



ALBION LUTHERAN CHURCH

Pastor Tammy Springer
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Prelude and Announcements

Jean Knudson

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Call to Worship:

Jeri Hanson

L: Today, we follow Jesus into a wilderness full of isolation, fatigue, hunger, thirst, and temptation.

C: We follow, trusting in God’s mercy.

L: We witness Jesus resist the calls of boasting, fame and misuse of power for selfish gain.

C: We see God’s mercy at work in the fact of temptation.

L: We notice the angels who tend to Jesus, messengers of care in a harsh and lonely place.

C: We pay attention to God’s merciful presence that did not abandon Jesus and does not abandon us now.

L: We come to the wilderness together, clinging to the Truth that we are not alone - God is with us.

C: We gather to worship God, whose unfailing mercy journeys with us into the wilderness of our lives. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Brief Order of Confession and Forgiveness

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Opening Hymn

“I Need Thee Every Hour”

No. 318 (GHF)

Kyrie & Hymn of Praise

“Glory to God...”

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Prayer of the Day

All: *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.*

WE LISTEN TO GOD’S WORD

First Lesson

Genesis 3:1-21

L: This is the Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 32:1-7

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Second Lesson

Romans 5:12-19

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Verse (please rise) Alleluia, Lord to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 4:1-11

Message

Response to God’s Word (please rise) “Create in Me”

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from Your presence, and take not Your Holy Spirit from me.

Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me with Your free Spirit.

Hymn of the Day

“Yield Not to Temptation”

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WE RESPOND WITH OUR COMMITMENT, GIFTS AND PRAYER

Apostles’ Creed

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Offering and Offertory

“We Give Thee But Thine Own”

Prayers and Lord’s Prayer

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WE TAKE GOD’S LOVE OUT INTO THE WORLD

Blessing

Closing Hymn

“Grace Greater Than All Our Sin”

No.209(GHF)

Postlude

Jean Knudson

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Reader: Jeri Hanson Ushers: Jeremy Brekken, Jorgen Brekken and Sawyer Olson.

Listening Ears: Jeri Hanson, Jim Hanson, Shannon Brekke



IN OUR PRAYERS



Donna Kueker (Mary Froehling’s sister), Janet Kral (Jeri Hansons’s sister), Kelvin & Regina Olson (Keith’s brother & sister-in-law)

Announcements

MONDAY & THURSDAY – Sewing
WEDNESDAY – 5:50p Lenten Supper
6:45p Lenten Worship

IT'S PRETZEL SUNDAY!!!!!!

The tradition of Pretzel Sunday on the First Sunday of Lent continues here at Albion today during our Fellowship time.

What do pretzels have to do with Lent? According to legend, that snack originated between the fifth and seventh centuries when a monk fashioned leftover dough into the now-familiar shape which looked like arms crossed in prayer. (At that time prayed with their arms crossed over their chests, hands resting on their shoulders.)

The three holes were said to represent the Holy Trinity. As the custom spread, **the first Sunday of Lent became known as Pretzel Sunday.** Pretzels were made on that day and eaten during the Lenten season. Join us after the service to continue this great tradition!



Just like arms folded,
My **pretzel** will stay.
A snack that reminds me, to
PRAY everyday.



Jesus said, "IT IS WRITTEN....."

Announcements

Thank You to Virgil and Rae Goltz for donating the awesome maps located by the entrances to help find where the fire extinguishers are in the church. This is a great safety tool! We pray we never have to use them, but it's always good to be prepared! **Please review the maps and familiarize yourself with the location of the fire extinguishers.**
THANK YOU!!!!



Have You Seen It??



We are looking for two scrapbooks put together around the time of the 105th anniversary. They are two 3-ring binders. Please contact Janice if you can help find them!

Let Your Light Shine for Jesus!!!



LENTEN OFFERINGS

Our Lenten offerings will go to the area Food shelves.

