

First Sunday in Lent

February 21, 2021

Divine Setting One pg. 151 in the hymnal

WELCOME / BELL CALL TO WORSHIP

OPENING HYMN

“Come, Thou Almighty King”

#905

INVOCATION

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

KYRIE

“Lord, Have Mercy”

HYMN OF PRAISE

“This is the Feast”

COLLECT OF THE DAY

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 22:1-18 (ESV)

The LORD tests Abraham's faith with a command to sacrifice the son he loves. Ultimately, it was the LORD Himself who would give up His Son as a payment for sin.

After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here am I." He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you." So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac. And he cut the wood for the burnt offering and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar. Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy will go over there and worship and come again to you." And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together. And Isaac said to his father Abraham, "My father!" And he said, "Here am I, my son." He said, "Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" Abraham said, "God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So they went both of them together. When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here am I." He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called the name of that place, "The LORD will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided." And the angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven and said, "By myself I have sworn, declares the LORD, because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, I will surely bless you, and I will surely multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of his enemies, and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice."

L: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE READING

James 1:12-18 (ESV)

James urges us to resist temptation, knowing that we have a Heavenly Father who is on our side. He gives us every good gift we need to live as His children.

Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him. Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am being tempted by God," for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one. But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death. Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers. Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

L: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

LENTEN VERSE

“Return to the Lord”

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GOSPEL READING

Mark 1:9-15 (ESV)

After Jesus is baptized, He is sent into the wilderness by the Holy spirit in order to undergo a period of temptation at the hands of Satan.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St Mark the first chapter. **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." The Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. And he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. And he was with the wild animals, and the angels were ministering to him. Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel." P: This is the Gospel of the Lord. C: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY

SERMON

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

"Christ, the Life of All the Living"

Jody Wiemer

#420 vs 1-4

"What Shall I Render to the Lord"

+SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT+

PREFACE

SANCTUS

LORD'S PRAYER

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

AGNUS DEI

COMMUNION HYMN

DISMISSAL

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN

ANNOUNCEMENTS

"Holy, Holy, Holy Lord"

"Lamb of God"

"Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord"

#637

"Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me"

#722

PRAYER REQUESTS

Rev Matthew Mau and St John Lutheran Church, Waco

Rev Eddie Mekasha, missionary to Sudanese and Ethiopian Immigrants

For Our Congregation and Community:

Family of Darrell Lee Windhorst (Father of Amy Haberman) passed away

Family of Jim Wiemer (brother of Diane Mooney) who passed away

Dealing with an illness: Jenni Conell, Shelley Scheele, Stephen Ramsey, Derek Glassman, Christal Fehlhafer, Shirley Utter, Roger Rhodes, Aaron DeWaard, Paula Huebschman (Jamie Ramsey's mother), Mitch Peeks, Hawley Family, Bill Chessar (brother of Teresa Rathjen), Sheila Franks, Dick Greenwood, Linda Ehlers, Carole Stern (Heather Wellman's mother), Shelley Neemeyer (Sheri Hahn's sister-in-law), Mya Noreen (Great Grand Daughter of Darlene Link)

Recovering from surgery: Collin Sansom, Duane Barth, Anna (Friend of DuAnne Deremer)

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In Response to God's Love

February 14: Total Attendance: 63 Sunday School: No Sunday School

VOLUNTEERS:

TODAY(02-21-21) Acolyte: Jayden Butzke **Lay Reader:** Tim Heidorn **Organist:** Pat Koch

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY (02-21)	9:00 AM	Worship w/Communion online and in person
	10:30 AM	Bible Study online and in person Sunday School in person
	1:30 PM	Voters Meeting
	6:00 PM	Junior High Youth Group
	7:30 PM	Senior High Youth Group
MONDAY (02-22)	1:00 PM	Bible Study
TUESDAY (02-23)	-----	Grapevine Info Due to the Church Office
WEDNESDAY (02-24)	8:45 AM	Orphan Grain Train
	3:45 PM	Midweek Class
	7:00 PM	Lent Worship Service
THURSDAY (02-25)	-----	
FRIDAY (02-26)	6:00 AM	Men's Bible Study
SATURDAY (02-27)	-----	
SUNDAY (02-28)	9:00 AM	Worship online and in person
	10:30 AM	Bible Study online and in person/Sunday School in person
	6:00 PM	Junior High Youth Group
	7:30 PM	Senior High Youth Group

As of 02-17-21	Amount received 02-14-21	Needed each week	Received YTD 2021	YTD Amount needed to cover 2021 budget	Difference
General Fund	\$9,201.00		\$89,759.00		
Thrivent Choice	\$0.00		\$0.00		
School Tuition	\$0.00		\$3,851.00		
Total	\$9,201.00	\$15,661.00	\$93,610.00	\$107,468.00	-\$13,858.00
Building Fund	\$200.00		\$250.00	Bldg Fund**	\$47,117.00
Teacherage Fund	\$0.00		\$175.00	Teacherage Fund	\$75.00
Restricted Funds (other than bldg)	\$309.00		\$1,042.00		
Mekasha Mission (9/20-8/21) 5k goal	\$200.00	\$87.00	\$2,565.00	\$2,308.00	\$257.00

Current Operating Note: \$0.00 (debt limit is \$90,000) **Insurance Proceeds Received

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their prayers, cards and calls after my knee surgery. I am so grateful for my Church Family. I am looking forward to being back in church soon.

God's Blessings to All! Linda Luebbe

NEW Women's Bible Study Group

Here is an opportunity for women in our congregation to have a midweek refocus on their faith during this season of Lent. Started Ash Wednesday (2/17) a group will be meeting in the fellowship hall every Wednesday 6:00-7:00pm. No homework or prep necessary! Just come and enjoy the blessing of Christian fellowship and time in God's Word. If you have any questions, please contact Lana Hoffschneider.

Arvon Engel, is turning 80 next month and Bonnie and David Engel, Becky Engel Householder would like to do a card shower for him. His birthday is February 19 th. If you would like to send a card to him, his address is:
7205 Maybeck View Peyton,CO. 80831 Arvin was a life science teacher at Centennial from 1966-1986.

Lenten Devotion Booklets Available These booklets are short daily devotions for your family to use Ash Wednesday through Easter Sunday. They are based around our worship theme, "Return to the Lord" (Joel 2:13), and are available at the Welcome Center.

Exactly two years ago our congregation began praying for Darlene Link's great granddaughter, Mya Noreen. She was two years old when she was diagnosed with bone cancer leukemia. Mya is still in treatment for several more months. With no immunity to any germs, the covid virus has made her more of a prisoner in her home with family and caregivers. Her family (dad Richie, mom Laura, twin brother Elijah and younger brother Levi) feels the support of all the prayers given to Mya. Thank you for that. What more can you do? Donate to childhood cancer, give blood if you are able. But be grateful, give thanks and praise for your healthy children/family. A photo of the Noreens is posted on the board in the hallway. Darlene Link THANK YOU. Many thanks to all who contributed to the special door offering which brought in \$1,080.00 for the LLL Special Projects. This will help support the various LLL projects as well as scholarships for students who are going into full time church work. St. Paul LLL

Lutheran Basics Class Pastor Dunbar will be teaching a six-week class on Lutheran teaching (based on the Small Catechism) starting on Sunday, February 21st. This class is open to anyone interested in church membership or as a refresher course for current members. We will meet in the choir room (next to the sanctuary) during the Sunday School hour.

Preschool Enrollment Time St. Paul Preschool in Utica is now taking enrollment for the 2021-2022 school year. There will be a Preschool Open House on Saturday, February 27th from 10:00am to 11:00am for interested families to visit our classroom. The preschool is located on the east end of the school building behind the church. Children should be 3 years old by July 31, 2021 to attend preschool next year. We are excited to offer another year of social, emotional, cognitive, physical, AND spiritual learning experiences for preschoolers in and around our community! For more information please call the school at 402-534-2121 or preschool teacher, Pam Johansen, at 402-534-5138. Please share this information with friends and family who may be interested in our preschool program. We can also schedule a visit at another time. St. Paul Preschool is tuition free, but there is a \$250 yearly book and registration fee for all students who attend St. Paul School, with a maximum of \$500 per family with multiple students at St. Paul. Assistance to cover this fee is available if needed. An enrollment form and \$35 nonrefundable deposit (which will cover snack fees) must be returned to hold your child's spot for next year.

St. Paul Lutheran School Parent's Association Pulled Pork Meal

Pulled Pork Sandwich, Baked Beans, Potato Chips Soft-serve Vanilla Ice Cream

Sunday, February 28 10:30 -1:00 St. Paul Lutheran School, Utica

Carryout or Drive Thru – ONLY Drive thru will be located on the south side of the school

Free Will Donation Proceeds go toward school improvement and student betterment projects

St. Paul Lutheran School (Utica) will have **Kindergarten Round-Up** on **Wednesday, March 3, 2021**, from **9:00 to 10:30 a.m.** Children who are or will be 5 years old before July 31, 2021, are eligible to attend. You are also invited to attend our school chapel at 8:35. There will be special activities for the children, while the parents will have an opportunity to receive information about our program and address any questions or concerns. Letters of invitation have been sent to those names we currently have on our list. If you did not receive an invitation, or if you know someone who might be interested in this Christ-centered educational opportunity, please call the school at 534-2121 or Mrs. Luebbe's cell at 641-9383.