love, we must first examine ourselves and our lives to see how we have failed in thought, word, and deed. While we may try to get credit for our so-called good works, we all still die with nothing to show for them. But God’s love is not like our love. Our love is self-centered and fickle. God’s love is steady, deep, and beyond all understanding. This love of God will have no end.

**Ash Wednesday, Feb 18** – The Love of God Amidst Our Sinfulness

**Lent Midweek 1, Feb 25** – Jesus is better than an angel because He is one of us

**Lent Midweek 2, Mar 4** – Jesus is the selfless one who always seeks out His beloved ones

**Lent Midweek 3, Mar 11** – God works through the ordinary ministry and life of Jesus

**Lent Midweek 4, Mar 18** – Jesus fights on our behalf, driving out demons both literal and figurative

**Lent Midweek 5, Mar 25** – It was necessary for Jesus to be betrayed

**Maundy Thursday, Apr 2** – Because Jesus’ death is for many, it is also for you

**Good Friday, Apr 3** – Everything Jesus does, He does for us, all the way to His dying breath

**Easter Sunday, Apr 5** – Because of the resurrection of Jesus, nothing can separate us from the love of God