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Welcome to Concordia

A Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod Congregation

The back pews are reserved for families with small children.

*A nursery is available in our multipurpose room
on the side of the narthex.*

Large-print bulletins are available from the usher.

Friday & Sunday
February 19 & 21, 2021

The First Sunday in Lent

Friday & Sunday, February 19 & 21, 2021

Hymn: "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

LSB 656

Invocation

Pastor: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Confession of Sin & Absolution

Pastor: The Lord says: When you call to Me, I will answer you; I will be with you in trouble; I will rescue you.

People: With long life the Lord will satisfy me and show me His salvation.

Pastor: Since we are gathered to hear the Word of God and to call upon Him in prayer, it is good that we reflect upon our unworthiness and confess before God our sins of thought, word, and deed and our helplessness to free ourselves from our sinful nature. It is also good that we remember that we are the baptized children of God, whom the Lord has shown His mercy, cleansed us of our sin, and declared us righteous, because of Jesus. Once again, let us lay claim to His grace, by faith, and, for the sake of Christ, to be restored by His mercy to serve Him and walk in His ways.

(Silence for meditation and reflection)

Pastor: We now confess our sins.

People: I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.

Pastor: 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 forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: May He who began this good work within you bring it to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. The peace of the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you. Amen!

Hymn: "Lamb of God"

LSB 550

Lenten Kyrie (*Responses are sung*)

LSB 204

Pastor: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For reasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For those who labor, those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: Help, save, comfort, and defend us gracious Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

Prayer

Old Testament

Genesis 22:1-18

(The Lord asks Abraham to sacrifice Isaac, his only son, and Abraham shows his trust in God.)

Pastor: ¹ Sometime later God tested Abraham. He said to him, “Abraham!” “Here I am,” he replied. ² Then God said, “Take your son, your only son, whom you love—Isaac—and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on a mountain I will show you.” ³ Early the next morning Abraham got up and loaded his donkey. He took with him two of his servants and his son Isaac. When he had cut enough wood for the burnt offering, he set out for the place God had told him about. ⁴ On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place in the distance. ⁵ He said to his servants, “Stay here with the donkey while I and the boy go over there. We will worship and then we will come back to you.” ⁶ Abraham took the wood for the burnt offering and placed it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. As the two of them went on together, ⁷ Isaac spoke up and said to his father Abraham, “Father?” “Yes, my son?” Abraham replied. “The fire and wood are here,” Isaac said, “but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?” ⁸ Abraham answered, “God himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering, my son.” And the two of them went on together. ⁹ When they reached the place God had told him about, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it. He bound his son Isaac and

laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. ¹⁰Then he reached out his hand and took the knife to slay his son. ¹¹But the angel of the LORD called out to him from heaven, “Abraham! Abraham!” “Here I am,” he replied. ¹²“Do not lay a hand on the boy,” he said. “Do not do anything to him. Now I know that you fear God, because you have not withheld from me your son, your only son.” ¹³Abraham looked up and there in a thicket he saw a ram caught by its horns. He went over and took the ram and sacrificed it as a burnt offering instead of his son. ¹⁴So Abraham called that place The LORD Will Provide. And to this day it is said, “On the mountain of the LORD it will be provided.” ¹⁵The angel of the LORD called to Abraham from heaven a second time ¹⁶and said, “I swear by myself, declares the LORD, that because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, ¹⁷I will surely bless you and make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as the sand on the seashore. Your descendants will take possession of the cities of their enemies, ¹⁸and through your offspring all nations on earth will be blessed because you have obeyed me.” This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Psalm 25:1-10

(David prays that the Lord come to his aid and not allow him to be put to shame.)

Pastor: ¹In you, LORD my God, I put my trust.

People: ²I trust in you; do not let me be put to shame nor let my enemies triumph over me.

Pastor: ³No one who hopes in you will ever be put to shame, but shame will come on those who are treacherous without cause.

People: ⁴Show me your ways, LORD, teach me your paths.

Pastor: ⁵Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long.

People: ⁶Remember, LORD, your great mercy and love, for they are from of old.

Pastor: ⁷Do not remember the sins of my youth and my rebellious ways; according to your love remember me, for you, LORD, are good.

People: ⁸Good and upright is the LORD; therefore, he instructs sinners in his ways.

Pastor: ⁹He guides the humble in what is right and teaches them his way.

People: ¹⁰All the ways of the LORD are loving and faithful toward those who keep the demands of his covenant.

ALL: 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.

Epistle

James 1:12-18

(God tempts no one, but we are tempted by our own desires, soiled and tainted with sin.)

Pastor: ¹²Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to

those who love him. ¹³ When tempted, no one should say, “God is tempting me.” For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone; ¹⁴ but each person is tempted when they are dragged away by their own evil desire and enticed. ¹⁵ Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death. ¹⁶ Don’t be deceived, my dear brothers and sisters. ¹⁷ Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. ¹⁸ He chose to give us birth through the word of truth, that we might be a kind of first fruits of all he created. This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Response: “Be Strong in the Lord”

LSB 665

Gospel

Mark 1:9-15

(Jesus is driven into the wilderness to be tempted by Satan and the time is fulfilled for the Kingdom of God to be at hand.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

Pastor: ⁹ At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰ Just as Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. ¹¹ And a voice came from heaven: “You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.” ¹² At once the Spirit sent him out into the wilderness, ¹³ and he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. He was with the wild animals, and angels attended him. ¹⁴ After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. ¹⁵ “The time has come,” he said. “The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!” This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

The Apostles’ Creed

Hymn: “O Christ, You Walked the Road”

LSB 424

Sermon: “Following God’s Path from A to Z” Psalm 25

Following God’s Paths from A to Z

Almighty God, I thank you for your “hesed,” your steadfast love towards me.

Bountiful are the blessings that You pour out on me; too many for me to count.

Constant is your presence at my side.

Defend me from Satan, his temptations, and his plans to do me harm.

Everlasting to everlasting, you are the Lord.

Forgive my sins—those that I know of and those known only by You.

Grace—Your undeserved love—is for all people; help me not to hoard it.

Hell hath no fury, because you have defeated it. Thank you for crushing this enemy.

Instruct me in Your salvation so that I may share the Good News with others.

Justified by grace, help me to live in the security and freedom of Jesus’ cross.

King of kings and Lord of Lords, I exalt you!

Lord of the Church, teach me Your truth, for You are the God of salvation.

Make me to know Your ways, because sometimes Your ways are unclear or uncertain.

Never will You leave; never will you forsake me; that is what you have promised.

O Lord, O Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

Quiet are the living waters to which you lead me, waters that well up to eternal life.

Renew my soul, mind, and body; remind me of your great promises.

Salvation comes from you, for the sake of all; use me as an instrument of Your saving work.

Transform me each day to walk according to your path.

Useful is Your Word for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness.

Victory is mine through the blood of Jesus.

Wait for the Lord; help me to be strong and take heart as I wait!

Examine my heart and cleanse me from any hidden sin; lay open my heart before You.

Yesterday, today and tomorrow, God, You are the same. In You I put my trust.

Zeal for all people to know Your Gospel message, centered in the cross of Jesus Christ, is what moves me; help me always to follow the path you have prepared for me. Amen!

Hymn: "Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word"

LSB 655

Prayers of the Church

Pastor: ...let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

The Lord's Prayer

Benediction

Pastor: 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."

People: Amen.

Hymn: "O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High"

LSB 544

Announcements

Postlude

Participants in Sunday's Service

Greeters:	Hank and Katrina Voelker
Organist:	Barb Burroughs
Acolyte:	Ryleigh Manche
Elder:	Dennis Hecht
Ushers:	Dustin Roth, Earl Petzoldt, Dalton France, Ben Grebing

This Week's Schedule

Today, Feb. 21, 2021	After Worship	Special Voters Meeting
Mon., Feb. 22, 2021		Pastor Hoemann's Day Off
Tues., Feb. 23, 2021	6 p.m.	Stewardship Board Meeting
	6:30 p.m.	Quilt Tacking at Cindy Barich's home
Wed., Feb. 24, 2021	9 a.m.	Bible Study (Revelation)
	7 p.m.	Lenten Worship
Fri., Feb. 26, 2021	11 a.m.	Worship/Holy Communion
Sun., Feb. 28, 2021	8 a.m.	Bible Class
	9 a.m.	Worship/Holy Communion

Announcements

Church Attendance: Worship – 112, one year ago – 223 (Sat.-85, Sun.-138); Adult Bible Class – 10, one year ago – 18

As We Gather: The Bible is filled with images of Christ long before we get to His incarnation, suffering, death, and resurrection. For example, we have the image of Abraham and his son, Isaac. Abraham is ready to sacrifice his one and only son, the son of promise. But which father are we talking about? Abraham or the heavenly Father and His Son, Jesus? Today, we begin with one story of temptation that has become the prelude to another story, the story of Jesus. The Gospel tells us how our Lord was tempted like we are, in every way, and yet is found faithful. We do not face temptation alone, but in Christ whose strength is made perfect in our weakness and whose grace is our courage under duress. Today, we pray that God may find us faithful when we are put to the test and that God will rescue us with His forgiveness when we fail.

Something to celebrate: The missionary couple we support through The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod Office of International Mission, Rev. Gary and Stephanie Schulte, will return to their place of service, Brazzaville, Republic of the Congo, Africa, on February 25, 335 days after they had to return to the United States because of the COVID outbreak. You are invited to read more about their adventures in “The Central African Sentinel,” their missionary newsletter, which is now posted on the bulletin board in the narthex. And please keep them in your prayers, too!

Beginning today, the Sunday morning Bible class is beginning an in-depth study of Genesis 1-11 (and if the Spirit moves us, we may do the whole book). These opening chapters of the Bible are foundational to our Christian faith. They tell us who God is and who we are in relation to God. They tell us how he created the universe and everything in it. These chapters tell us of our sin problem, God's judgment of humanity's sin, and how God promised to do something about sin and death. And in these chapters, God establishes the all-important institutions of marriage and family,

which still shape society today. A highlight will be a closer look at Noah's Flood through a video series from Lutheran Hour Ministries called "Noah: The Man, the Ark, the Flood." Please join us at 8 a.m. each Sunday.

A special voter's meeting has been called for today, right after the service, to make a decision on moving ahead with developing a mission, vision and strategy for our congregation. Dale Kreienkamp of "Thriving Thru Solutions" was here for our voter's meeting January 31, and he presented the details of the process. Today, we will decide if we want to hire him to lead us through that process.

Stewardship thought for the week: Mark 1:13 says, **"And he was with the wild animals, and the angels were ministering to him."** God the Father cares for Jesus, even in the midst of his temptation in the wilderness. God cares for us in every situation, too. Jesus realized this and always acted from the basis of trust in His Father's provision. Likewise, this is the basis for our life lived in Christ: God cares for us, so we need not act out of fear or greed.

Our mid-week Lenten series, titled "Jesus, Peter and Me," began last week on Ash Wednesday with "It's All about Pride," based on Matthew 26:30-35. The second installment, based on Matthew 26:36-46, is titled "It's All about Complacency." Although God has forgiven all our sins in Jesus, we "daily sin much and surely deserve nothing but punishment." (*Luther's Small Catechism, meaning to the 5th Petition*). In our 2021 midweek series, we're going to see how our lives mirror Peter's, but also how we are sustained by the grace and forgiveness of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Thrivent Choice Dollars! We are now in the most critical time of the year to direct CHOICE dollars because you can still capture everything received for the year 2020 that was not previously directed. Thrivent members need to direct their CHOICE dollars prior to March 31, 2021, in order to capture any remaining 2020 CHOICE dollars. This is free money! Please don't let it go to waste. If you have any questions, please contact your Thrivent representative, Carol Duggan, at 573-824-6060.

Offering options—Each week, there is an offering plate at the door of the sanctuary in which you can leave your envelope as you come and go for worship. Concordia also offers online giving through our website (click on the "Give" tab) or there is a mobile app you may download ("GivePlus Church"). You can choose to donate as a guest or set up an account which can be used for recurring offerings. Contact the Concordia treasurer, Derek Miesner, or the financial secretary, Jenny France, if you have questions or need more information.

Did you know...if you are 70½ years old, or older, and have an IRA, you can instruct your IRA trustee to make a distribution directly from your IRA to Concordia Lutheran Church. This distribution is called Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD). It counts toward satisfying any required minimum distributions (RMDs) and is excluded from your income for tax purposes. If you have questions, or want to know more, please contact Carol Duggan at 573-824-6060.

Plans are being made for Concordia's Summer Program. You can help by donating one or more of the following items: box of tissues; tape – masking, clear, and duct; cheap, plastic tablecloths (you can get them at Wal-Mart in the party section—three in a bag—inexpensive); embroidery thread; colored tissue paper; acrylic paint; little matchbox cars; any old toys you have laying around your house; bouncy balls; hula hoops; Frisbees; empty Pringles cans; yarn; bags of balloons; dice; markers; shaving cream; bed sheets (queen size); empty boxes (NOT broken down – at least three feet wide preferred); snacks (we do have some kids with food allergies, so

please contact Whitney Hemman before donating); gift cards to either Wal-Mart or Dollar General; and your time/driving abilities. If you want to use a Thrivent Action Team Grant for Concordia's Summer Program, it would be greatly appreciated. All items can be dropped off at Whitney Hemman's house at 5711 Main St., Frohna, MO 63748. If you have questions, feel free to email Whitney at whitnichemm20061114@gmail.com or call her at 573-768-4344.

United in Christ Lutheran School (UCLS) Notes

Minutes from the UCLS Board of Education Meeting on January 21 are available today on the south buffet.

The UCLS PTL Fish and Chicken Supper will be Sunday, March 14, with serving from 4-7 p.m. at the East Perry Fairgrounds (carry-outs only). The menu will include fried chicken, fried Jack Salmon, green beans, German potato salad, slaw, and dessert. The cost of the meal will be \$10 per plate.

Mark Your Calendars – The Plant Sale is scheduled for Friday, April 23, from 2-7 p.m. and Saturday, April 24, from 8 am.-12 p.m. (rain or shine) in the yard outside the Concordia church offices. Proceeds will benefit the 7th and 8th grade class trip to Washington, D.C.

Lutheran Heritage Center & Museum Notes

Job Opening—The Lutheran Heritage Center & Museum in Altenburg is seeking a part-time director. The position would include responsibilities such as supervising docent staff, developing fundraising strategies, and overseeing exhibit design. If interested, or for more information, please send your contact information to contact@lutheranmuseum.com. Responses should be received by Monday, March 1.

Neighboring Church & Community Notes

The Annual Chili and Chicken Noodle Soup Dinner (originally scheduled for last Sunday, February 14) has been rescheduled to next Sunday, February 28, from 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Altenburg. Dine-in or drive-up service will be available. (Parking for drive-up service will be marked and located at the east parking lot, next to the outside steps, by the parish hall.) Safety precautions will be taken for those serving food, and tables will be distanced.

Virtual GriefShare sessions for bereaved parents will be held on Thursdays, March 4-May 20, from 6-8 p.m. (via Zoom). All bereaved parents are welcome regardless of their child's age at death, infant to adult child. Others who have lost a close loved one are also welcomed to join. Sessions are open to the community. Together we will walk the journey of grief with the love and presence of Jesus Christ. To get signed up, call Molly at 573-275-3744. (A Zoom series currently meets on Tuesday evenings from 6-8 p.m. for anyone who has lost a close loved one. Each session stands on its own. Joining at any point is welcomed.)

An American Red Cross Blood Drive will be held on Wednesday, March 10, from 2-6 p.m. at St. Andrew Lutheran Church (804 N Cape Rock), Cape Girardeau. To schedule an appointment, download the American Red Cross app, visit www.RedCrossBlood.org, or call St. Andrew Lutheran Church at 573-334-3200.

KFUO Notes

This week on KFUE.org, join us for the Midweek Lent Worship and Organ Concert this Wednesday, February 24, at 11 a.m. Continue studying Ephesians on *Thy Strong Word* (weekdays at 11 a.m.), and continue studying the Gospel of Mark on *Sharper*

Iron (weekdays at 8 a.m.). Find your favorite programs at kfuo.org or on your podcast app.

“Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life

“God controlled your salvation from start to finish. He gave you faith in baptism and strengthens your faith through the Word. You can trust that He will continue to keep control of your life because you rest in the palm of His loving hand. Stand firm because God is in control.” *Rev. Peter Sulzle, St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Redwood Falls, Minnesota – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

Weekly Devotions (Lent 2)

Hymn of the Week

LSB 688

“Come, Follow Me, ’ the Savior Spake”

“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.

Bible Stories

- 02/22 -- M: John 7:37-52
- 02/23 -- Tu: John 8:1-11
- 02/24 -- W: John 8:12-20, 8:21-30
- 02/25 -- Th: John 8:31-47
- 02/26 -- F: John 8:48-59

Bible Verse

³⁸Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.”
Mark 14:38 (ESV)

Catechism

The Lord’s Prayer – The Seventh Petition and Meaning – “But deliver us from evil. *What does this mean?* We pray in this petition, in summary, that our Father in heaven would rescue us from every evil of body and soul, possessions and reputation, and finally, when our last hour comes, give us a blessed end, and graciously take us from this valley of sorrow to Himself in heaven.”