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1st Sunday in Lent

Sunday Feb. 26, 2023, 8:30 a.m.

Welcome

Jesus fasted 40 days in the wilderness and was tested in every way that we are tested, yet remained without sin.

Through the power of the Holy Spirit, God is with us in our own temptations, tests, and trials.

God is our strength every morning

And our salvation in times of distress.

God is our hiding-place in times of trouble

And surrounds us with glad cries of deliverance.

Imposition of Ashes

Confession and Forgiveness

Gracious God, **in this unfinished life, we confess that our values do not always align with yours.**

We do not know how to value what you value, and amid the temptations, tests, and trials of our lives, we choose wrongly. Forgive us, and lead us through the wilderness so that cross-marked and Spirit-sealed, our lives will reflect you and your love for this world. Through Jesus Christ, Our Savior and Lord, Amen

God who is rich in mercy, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love has come to us in Jesus, who by his holy cross has redeemed the world. Buried with Christ by baptism into death, our sins are forgiven in +Jesus' name. Cross-marked and Spirit-sealed, we are raised to new life. Almighty God strengthen you in faith to live each day renewed in God's call for your life. **Amen.**

Opening Song

“God You’re So Good”

Amazing love that welcomes me The kindness of mercy
That bought with blood wholeheartedly My soul undeserving

(Chorus) God You're so good God You're so good
God You're so good You're so good to me

Behold the cross age to age And hour by hour
The dead are raised the sinner saved The work of Your power (Chorus x2)

I am blessed I am called I am healed
I am whole I am saved in Jesus' name
Highly favored anointed Filled with Your pow'r For the glory of Jesus' name
And should this life bring suffering Lord I will remember
What Calvary has bought for me Both now and forever (Chorus x2)

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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.**

Prayer of the Day

Lead us by your Spirit, **O God, to value what you value, and to live our lives reflecting those values. Shepherd our commitments, that they may reflect your purposes in and through our lives. Show us when our values are misguided, and move us to correct our ways. In the name of +Jesus, Amen.**

Psalm

Psalm 32

¹Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven,
and whose sin is put away!

²**Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no guilt,
and in whose spirit there is no guile!**

³While I held my tongue, my bones withered away,
because of my groaning all day long.

⁴**For your hand was heavy upon me day and night;
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.**

⁵Then 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.

⁶**Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble;
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.**

⁷You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble;
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

⁸**"I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go;
I will guide you with my eye.**

⁹Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding;
who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay near you."

¹⁰**Great are the tribulations of the wicked;
but mercy embraces those who trust in the LORD.**

¹¹Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD;
shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

Reading

Romans 5:12-19

A reading from Romans.

¹²Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned — ¹³sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. ¹⁴Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come. ¹⁵But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. ¹⁶And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. ¹⁷If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

¹⁸Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. ¹⁹For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

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

Children's Sermon

Pastor Overbo

Gospel Acclamation

"Return to the Lord"

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Gospel Reading

Matthew 4:1-11

The holy gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ²He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. ³The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." ⁴But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

⁵Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, ⁶saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" ⁷Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" ⁸Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; ⁹and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." ¹⁰Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'"

¹¹Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

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

Sermon

"Called To Values (Temptation)"

Pastor Overbo

What do I value?

How have I lived my values today?

How have my values been tested or in conflict today?

What do I need for tomorrow?

Song of the Day

"I Will Follow"

Where You go I'll go Where You stay I'll stay

When You move I'll move I will follow

All Your ways are good All Your ways are sure I will trust in You alone

Higher than my sight High above my life I will trust in You alone

(Chorus) Where You go I'll go Where You stay I'll stay

When You move I'll move I will follow You

Whom You love I'll love How You serve I'll serve

If this life I lose I will follow (You)

Yeah I will follow You yeah

Light into the world light into my life I will live for You alone

You're the One I seek knowing I will find All I need in You alone In You alone (Chorus)

In You there's life everlasting In You there's freedom for my soul

In You there's joy unending joy and I will follow (Chorus)

I will follow You yeah (x3)

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Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Please see insert

Sevro Edmund Drees

Son of Zach & Annie Drees

Sponsors: *Jordan & Andrea Drees*

Prayer Song

“Be Still and Know that I Am God”

Be still and know that He is God Be still and know that He is holy

Be still oh restless soul of mine Bow before the Prince of Peace

Let the noise and clamor cease Be still

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Prayers of Intercession

Prayers of the Church

Hospitalized/ill: *Mara Lukonen, Ardell Johnson, Herb Loterbauer, Melanie Schroeder*

Doug Triplett- Father of Julianne (Todd) Decker

Joan Zarro- Sister of Joyce (Marv) McGillivray

Prayer Song

“Be Still and Know that I Am God”

Be still and know that He is God Be still and know He is our Father

Come rest your head upon His breast Listen to the rhythm of His unfailing heart of love

Beating for His little ones Calling each of us to come

Be still be still

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Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.

Offering and Announcements

Text to Give: 605-250-6765

Noisy Can Offering (for all ages) Mission of the Month: Lutheran Outdoors

Blessing

Almighty God, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen.

Sending Song

“All the People Said Amen”

You are not alone if you are lonely When you feel afraid you're not the only
We are all the same in need of mercy To be forgiven and be free
It's all you got to lean on But thank God it's all you need

(Chorus) And all the people said amen whoa

And all the people said amen

Give thanks to the Lord for His love never ends

And all the people said amen

If you're rich or poor well it don't matter

Weak or strong you know love is what we're after

We're all broken but we're all in this together

God knows we stumble and fall

And He so loved the world He sent His son to save us all (Chorus)

Blessed are the poor in spirit who are torn apart

Blessed are the persecuted and the pure in heart

Blessed are the people hungry for another start

For theirs is the kingdom the kingdom of God (Chorus x2)

And all the people said amen

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Call to Service

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please share the peace as well as your name as you leave today.

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Serving This Morning

Preaching: Pastor Overbo; **Worship Team;** **Sound & Projection:** Sam Langner and Evan Rieber;

Ushers: Alissa, Mark, Kaylee and Mason Iverson, Denise Schmahl, Darwin Brinkman; **Lector:** Char

Loterbauer; **Greeters:** Gail Helland and Tammy Rohde; **Coffee Servers:** Adam Lauseng;

**SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM
FOR
Sevro Edmund Drees**

Presentation

P In Holy Baptism our gracious heavenly Father frees us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; by the water and the Holy Spirit we are reborn children of God and made members of the church, the body of Christ. Living with Christ and in the communion of saints, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

P Who presents Sevro Edmund to receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism?

Parents/Sponsors We present Sevro to receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.

P Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Sevro baptized into Christ?

Parents/Sponsors We do.

P As you bring Sevro to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live with him among God's faithful people, bring him to the word of God and the holy supper, teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer, so that he may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace. Do you promise to help Sevro grow in Christian faith and life?

Parents I do.

P Sponsors, do you promise to nurture Sevro in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Sponsors I do.

(congregation please stand.)

Profession of Faith

P I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the Church, the faith in which we baptize. Do you renounce all the forces of evil, the devil, and all his empty promises?

C I do

P Do you believe in God the Father?

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C I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

P Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C 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
(congregation may be seated.)

Baptism

P Sevro Edmund, we baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

C You belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized. Alleluia

P *Let us pray:* We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Sevro with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

C Amen

Welcome

P Sevro Edmund, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

(presentation of the candle)

Parents/Sponsors Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

P Let us welcome the newly baptized.

C We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world. Amen

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Sundays in Lent

Unfinished: Discovering God's call in the not yet

Overview: We are not left alone to navigate this unfinished life by ourselves. God is here – present-tense, each and every day – calling to us, accompanying us, renewing and recreating us – over and over again.

- Lent 1** Called to Values (Temptation)
- Lent 2** Called to Openness (Nicodemus)
- Lent 3** Called by God (Woman at the Well)
- Lent 4** Called to Attentiveness (The Man born without Sight)
- Lent 5** Called to Regret (Lazarus)

Lenten Services

Lenten services will be held at 6:30pm each Wednesday throughout Lent. The Lenten Youth Music Team will lead at 6:30 p.m. services.

- Week 1:** Cross Out
- Week 2:** Cross Road
- Week 3:** Cross Walk
- Week 4:** Cross Word
- Week 5:** Cross Reference



MS Merge & Route 56

For the month of February, we will meet on Sunday, February 26th. We will gather at the church at 3:00 pm and be done at 4:30 pm. It's time for camp! We will be doing some super fun camp activities, games and wonderful treats will be on deck for the afternoon. Wear your camping gear! As always, friends are welcome.

February Mission of the Month

Lutherans Outdoors of South Dakota provides opportunities for people of all ages and abilities to connect with one another, which leads to a stronger faith foundation and much more! Wear your 'camp' swag on February 26 & March 1.

Cookies for Sandwich Ministry

Sandwich ministry is in need of cookies. We have cookie kits available for pick up at the welcome center or church office. You are also welcome to bake your own and bring them in.

Thank you!

Thank you to all who have helped with the Strategic Plan. Team members Todd Decker, Codi Martin, Gary Grewing, Dana Stimson, Dan Albertsen, Kerry Stager and Justin Hanson have been and continue to work diligently in forming and shaping our core values and priorities.

Children's Church

This special ministry is provided on the 1st & 3rd Sundays of each month at both services & is geared toward children ages 3-2nd grade. Please contact Robbyn in the church office at 886-2696 or robbyn@lcoorwatertown.org if you would like more information or to volunteer.

January Mission of the Month Results

Nicaragua Partner Ministry (Missionary) and Nicaragua Youth Retreat were lifted up in January for our Mission of the Month. \$877 was brought in through offering and Noisy Can. THANK YOU for your support of these Nicaraguan missions.

Pre-Kindergarten Enrolling Now!

Now enrolling for the 2023-2024 School Year. Our preschool offers a Monday-Thursday 8:30-11:30 Pre-Kindergarten (4/5 year old) program, which is open to anyone not just church members. Enrollment forms are at the Welcome Center, the Pre-K classroom, or online.

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

Join Pastors Dan & Laura and experience the land of the Bible (July 6-16, 2023). Travel on a unique Holy Land experience and journey to Israel and Petra in Jordan on a spiritual combination tour of a lifetime. Visit with Pastor Dan or Pastor Laura for more information.

Mission Project for February-LWR Fabric Kits

- 2 spools of neutral-colored, general purpose thread, 250-300 yards each
- 2 pieces of cotton or cotton-blend fabric (no knits or 100% polyester).

Each piece should match one of the sizes below:

- 2 1/4 yards of 60" wide fabric
- 3 yards of 44" wide fabric
- 4 yards of 36" wide fabric

Wrap one piece of fabric and spools of thread inside the other piece of fabric, ensuring nothing will fall out. Secure with yarn, ribbon, string or rubber bands. Fabric Kit Instructions can be picked up at the Welcome Center & church office or you can go to <https://lwr.org/kits> for the instruction sheet.

THIS WEEK: Feb. 26 to March 5

SUNDAY Feb. 26

*Camp Sunday- **Wear your camp gear/swag!***

8:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship
9:30 a.m. Church School
9:30 a.m. Strategic Planning Meeting
10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship
3:00 p.m. MS Merge/Rt. 56
5:00 p.m. HS Youth Music Team Practice
6:00 p.m. HS Youth Group

MONDAY Feb. 27

8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry
2:00 p.m. Maple Place Communion
6:45 p.m. Al-Anon (Assembly B)

TUESDAY Feb. 28

11:00 a.m. Text Study
1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
6:30 p.m. Worship & Music Committee Meeting

WEDNESDAY March 1

*Camp Wednesday- **Wear your camp gear/swag!***

8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry
4:45 p.m. Community Meal
5:30 p.m. Church School
6:30 p.m. Lenten Worship
7:15 p.m. 7/8 Confirmation Workshop
7:15 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal
7:15 p.m. HS Hang Out
7:30 p.m. Praise & Rejoice Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY March 2

9:00 a.m. Quilting
5:15 p.m. Al-Anon (Assembly B)

FRIDAY March 3

8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry
Church Office Closes at Noon

SATURDAY March 4

5:30 p.m. Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
6:30 p.m. Saturday Evening Meal

SUNDAY March 5

8:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship w/ Holy Communion
9:30 a.m. Church School
10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship w/ Holy Communion
2:00 p.m. Prairie Coteau Conference Assembly

Attendance & Offering

Feb. 12 Live Stream- 144

Saturday, Feb. 18 - 45

Sunday, Feb. 19- (8:30) 183; (10:30) 67

Wednesday, Feb.

Offering (2/19):

General Fund: \$6,708; **Church School:** \$12.15;
Mission of the Month: \$278.50; **Debt Reduction:**
\$30; **Other:** \$300;

Simply Giving Offering (2/13-2/17)

General Fund: \$10,710.06; **Debt Reduction:** \$65;
Mission of the Month: \$60; **Other:** \$259.49;

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FEBRUARY 26, 2023
FIRST SUNDAY
IN LENT



Jesus conquers evil.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	Matthew 4:1-11	Temptation of Jesus
Monday	Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7	First sin and its punishment
Tuesday	Romans 5:12-19	Adam and Christ
Wednesday	1 Corinthians 10:1-13	Don't worship idols
Thursday	Ephesians 6:10-17	The whole armor of God
Friday	Hebrews 2:5-18	Exaltation through humiliation
Saturday	Psalms 32	The joy of forgiveness
Sunday	John 3:1-17	For God so loved the world

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! For it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him. Matthew 4:10-11 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Almighty God, it is difficult to face the evil within and around us. Thank you for facing and conquering the power of sin through Christ Jesus, the Son of God. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

God of steadfast love and mercy, we thank you for this meal and all that you do to care for us through Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May God keep you from all evil and give you peace through Jesus Christ.



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FEBRUARY 26, 2023

HYMN OF THE WEEK

*O Lord, throughout
These Forty Days*



WEEKLY MILESTONES

Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- When you are going through difficult times, who supports you?
- Do you believe that God is always there for you in good and bad times? Explain.

DEVOTIONS

Read: Matthew 4:1-11.

After his baptism, Jesus is guided by the Holy Spirit to go out into the wilderness, a place of testing and identity formation. He is tested as he faces Satan and the basic temptations of comfort, worshiping false gods, and misuse of power. Jesus does not give in to these temptations. As the Son of God, he is adamant and without compromise. We, on the other hand, find it easy to compromise goodness in the presence of evil by tolerating comfort over justice, worship of false gods, and powers that hurt others without grieving us. In a world where little compromises lead to major sins and disappointments, it is good to know that our Savior faced down evil and won. Evil is real and does real damage to God's creation, including human beings and their relationships. The good news is that as fallible and susceptible as we are to evil, God in Christ has conquered every evil power.

Discuss: How does Jesus' victory over Satan give you strength and courage to live each day?

Pray: **Eternal God, you who never give up on us and always oppose evil, we thank you for your steadfast love and mercy through Christ Jesus. Amen.**

SERVICE

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings for this week, how might you reach out to someone who feels alone?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Lent is a period of forty days when we focus on prayer, fasting, and almsgiving as we prepare for Easter. Almsgiving is the tradition or practice of giving money or food to those in need. Decorate an Almsgiving Box to collect money for those in need during Lent. Place the box in your home. The collected money is to be donated at the end of Lent. This week rather than eating out, place money that you might have spent in the box to give to others.

Pray: **Loving God, thank you for giving us daily bread. Help us to give to others so that they may also be given daily bread. We pray in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, amen.**



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