

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Northwood, Iowa

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THAT ALL MAY KNOW THE LOVE OF GOD IN JESUS CHRIST



First Sunday in Lent

March 9th, 2025

9:00 am

Pastor Becky Sogge

Organist/Pianist: Delores Knudson

Special Music: Senior Choir

Acolyte: Tegan Trenhaile, Logan Trenhaile

Greeter: Trenhaile family

Lay Reader: Delores Knudson

Usher: Petznick family, Anderson family

Counters: Randy & Laure Buehrer, Steph Perkins

Sound/Video: Camden Trenhaile, Mark Willand

Prelude:

-Delores Knudson

Welcome – Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Let us return to God, confessing our sin in the assurance of God's abiding love.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate One, you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, but our lives do not always reflect you and your love for the world. We do not show others the tender compassion you have shown to us. We do not welcome others with the radical hospitality you grant to all people. We oppress others, even though you have set us free again and again. We squander the abundant gifts of the earth. Transform our lives and guide us again in the way of the cross. **Amen.**

Beloved in Christ, God's arms are always stretched open wide to welcome the wandering ones home. In ☩ Christ your sins are forgiven. You have a place in God's house forever. **Amen.**

Opening Hymn *What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine* ELW 774

Prayer of the Day

O Lord God, you led your people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide us now, so that, following your Son, we may walk safely through the wilderness of this world toward the life you alone can give, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Children's Sermon**Special Music:**

Senior Choir

First Reading: Deuteronomy 26:1-11

¹ When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, ² you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. ³ You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us." ⁴ When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, ⁵ you shall make this response before the LORD your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. ⁶ When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, ⁷ we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. ⁸ The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; ⁹ and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰ So now I bring the

first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me." You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. ¹¹ Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

You who dwell in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty—

you will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my stronghold, my God in whom I put my trust."

Because you have made the LORD your refuge, and the Most High your habitation,

no evil will befall you, nor shall affliction come near your dwelling.

For God will give the angels charge over you, to guard you in all your ways.

Upon their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.

You will tread upon the lion cub and viper; you will trample down the lion and the serpent.

I will deliver those who cling to me; I will uphold them, because they know my name.

They will call me, and I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue and honor them.

With long life will I satisfy them, and show them my salvation.

Second Reading: Romans 10:8b-13

^{8b} "The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart"

that is, the word of faith that we proclaim; ⁹ because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved.

¹¹ The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to

shame.”¹² For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him.¹³ For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

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The Holy Gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel: Luke 4:1-13

¹ Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness,² where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished.³ The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.”⁴ Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone.’”

⁵ Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world.⁶ And the devil said to him, “To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please.⁷ If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.”⁸ Jesus answered him, “It is written,

‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.’”

⁹ Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here,¹⁰ for it is written,

‘He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,’¹¹ and ‘On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’”¹² Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’”¹³ When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

The word of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon Pastor Becky

Hymn of the Day*O Lord, throughout These Forty Days* ELW 319

Apostles’ Creed

Prayers of Intercession

God in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Offering – Noisy Offering

Offering is received in the pews, or electronically through Vanco.

Offering Prayer

Benediction

Closing Hymn *I Want Jesus to Walk with Me* ELW 325

Dismissal

Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

-Delores Knudson

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Sunday Attendance and Giving		
Date	Attendance	Giving
March 2	84	\$3,740
February 23	86	\$1,335
February 16	107	\$1,560
February 9	70	\$1,120

Electronic Income	
January	Year to Date
\$3,167.39	\$3,167.39

Mission Project for March
Lutheran World Relief
&
Lutheran World Hunger

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome, we are glad you are here!
Join us for coffee in the Fireside Room after worship.

No Sunday School on Sunday, March 16th. Class will resume the following week on March 23rd.

You may order an Easter Lily or give an Easter Memorial in memory of a loved one who has passed or in Honor of someone still living. Please have your orders turned into the office by Friday, March 21st. Forms are available in the Narthex or you can find a copy in the newsletter.

Starting next Sunday, join Gary Nerlien on Sundays in Lent for conversation about Marks of the Christian: Lenten Journey. This is a discussion based on the Book of Faith unit for the Lenten Journey (books can be ordered for 15.00, sign up in the narthex). This is a forty-day journey exploring Romans 12. In this chapter, the Apostle Paul calls us to new life in Christ and identifies marks of the Christian life. Sunday mornings gatherings will be a time for Gary to lead a discussion about the mutual journey.

COME EARLY — STAY LATE ON OUR WEDNESDAYS IN LENT.

**Noon worship will be followed by a
soup and sandwich lunch with conversation.**

**Soup and Sandwiches will be served beginning at
5:00pm on Wednesdays ahead of the 6:00pm service.**

Worried about getting caught in confirmation excitement?
Don't be, they won't hurt you and quite enjoyable young people
who might be ready to have a great conversation with you.

Lutheran Retirement Home

The Annual Meeting will be held on March 27th,
6:00pm, in the chapel.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, March 9	9:00 am	Service with N.O. No Sunday School
	10:00 am	Adult Education
	10:30 am	DCV
	6:30 pm	J.H. Youth
Tuesday March 11	11:00 am	Staff Mtng.
	7:00 pm	AA-Al-Anon Mtng
Wednesday, March 12	Noon	Lenten Service
	5:00 pm	Soup Supper
	6:00 pm	Lenten Service
	7:00 pm	Choir Practice
	7:00 pm	SH Youth
Thursday, March 13	8:30 am	Quilting
	9:00 am	Prayer Group
	6:30 pm	Taekwondo
Sunday, March 16	9:00 am	Service with H.C. No Sunday School
	10:30 am	DCV with H.C.
	6:30 pm	J.H. Youth

INSPIRE

<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
February 26	17
February 19	26
February 12	25
February 5	35