

**First Sunday in Lent
February 22, 2026**

Prelude/ Bell/ Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship: Kyrie Eleison

L: Lord, have mercy. **C: Lord, have mercy.**
L: Christ, have mercy. **C: Lord, have mercy.**
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Gathering Hymn

Gather Us In

ELW # 532

Confession and Forgiveness

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen.

L: Let us confess our sin before God, who removes our guilt and blots out all offenses.

(Moment of silent reflection) Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

L: For seeking worldly delights that deceive us and dishonor you:

Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

L: For desiring self-reliance instead of hungering for your word:

Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

L: For failing to recognize your coming reign, and for hindering the work of the Spirit:

Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

L: For drawing from the well of self-serving ambition, and for disdain the living water Christ offers: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

L: For disregarding voices from the margin, and for distrusting signs of your healing and hope in the world:

Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

L: For dwelling in tombs of self-pity and discontent, and for disregarding Christ's call to come forth to life:

Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

L: God's steadfast love, grace, and forgiveness abound. Through faith, the free gift of God, you have been clothed in the righteousness of Christ. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. The Spirit of the One who raised Christ from the dead dwells in you, pours God's love into your hearts, and gives you life and peace. **C:**

Amen.

Sharing of the Peace

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.**

First Reading

Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7

Pew Bible Pg. 4

Responsive

Psalm 32

L: Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, and whose sin is put away!

C: Happy are they to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, and in whose spirit there is no guile!

L: While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, because of my groaning all day long.

C: For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.

L: Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not conceal my guilt. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord." Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.

C: Therefore, all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble, when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.

L: You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

C: "I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; I will guide you with my eye.

L: Do not be like a horse or a mule, which has no understanding, who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay near you."

C: Great are the tribulations of the wicked, but mercy embraces those who trust in the Lord.

L: Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord; shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

Second Reading

Romans 5:12-19

Pew Bible pg. 1753

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

ALL: One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 4:1-11

Pew Bible pg. 1499

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

L: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ**

Human

Christina Perri

Sermon

Doug Knick

"Being Human"

Hymn of the Day

Children of the Heaven Father

ELW # 781

Apostles Creed

Offering / Offertory

Prayers of the People L: Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

The Lord's Prayer (*Sung*)

Blessing One Another

Closing Hymn

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

ELW # 504

Dismissal

L: Children of the Heavenly Father, Go in Peace and Serve the Lord.

C: We will. Thanks be to God.

We Thank

Ushers; Tech Desk

Organist/ Pianist: RaNae Martinson

Reader: Ashely Moline

Nordland's Week

February 15, 2026

Today 9:30 / 10:30 Education & Fellowship / Worship

Wed. 6:15 / 7:00 pm Soup & Sandwich Supper / Lenten Service

Thur. 6:00 pm Sisters at Heart at church, speaker Tammie Knick

Sun. 9:30 / 10:30 Education & Fellowship / Worship / Special Congregation Meeting

Nordland Mission Fest is June 27, 2026, The Fest is an important fundraiser as we commit to send \$5,000 to ELCA Missions each year. We need a committee, contact Becky Thompson or Diane Christle. – NLCW

Moonlight Meander, Sat. Feb. 28, 6 – 9 pm. The Crow River Trail Guards line all the park trails with candles and invite the public for an evening walk. Campfire stations keep visitors warm. Meet at 200 Burr Street, Paynesville or alternative parking is at Grace United Methodist Church parking lot.

March is Food Shelf Month; the Nordland shopping cart is available for your donations of non-perishable grocery items and/or monetary. Please specify “Food Shelf” in memo if you are writing a check.

Pr. Mindy is on vacation Feb 19-28. If any pastoral care needs arise, please contact Pr. Paul Schumaker at 320-894-0019.

Sisters at Heart at Nordland on Thurs., Feb. 26, 6 pm pizza, salad & sweets. Speaker is Tammie Knick. Planting project: Bring a small container/pot to plant rye grass in anticipation of Easter and Spring.

If you are a Thrivent member and have 2025 Thrivent Choice dollars available, you have until March 31 to distribute them. Go online to www.thrivent.com, log into your account and direct them to your favorite (Nordland?) charitable organization.

The Nordland Lutheran Church Council calls a Special Congregational Meeting on Sunday, March 1, 2026 immediately following worship to discuss renovation projects.