



**Blessed is the man that endureth  
temptation: for when he is tried,  
he shall receive the crown of life,  
which the Lord hath promised to  
them that love him.**

**James 1:12**

## **First Sunday in Lent**

### **Order of Worship**

**February 18, 2018 10:00 am**

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# *Welcome to God's House today!!!*

A special welcome to visitors and guests; we are pleased that you have joined us today! If you have no church family, and if we can be of any help to you, please speak with the pastor after the service. We invite all guests to sign the Guest Register. We pray you will feel God's love for you and be empowered to live as God's child this week.

## ***Today's Focus - How important is it to trust God?***

It's so important, James writes, that we should call our worst moments joyful things, because trials help us trust God more. People who trust God ask Him for wisdom—and then take what He gives. People who trust God make a bigger deal about their rewards in the next life than their wealth in this one. People who trust God don't blame Him for their desire to sin; they give Him credit for all that is good in their lives. They look into His Word, and they act on what they see there.

***Children are welcome in worship!*** If childcare is needed, an unattended nursery is open during worship services. It is located across from the restrooms next to the Church Offices.

***Is there something you'd like us to pray for today?*** “Prayer Request” cards are in each pew. Please hand your request to an usher before the service or during the offering. They will give them to the pastor to include in the prayers for today.

***The Lord's Supper is celebrated on the 1st and 3rd Sundays*** of each month. We joyfully share our conviction that this is The Lord's Table. We receive the true Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, together with the bread and wine in a manner our human reason cannot understand. (Real Presence) By communing together with our Lord:

- we express the belief that Jesus is the Son of God and Son of Man;
- that Jesus is our Savior and only way for salvation;
- that Jesus offers us His Body and Blood in a mysterious yet real way;
- that Christ's sacrificial death grants the forgiveness of our sins;
- and that God is strengthening us in this Sacrament to live a more godly; life and to amend with the help of the Holy Spirit, those areas not in conformity with God's will.

We declare these statements because it is our concern for people to not be hypocritical between their faith and celebrate the blessings of God's Table at the Altar. Persons unable to approach the Altar may be communed in the pew, please notify the Pastor or Elder if you wish this service.

**The white wine is denatured (alcohol removed)**

# FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

**AS WE GATHER:** The season of Lent is a time when we bear witness to Jesus' great temptation, when He courageously encountered and defied the schemes of Satan. Noah is called by God to build an ark that I'm sure took a lot of courage to do in the face of those who scoffed at him and God blessed him and us with the sign of His covenantal love. Jesus obeys God's command to be tempted by Satan, eventually becoming the Lamb of sacrifice in our place, becoming no ordinary Lamb but the fulfillment of God's Covenant in that He alone is the Lamb of sacrifice and victory.

✠ WE ENTER TO WORSHIP AND BE BLESSED ✠

**PRESERVICE MUSIC**

**WELCOME**

**CALL TO WORSHIP** *"Baptized into Thy Name . . ." LSB 590*

**INVOCATION**

**CONFESSION**

**ABSOLUTION**

**THE INTROIT**

*Psalm 25:1-10*

**HYMN OF PRAISE**

*"A Thankful Heart"*

*Ken Bible*

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY**

✠ THE LORD COMES TO US IN HIS WORD ✠

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

*Genesis 22:1-18*

*ESV*

**NEW TESTAMENT READING**

*James 1:12-18*

*ESV*

**GOSPEL ANTHEM**

*"Reconciled to God"*

*Ken Bible*

**HOLY GOSPEL**

*Mark 1:9-15*

*ESV*

**THE NICENE CREED**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*"Great is Thy Faithfulness"*

*LSB 809*

**SERMON**

*"Blessed is the One"*

*James 1:12-18*

✠ OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD ✠

**OFFERTORY**

*"Create in Me"*

*LSB pg 192-193*

**OFFERING RESPONSE OF GOD'S PEOPLE**

**OFFERING PRAYER**

**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

**PREFACE**

*LSB pg 194*

**PROPER PREFACE**

**SANCTUS**  
**THE LORD'S PRAYER**  
**THE WORDS OF OUR LORD**  
**AGNUS DEI**

**LSB pg 195**

**THE DISTRIBUTION - THE DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

**"Drawn to the Cross, Which Thou Hast Blessed" LSB 560**  
**"Lamb of God" LSB 550**

**NUNC DIMITTIS**

**THANKSGIVING**

**BENEDICTION**

**CLOSING HYMN "Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus" LSB 685**  
**+ Silent Prayer +**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**POSTLUDE**

✠ WE DEPART TO SERVE ✠

## **TODAY'S LUTHERAN HOUR**

**February 18**

**(James 1:12-18)**

**"Pay Attention to What You Hear (Mark 4:24)"**

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Dale A. Meyer

Lent calls us to take deep into our being the life-changing words of God. The result? Obedience, changes in desires, and blessings.

## **NEXT WEEK ON THE LUTHERAN HOUR**

**February 25**

**(Romans 5:1-11)**

**"Living and Dying"**

Speaker Emeritus of The Lutheran Hour: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus  
Looking at sinful mankind, Jesus found what he was willing to die,  
and to live for. Are we willing to do the same?

On Sunday mornings, listen on 830 AM WCCO AM at 6:05 am, or  
1110 AM, Omaha, at 6:30 am, or XM 170 Satellite Radio on  
Sundays at noon or listen anytime at [www.lutheranhour.org](http://www.lutheranhour.org)

**LUTHERANS FOR LIFE: February 18** "In a sense, that is where man is today ... dead in sin, awaiting the Exodus led by the Son of Man, the new Moses, into eternal life, undoing the separation of soul and body at death. Lent (and the weakness of our mortal flesh) reminds us of this separation, our sin. Easter reveals to us the Exodus, Christ's life that sets us free and brings us home." *James M. Kushiner, The Fellowship of St. James* –

**STEWARDSHIP: February 18 (Lent 1)**

**Mark 1:13**

**"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 wilds. God cares for us in every situation as well. Jesus realized this and always acted from the basis of trust in God the Father's provision. This is likewise the basis for our life lived in Christ: God cares for us, so we need not act out of fear or greed.



### **Help is Available**

If a senior age 60+ needs help shoveling, housekeeping or other services in Hennepin County, Senior Community Services is a nonprofit organization with four programs serving elders and caregivers statewide. For more information please visit [www.seniorcommunity.org](http://www.seniorcommunity.org) or call 952-541-1019. Seniors outside of Hennepin County should contact the Senior Linkage Line at 1-800-333-2433 for information about services in their area. Thank you!

### **Concordia Choir (Moorhead, MN) IN CONCERT**

Hear one of the nation's finest college choirs perform Saturday, **February 24 at 7:30 pm** in Lord of Life Lutheran Church (7401 County Road 101, Maple Grove). Rene Clausen conducts the 72-voice a cappella choir in several spirituals and hymns, plus a special set with unique staging effect. Tickets available at Lord of Life Lutheran Church, online at [ConcordiaTickets.com](http://ConcordiaTickets.com), or by calling 800-838-3006 or at the door. Students = \$5 + \$1.17 service fee // Adults = \$25 + \$1.87 service fee.

### **Options and Resources to Support Aging in Place**

Learn why planning for long-term care is important. Discuss the costs of long-term care and share tools and resources available to help older adults who prefer to stay in their homes. **Tuesday, February 27, 6:30 – 7: PM, FREE!**

Online registration at [www.mplscommunityed.com](http://www.mplscommunityed.com). Register at least one week in advance online or by call 612-668-1590.



## OUR WEEKLY CALENDAR

<b>2/18 Sun</b>	<b>First Sunday in Lent</b>
	<b>8:45 am Education Hour</b>
	<b>10:00 am Worship w/HC</b>
	<b>6:00 pm NA</b>
<b>2/19 Mon</b>	<b>6:30 pm AIAnon 1</b>
	<b>8:00 pm AA/AIAnon 2</b>
<b>2/20 Tues</b>	<b>7:00 pm Church Council Meeting</b>
<b>2/21 Wed</b>	<b>10:00 am BIBLE STUDY</b>
	<b>6:30 pm Lenten Midweek 1</b>
	<b>6:30 pm TLWCC Bible Study</b>
<b>2/23 Fri</b>	<b>5:00 pm TLWCC Music Practice</b>
	<b>8:00 pm AA/AIAnon</b>
<b>2/24 Sat</b>	<b>10:00 am TLWCC Worship</b>
	<b>6:00 pm TLWCC Worship &amp; Fellowship</b>
<b>2/25 Sun</b>	<b>Second Sunday in Lent</b>
	<b>8:45 am Education Hour</b>
	<b>10:00 am Worship</b>
	<b>6:00 pm NA</b>

### SERVING TODAY

**Elder: Karmon Christopherson**

**Ushers: Gwen Johnson and Bill Woll**

**Counters: Dale Raschke and Wade Billmeyer**

**Altar Care: Shirley Holzinger**

**Attendance 2/18/2018: 30**

**Offerings -- Regular \$1,940; Loose Plate \$46;**

**Bethesda \$15**

**Total: \$2,001**

**Needed each week for 2017: \$3,477.59**

### WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

2 Timothy

### SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

Comparative Christianity

#### **2018 Lent Service Schedule**

Feb 21	Midweek 1 (The Servant of Justice)	"Behold, My Servant"
Feb 28	Midweek 2 (The Servant of All)	"The Successful Failure"
Mar 7	Midweek 3 (The Committed Servant)	"Learn and Live!"
Mar 14	Midweek 4 (The Suffering Servant)	"The Servant Suffers"
Mar 21	Midweek 5 (The Triumphant Servant)	"The Great Reversal"

**BIRTHDAYS:** 21<sup>st</sup> Hailey Gade

**ANNIVERSARIES:** None

**ETERNAL CANDLE:** None

**FLOWERS:** Verlayne Sather – In memory of Jim

**IN OUR PRAYERS:** Jean Brede, Karmon Christopherson,  
Millie Demcho, Millie Eckhardt, Rose Ehnes, Deb Forsberg,  
Harriet Harris, Ada Samson, Dorothy Woll, Margaret Maxwell,  
Sandy Westling, Nanc Rixe

**REQUESTED PRAYERS:**

**Larry Derksen** (Shirley's brother) – recovery from surgery

**Dr. Lori Ongeri** (Debra Forsberg's niece) – for a baby boy

**Jeffrey Lucero** (Debra Fosberg's nephew) – Ulcer

**Vera Gade** (Pastor's mother) recovering in Rehab in Shakopee

**John Gillund** (Patty & Meridel's brother) heart surgery recovery

**Dick Gillund** (Patty & Meridel's brother)

**Elaine Gillund** – surgery and radiation

**Evie Horman** (Sandy Westling's sister) hospitalized – heart issues

**Brandon Johnson** (son of Lori Sharbono) continued good results

**Roxie Johnson** (Morelli's niece) heart issues & upcoming surgery

**Steve Kaiser** (friend of Patty Lyrenmann's brother) – COPD

**Beverly Papcek** (Grunnes' cousin) – numb leg, but not cancer

**Amy Price** (Morelli's niece) – treatments for stage 4 cancer

**Jimmy Royal & Dave** (friends of Dick Gillund)

**Marvin & Norma Thor** – poor health/stomach cancer

**Mary Phillips and Dan Crocker** – Chronic Illness

### **“IN OUR PRAYERS” AND “REQUESTED PRAYERS”**

If you have family members or friends who require our prayers, please use the prayer request cards found in the pews or at the Ushers' counter and give to the office. They will be added to the Prayer list. Any updates to the current list? Let the office know

## **Conversations on Faith**

### **Life: Spring 2018 Hoffmann Lecture**

James Wetzstein, LCMS campus pastor at Valparaiso University, will deliver this year's Hoffmann Lecture,

**“The Provisional Nature of Truth,”**

**7 p.m. on Tuesday, February 20. The event is free.**

The event will be held at the Buetow Music Auditorium.

**Direct Your 2017 Thrivent Choice Dollars by Mar 31, 2018**

Since 2010, over \$370 million has been distributed to thousands of churches, schools, and other nonprofits through Thrivent Choice®. Through this program, eligible members can recommend where Thrivent donates millions of charitable outreach dollars each year.

**We are excited to share, based on member recommendations, Gloria Dei Lutheran Church received \$1,969 in charitable outreach funding in 2017. We have also received \$325 as of January 2018.**

**THANK YOU!**

Eligible Thrivent Financial members who have available Choice Dollars® have until **March 31, 2018**, to direct them. Go to [Thrivent.com/thriventchoice](http://Thrivent.com/thriventchoice) to learn more. Or call 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" after the prompt.

**Migratory bird exhibit at Silverwood Park**

"Minnesota Migratory Birds" is currently on display at Silverwood Park, **2500 County Road E., St. Anthony**. The traveling art exhibit features a suite of prints and informational plaques, created by students from Blake School, about birds that migrate through Minnesota. The students chose 18 birds who face threats to their habitats. The plaques include information about what people can do to mitigate these threats. The exhibition is located in the park's annex gallery and runs through Feb. 28.

**File Your Taxes for Free at Prepare + Prosper**

Prepare + Prosper (P+P) encourages low- and moderate-income individuals and families to save money this tax season by filing their taxes for free to get their maximum refund. Now through April 14, P+P's IRS-certified volunteers work one-on-one with taxpayers to help them claim all the credits they've earned. The nonprofit also provides financial services to help people save some of their refund, get connected to financial coaching, and answer money-related questions.

Info: [prepareandprosper.org/free-tax-preparation](http://prepareandprosper.org/free-tax-preparation).

Prepare + Prosper is located at 2610 University Ave W # 450, St Paul.

Phone: 651-287-0187 | Website: [prepareandprosper.org](http://prepareandprosper.org)

**Altar Care Needed for March**

# **Catechesis Note for the Week**

## **What makes Baptism so Powerful?**

**Short and simple...**

**Baptism's Power Is in the Word**

*The Catechism states that **"the Word of God in and with the water"** of Holy Baptism is what gives Baptism its power to work **"forgiveness of sins, rescue from death and the devil, and give eternal salvation to all who believe this."***

*Take away the Word and you have nothing but water; but with the Word you have a life-giving water, rich in grace, and the washing of the rebirth in the Holy Spirit.*

*The Bible Stories for this week continue to highlight the power of the Word in, with, and under the water of Baptism.*

***By the Word of the Lord** the heavens were opened for forty days and forty nights in the divine judgment of the great flood and Noah and His family were saved through water.*

***By the Word of the Lord,** God saved the children of Israel through the water of the Red Sea and destroyed Pharaoh and his armies. By the Word of the Lord, the waters of the Jordan parted and Israel was drawn into the promised land.*

***By the Word of the Lord,** the water of the Jordan cleansed Naaman of his leprosy and even brought him to the faith that confessed that the God of Israel was, indeed, the Lord and the only true God. In all of these stories there are two common themes.*

*First, the water was very very real, it was no symbol, and it carried both the condemnation and the salvation of God.*

*Second, the Word of God itself was real and God joined Himself to the water by His Word in order to accomplish His saving work. To despise the water was to despise the Word. To despise the Word was to reject the water. The water and the Word were inseparably joined together by God.*

*Why is this so important? It is by the Word in tangible water that we come to receive salvation and that we come to know that salvation with absolute and unshakeable certainty.*

## Today's Scripture Readings

**GENESIS 22: 1-18:** The story of Isaac's near sacrifice at the hand of his father, Abraham, is a troubling story. What is the echoing theme? On the one hand, it expresses how God tests us, so our faith might grow in understanding God will provide even in the face of impossible looking problems! On the other hand, it challenged Abraham into looking deep into his faith to determine where is true love really was. In his only and promised son, Isaac or in God who had promised him. In that promise we later find out that God provided for our forgiveness and salvation through Isaac's descendant, Jesus. Abraham trusted in God's love and promises and obeyed God even when it was hard. We should too.

**JAMES 1:12-18:** James echoes the thought begun in verse 2 where he called on believers to categorize hard times as joyful things. Why? Because our faith only grows stronger when tested by trials. Trusting God through our trials pushes us toward the Christ-like maturity of trusting God more, and more deeply, and with greater endurance. That choice to keep trusting God in the midst of the trial brings His blessing. Our circumstances may be hard, but we have His approval. God is on the side of those who trust Him through life's most difficult moments.

**MARK 1: 9-15:** The baptism of Jesus (who needed neither confession nor forgiveness) marks the beginning of His ministry as the Messiah. The voice of the Father and the visible imbuing of the Spirit attest His divine mission and authorize Him as the Son of God the Father. Satan recognizes the implications against his power and immediately sets out to wreck the divine plan, unsuccessfully. Note the prime aspect of Christ's ministry and the essence of the Kingdom's objective, namely, repentance and faith in the good news of God's gracious forgiveness.

## Lessons for the Second Sunday in Lent

*Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16; Psalm 22:23-31; Romans 5:1-11; Mark 8:27-38*