



The Season of
LENT

First Sunday

THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT
February 22, 2026

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WELCOME TO ALL guests and visitors. It is great to have you here with us to receive the gifts of God in this place. If you have any questions, please speak with an usher. We look forward to seeing you again!

COMMUNION: The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper is being offered to our confirmed communicants today and is administered in accordance with the Holy Scriptures and the Lutheran Confessions. It is celebrated in the confidence that we truly receive, under the bread and wine, the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, through which we further truly receive the forgiveness of sins. Besides individually receiving Christ's gift of forgiveness in this Sacrament, all those who commune here make a confession of their unity in the faith as it is believed and taught in our Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod and in this congregation. Therefore, if you are not a confirmed communicant member, in good standing, of a Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod congregation, we kindly ask that you respect our beliefs and refrain from coming to the altar to receive the Sacrament until you have had an opportunity to speak with the Pastor.

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Monday 12:00pm - 4:00pm

Tuesday 10:00am - 2:00 pm

Wednesday 9:00am - 1:00pm

Thursday 2:00pm - 5:00pm

Friday Off

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN OF INVOCATION

O Christ, You Walked the Road.....LSB 424

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SERVICE OF THE WORD

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;

C I will rescue him and honor him.

P With long life I will satisfy him

C And show him my salvation.

P Because you have made the LORD your dwelling place—

C The Most High, who is my refuge—

P No evil shall be allowed to befall you,

C No plague come near your tent.

P For he will command his angels concerning you

C To guard you in all your ways.

P On their hands they will bear you up,

C Lest you strike your foot against a stone.

P You will tread on the lion and the adder;

C The young lion and the serpent you will trample underfoot.

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;

C I will rescue him and honor him.

P With long life I will satisfy him

C And show him my salvation.

Sit

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 3:1–21

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made.

He said to the woman, “Did God actually say, ‘You shall not eat of any tree in the garden?’” And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.’” But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die. For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” 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.

And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, “Where are you?” And he said, “I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself.” He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?” The man said, “The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate.” Then the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this that you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”

The LORD God said to the serpent,

“Because you have done this,
cursed are you above all livestock
and above all beasts of the field;
on your belly you shall go,
and dust you shall eat
all the days of your life.

I will put enmity between you and the woman,

and between your offspring and her offspring;
he shall bruise your head,
and you shall bruise his heel.”

To the woman he said,

“I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing;
in pain you shall bring forth children.
Your desire shall be for your husband,
and he shall rule over you.”

And to Adam he said,

“Because you have listened to the voice of your wife
and have eaten of the tree
of which I commanded you,
‘You shall not eat of it,’
cursed is the ground because of you;
in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life;
thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you;
and you shall eat the plants of the field.
By the sweat of your face
you shall eat bread,
till you return to the ground,
for out of it you were taken;
for you are dust,
and to dust you shall return.”

The man called his wife’s name Eve, because she was the mother of all living. And the LORD God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God

GRADUAL

P O come, let us fix our eyes on Jesus,

C The founder and perfecter of our faith,

P Who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame,

C And is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned— for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come.

But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many. And the free gift is not like the result of that one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brought justification. If, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ.

Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God

Stand

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HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 4:1–11

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

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

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. And the tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.” But he answered, “It is written,

“Man shall not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.”

Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the temple and said 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, lest you strike your foot against a stone.’”

Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.’” Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. And he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” Then Jesus said to him, “Be gone, Satan! For it is written,

“‘You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve.’”

Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

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A Mighty Fortress is Our God.....LSB 657

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Genesis 3:1–21

Romans 5:12–19

Matthew 4:1–11

Jesus' Righteous Obedience to the Father Leads to the Justification of All

Following His Baptism, Jesus is “*led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil*” (Matt. 4:1). As He takes upon Himself the curse of our sin and sets Himself against our enemy, He trusts His Father’s voice and waits upon His Father’s hand for all things. The devil questions His sonship, but the beloved and well-pleasing Son remains faithful and lives “*by every word that comes from the mouth of God*” (Matt. 4:4). Jesus patiently suffers hunger in His mortal flesh and returns to the dust whence man was taken, and by His pain He brings forth food for all the children of men (Gen. 3:18–19). By the sweat of His brow, we eat the fruit of His cross, even as our nakedness is covered by His righteousness. Although all people live in bondage to death through the trespass of the first man, Adam, all the more “*have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many*” (Rom. 5:15). His righteous obedience “*leads to justification and life for all men*” (Rom. 5:18).

OSL Education Opportunities:

Adult Bible Class: Sundays @ 10:30-11:30am, leader – *Pastor Manz*

Wednesday Bible Study: 1-2:30pm, leader – *Pastor Manz*

OSL West (3rd Thurs of the month): 10:15-11am, leader – *Pastor Manz*

This Week at Our Savior

Day	Date	Time	Description
Sunday	22	9:00a 10:00a 10:30a	Divine Service Fellowship Bible Study Acolyte – Sophia Manz
Monday	23		
Tuesday	24	9:00a	Quilting
Wednesday	25	1:00p 7:00p 7:30-8:30p	Bible Study Lenten Midweek Service Confirmation
Thursday	26	9:00a Noon 9:00a 6:15-7:30p	Pastor at Conference Quilting Adult Confirmation Class
Friday	27		
Saturday	28		
Sunday	March 1	9:00a 10:00a 10:30a	Divine Service Fellowship Bible Study MITEBOX SUNDAY

The new volunteer lists are posted on the bulletin board in the narthex next to the mailboxes. Thank you to those who have filled in some of our empty spaces. There are still a very few Sundays that need filled for Ushers and Fellowship. If you would be able to help out, please sign your name to the volunteer list.





Happy Birthday to:
February 24 – Monte Harrington
February 26– Joy McGinley

HAPPY
Anniversary

**Happy Anniversary to:
No Anniversaries This Week**



Acolyte for February
Sophia Manz

UPCOMING DATES OF INTEREST

February 24 @ 9:00a - Quilting

February 25 @7:00p - Lent Midweek Service
@7:30p - 8:30p – Confirmation

February 26 @ 9:00a – Quilting

6:15-7:30p Adult Confirmation Class

9:00a – Noon Pastor at Conference in Carlisle

March 3 @ 6:00p Men's Group

March 5 @ 9:00a Care & Share

March 7 @ 8:00a-Noon LWML Zone Board Meeting

Snacks Needed

In the January Chronieler, you may remember reading about the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) groups that meet at Berg Middle School and Newton High School.

At Berg Middle School, students gather for FCA “Huddles” on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month. Their time together centers on Jesus through Scripture, short lessons, and—of course—snacks.

OSL has been invited to support these dedicated young people by providing snacks for one or two upcoming Berg Huddles. We’ve also been given permission to include a flyer with our congregation’s name and worship times, extending a warm invitation to any student who may wish to join us for a service. This is a wonderful opportunity to encourage youth in their faith journey and strengthen our connection with the community.

Throughout February, members are asked to donate shelf-stable snacks. Suggested items include:

- granola or protein bars
- Hostess or Little Debbie snacks
- bulk boxes or bags of individually wrapped cookies
- fruit snacks
- snack crackers
- nuts
- chips



Let’s be honest—they’re kids, and snacks are life!

All donated items will be delivered to Berg for their March 2 Huddle. We will have 2 signs in frames on the tables. One will let the students know we are furnishing the snacks and the other will invite them to worship with us at OSL and offer rides to worship.

If you’d like more information about this opportunity to serve, please contact Donita.

Spreading Love and Kindness During February

It was brought to our attention that Discover Hope 517 here in Newton is in need of several items. A Thrivent Action Team Project has been applied for to help purchase items for them. They serve noon meals Mondays - Fridays to anyone in need so their supplies don't last long. At this time, they are particularly in need of jars of peanut butter (not huge ones), canned fruit, and hamburger. A list of regularly used items are:

butter	paper towels	copier paper
sugar	paper plates	dry erase markers
meat	paper bowls (all sizes)	sharpie markers
bottled water	napkins	high lighters
coffee	coffee cups w/lids	food gloves
coffee creamer (powder)	coffee stir sticks	39 gal. Trash bags
popcorn seeds/oil	toilet paper	13 gal. Trash bags
canned fruit/veg.	Kleenex	Dawn dish soap
frozen fruits/veg.	plastic forks	Lysol spray or wipes
cookies	Ziploc large freezer bags	air fresheners
non-perishable foods	plastic cups	Pinesol
salad dressings/mayo		to-go clam shell boxes

During the month of February, let's spread a little love and friendship to help make the lives of people served by Discover Hope a little better. Please place the items in the boxes under the table in the Narthex. Thank you!



Daylight Savings Time begins March 8. Remember to turn your clocks ahead an hour before you go to bed on Saturday night so you're on time for church.

Remember in your prayers.....

- Bob Bringolf, who is recovering at home following recent surgery.
- Beverly Willaby who is at Valley Vista.
- Bridget Brandt, who is in Mayflower Nursing Home in Grinnell.
- For the family of Tom Bakalar, Loretta Tool's uncle, who died on February 6.
- Pastor & Dianna's son-in-law Dylan who is recovering from an appendectomy.
- Rick Schiller, who is recovering from prostate surgery.
- Marva Doerring who is in hospice.
- Tom Tisdale, for continuing health issues.
- Dianne Breckenridge, who continues to struggle with health issues.
- Karen Doak, who has stage 3 kidney disease.
- Jan Tolson, former member, who broke her good hip.
- Shane Hoffman, a former member, as he continues to recover at home from meningitis.
- Marge Mesner, Bob's mother, who is recovering from a stroke.
- Stephanie Wellik, who is under hospice care.
- Carole Zimmerman for skin cancer.
- Esther Schulz for continued healing for her leg.
- Nancy Janssen who is in Valley Vista.
- The Ministry of The Pregnancy Center of Central Iowa

Our Missionaries

Pastor Carl & Chenhsi Li Hanson & Family - Korea.

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Justin & Jordan Longston & Family – Dominican Republic

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In case of hospitalization or desire for a pastor visit, please contact Pastor

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Please let Mickey know if you have an addition
or update to the Prayers for the congregation. Thank you.

