

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Mark Muhsman, (Feb. 27); Del Soll, (Feb. 27); Joan Miles, (Mar. 3) and Wayne Sutherland, (Mar. 3). Happy Birthday!

NEW MEMBERS will be received into our church on Sunday, April 15th at the 10:30 a.m. worship service. If you would like more information, or to join with us, or know of someone who is interested, please get in touch with Pastor Rohr.

2012 OFFERING ENVELOPES are still available in the church office. Please pick yours up as soon as possible.

OFFERINGS for our general budget have been tight this year so far. Please keep current with your pledges if at all possible.

ANY ADULTS INTERESTED in being in a play, even a small role, are encouraged to attend a meeting *tomorrow* evening, Monday, February 27th), at 7:00 p.m. in the Gruver Room. No acting skills required – just warm bodies are needed!

THIS WEDNESDAY'S (Feb. 29) LENTEN SCHEDULE BEGINS at 6:00 p.m. with A Soup Supper in the Fellowship Hall, sponsored by our College Group. At 7:00 p.m. we will meet in the Sanctuary to continue our Lenten worship series "*Christ in the Strangest Places*". This week our sub theme is entitled "*Nothing.*"

THE MEN'S BREAKFAST GROUP will be meeting this Saturday morning, March 3rd at the east *McDonald's*

A LUTHERAN WOMEN'S RETREAT sponsored by Ascension Lutheran Church in Cheyenne will be held on Friday and Saturday, May 4-5. The theme is "*Christ the True Vine*" and focuses on hospitality, rejuvenation, and healing. It will be held in Cheyenne. Brochures and registration forms are on the table next to the restrooms in the Gruver Room. Registration deadline is April 9, 2012. Full registration is limited to 30 people. This will be a great couple of days of renewal. Look for possible scholarships.

ARTICLE DEADLINE for the March Newsletter is *tomorrow morning at 8:00 a.m.* Please have any articles in to the church office by that time.

PLEASE NOTE: F³ will meet on the 2nd Thursday of each month for the remainder of the school year. (March 8-April 12-May 10). Normally F³ meets on the 3rd Thursday, so please note these changes.

EVENT PICTURES: It's time to update the bulletin board in the Gruver Room. Anyone who has pictures from different events over the winter season, please see Brandy Dietzel about sharing the pictures so that we can update our bulletin board.

DONATIONS for a pipe organ are being solicited. If you wish to make a donation please mark it clearly "Organ Fund" and place it in the offering plate on Sunday or bring it into the church office.

THE ORGAN TRAIL: In late January three members of the Organ Search Committee traveled to Denver for a workshop on the history of pipe organs and organ building conducted by the American Guild of Organists in the workshop of Morrell and Associates. Before and after the workshop they toured churches with new and used organs at the guidance of Mark Filbert, organist and cantor of St. Paul Lutheran. Stay tuned for continuing updates on the outcome of this journey. Organ builders Chris Holtkamp and David Cool are also visiting TLC.

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PREPARATION FOR NEXT WEEK: 2nd Sunday in Lent: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16; Psalm 22:23-31; Romans 4:13-25; Mark 8:31-38.

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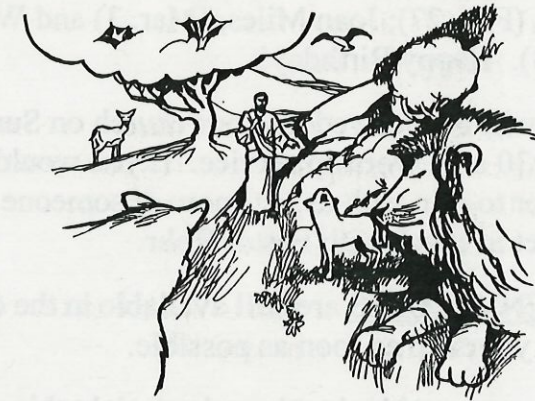
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Serving the Church

	<u>TODAY (2/26)</u>	<u>NEXT SUNDAY (3/4)</u>
Lector:	8:00 a.m. Wayne Sutherland 10:30 a.m. Dan Gibson-Reinemer	8:00 a.m. Steve Boss 10:30 a.m. Linda Kidwell
Acolyte:	8:00 a.m. Hanna Heggie 10:30 a.m. Roz Kidwell	8:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. Owen Cossairt
Ushers:	8:00 a.m. Judi Weatherwax Mike Nutter 10:30 a.m. Carol Frost Roland Kidwell	8:00 a.m. Mark Rehwaldt Jennie Lawrence 10:30 a.m. Mike Smith Bob Campbell
Greeters:	8:00 a.m. Ed & Laureda Dolan 10:30 a.m. Carlos & Marion Klinger	8:00 a.m. Doris Eyestone Bob Middleton 10:30 a.m. Ed & Lois Hiller
Nursery:	8:00 a.m. Ashleigh Dockter 10:30 a.m. Ashleigh Dockter	8:00 a.m. Mikayla Martinez 10:30 a.m. Lexi Dockter
Stewards:	E. Nye / B. Wiest	Altar Guild: C. Frost / E. Nye

Coffee Fellowship: Bev Gossett

	<u>This Week at Trinity</u>
Sunday, Feb. 26	8:00 a.m. Worship 9:15 a.m. SS / Coffee Fellowship 10:30 a.m. Worship
Monday, Feb. 27	7:00 p.m. Play Meeting
Tuesday, Feb. 28	9:00 p.m. Quilting
Wednesday, Feb. 29	10:00 a.m. Women's Study 6:00 p.m. Soup Supper (College Group) 7:00 p.m. Worship 7:45 p.m. Chancel Choir
Thursday, Mar. 1	7:00 p.m. Seekers
Saturday, Mar. 3	8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast – <i>McDonald's</i> (east)



He was among the wild beasts...

MARK 1:13

WE ARE HAPPY to have you with us today. We hope that our worship service has meaning for you and that you will come back and worship with us again soon. For those who wish, a nursery is provided during the worship service, just off the south lobby, for children ages five and younger. Please join us for coffee in the south lobby area after the service today.

PRAYER REQUEST CARDS are found in the back of the pew in front of you. If you wish, please fill them out and hand them to the usher during the hymn after the sermon. **PEW PADS** are found at the inside end of each pew. Please fill them out, pass them down to the end, and then return them to the center.

PLEASE RECYCLE THE BULLETINS: You are encouraged to take home any part of the bulletin that you would like. **Please** recycle the pieces that you do not choose to keep by putting them at either end of the pews at the back of the church. Help us save some trees! Thanks.

Announcements continue on the inside

***PRAYER OF THE DAY:** (In unison)

Let us pray.

Holy God, heavenly Father, in the waters of the flood you saved the chosen, and in the wilderness of temptation you protected your Son from sin. Renew us in the gift of baptism. May your holy angels be with us, that the wicked foe may have no power over us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

ANTHEM: O Darkest Woe (O Traurigkeit) by R. Wyble Chancel Choir

CHILDREN'S TIME: Intern Andrew Dietzel

FIRST READING: Genesis 9:8–17

Today's reading is the conclusion to the flood story. Because of human sin, the Lord destroys the earth by flood, saving only Noah, his family, and the animals on the ark. Yet divine destruction gives way to divine commitment. As in the first creation, God blesses humanity and establishes a covenant with all creatures.

⁸Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, ⁹"As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, ¹⁰and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. ¹¹I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." ¹²God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: ¹³I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. ¹⁴When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, ¹⁵I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. ¹⁶When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." ¹⁷God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

PSALM: Psalm 25:1–10

¹To ¹you, O LORD,
I lift ¹up my soul.

²My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be ¹put to shame,
nor let my enemies triumph ¹over me.

³Let none who look to you be ¹put to shame;
rather let those be put to shame ¹who are treacherous.

⁴Show me your ¹ways, O LORD,
and teach ¹me your paths.

⁵Lead me in your ¹truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all ¹the day long.

⁶Remember, O LORD, your compas- ¹sion and love,
for they are from ¹everlasting.

⁷Remember not the sins of my youth and ¹my transgressions;
remember me according to your steadfast love
and for the sake of your good- ¹ness, O LORD.

⁸You are gracious and up- ¹right, O LORD;
therefore you teach sinners ¹in your way.

⁹You lead the low- ¹ly in justice
and teach the low- ¹ly your way.

¹⁰All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast ¹love and faithfulness
to those who keep your covenant and your ¹testimonies.

**Glory be to the Father and ¹to the Son:
and to the ¹Holy Spirit;**


**As it was in the beginning, is now and e- ¹ver shall be:
world without end. ¹Amen.**

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 3:18–22

As God acted through Christ's suffering and death to bring us to God, so God acts through baptism to save us from a sinful existence. This spiritual cleansing marks our new life in Christ.

¹⁸For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. ²¹And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you — not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**



Glo - ry and praise to you, O Lord Je - sus Christ.

***GOSPEL: Mark 1:9-15**

Glory to you, O Lord.

The Spirit that comes upon Jesus at his baptism sustains him when he is tested by Satan so that he might proclaim the good news of God's reign.

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

¹²And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. ¹³He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near, repent, and believe in the good news."

Praise to you, O Christ.

HYMN: "O Lord, throughout These Forty Days" #319

SERMON: "Satan Meets His Match" Mark 1:9-15 Pastor Rohr

HYMN: "Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery" #334

***APOSTLE'S CREED:**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,**

HYMN OF PRAISE: *Glory to God . . .



Assisting minister
Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

All
Lord God, heav'n - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor -

ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, O Lord God,

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world: have

mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the right hand of the

Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer. For you a - lone are the

Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord, you a - lone

are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,

in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

***Kyrie**



In peace, let us pray to the Lord,



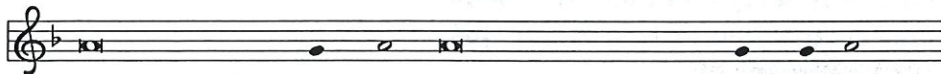
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - va - tion, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well - being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this ho - ly house, and for all who of - fer here their wor - ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men.

was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

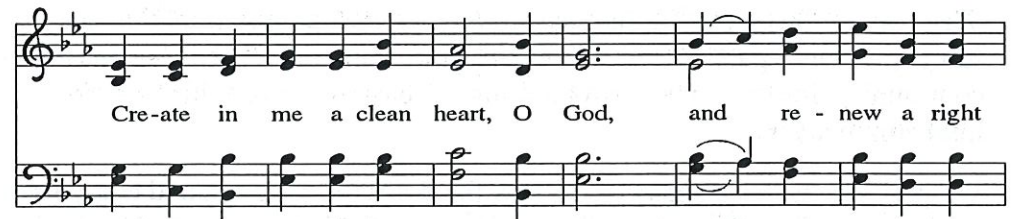
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERING:

***OFFERTORY:** "Offertory"

by Bela Bartok

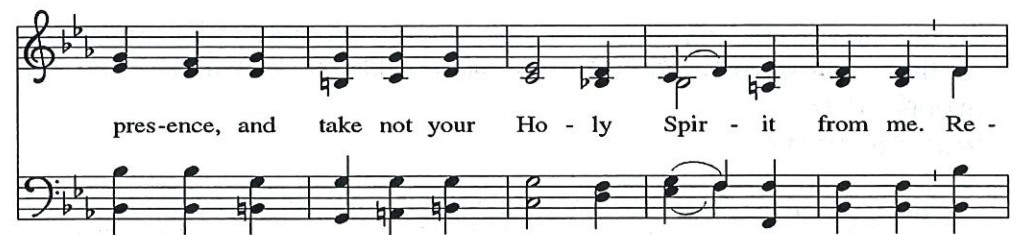
***CONGREGATIONAL OFFERTORY:**



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right



spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your



pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -

store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,

and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:**

We cry to you for help, O God, praying for the church, the world, and all those who are in need.

**A brief silence.*

We pray for the church in this season of Lent; for our denomination and our full communion partners; for our congregation and other congregations in our community; for those persons preparing for baptism. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the wild beasts, the birds, the domestic animals, and every living creature; for the wilderness areas on this continent; for rain, enough but not too much. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those countries, cities, and villages that have been ravaged by floods; for those who provide leadership in times of chaos; for disaster relief workers and aid organizations. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for people in prison; for those who live in long-term care facilities; for the homeless, the sick; for the dying, and those who will die today. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for this community; for single people; for married couples, and those who are divorced; for widows and widowers; for children and youth; for those who come here in need of good news. Lord, in your mercy,

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
(Silence for reflection)

Gracious God,
have mercy on us.
We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin.
We are truly sorry and humbly repent.
In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do.
Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace we have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen us with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in our hearts through faith.
Amen.

***GREETING:**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

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Sunday, February 26, 2012 - First Sunday in Lent

*Standing

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

On Ash Wednesday the church began its journey toward baptismal immersion in the death and resurrection of Christ. This year, the Sundays in Lent lead us to focus on five covenants God makes in the Hebrew Scriptures and to use them as lenses through which to view baptism. First Peter connects the way God saved Noah's family in the flood with the way God saves us through the water of baptism. The baptismal covenant is made with us individually, but the new life we are given in baptism is for the sake of the whole world.

PRELUDE: "Nothing But the Blood" Lowry arr. Medema

WELCOME:

***HYMN: "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" #504**

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:**

In the name of the Father,
and of the + Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

hear our prayer.

**Here other intercessions may be offered.*

We thank you for the everlasting covenant you have made with all flesh, and we remember our ancestors and loved ones, who know the fulfillment of your promises. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Now is the acceptable time to offer our prayers to you, God of grace and truth. Receive them in your mercy, and grant us all that we need, in Jesus' name.
Amen.

***THE LORD'S PRAYER:**

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

***BLESSING:**

PARISH SHARING TIME:

***TODAY'S HYMN: "Thy Holy Wings" #613**

***EXTINGUISHING OF CANDLES . . . HYMN CHIME:**

***POSTLUDE: "Postlude"**

by Wm. Gillock

Believe the Good News

*Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family,
and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.
At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.
By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free
from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.*
—Service of Holy Baptism, Thanksgiving at the Font, *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*, p. 230.

Jesus emerged from his baptism in the Jordan River to receive the Holy Spirit and hear the Father identify him as "my Son, the Beloved" (Mark 1:11). It's the first day of the rest of his life, a life that will bring Jesus to the cross, to the tomb, and to new life. Claimed and named as God's own and empowered by the Holy Spirit, Jesus is sustained in the wilderness.

Baptism immerses us, too, into our identity as beloved children of God. Claimed and named as God's own and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we are sustained in our wilderness wanderings.

The beginning of these forty days can be a tempting time, especially if we confuse our Lenten commitments to give up or take on something with New Year's resolutions. Instead of practicing willingness, we can be tempted to prove our willpower. We can be tempted to resent instead of embrace the opportunity for deeper discipleship.

Breathe deep and listen to Jesus: "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent and believe in the good news." Remember, as baptized and beloved children of God we are united in Christ's death and resurrection. What good news! Each day is the first day of the rest of our lives.

COMMEMORATIONS FOR THE WEEK

Thursday, March 1, 2012 - George Herbert, hymnwriter, died 1633

An excellent scholar, Herbert served briefly in the English parliament, then became a parish priest. He was known for devoted care of his parishioners, as well as for writing poetry and hymns, including "Come, my way, my truth, my life." He died at age 40.

Friday, March 2 - John Wesley, died 1791; Charles Wesley, died 1788; renewers of the church

These brothers led a revival originally intended to remain within the Church of England, one that involved frequent communion and advocacy for the poor. Except for a brief time in America, they worked in England. Charles was also a prolific hymn writer. After their deaths, their work led to the formation of the Methodist Church.

He was in the
wilderness
forty days

