

## First Sunday in Lent

February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2026

Order of Worship - 9:00am

Welcome

Ministry Highlights

Confession & Forgiveness

Gathering Song *"Eternal Lord of Love, Behold Your Church"* ELW #321

Greeting

Kyrie & Hymn of Praise WOV Setting 4

Prayer of the Day

Scripture Reading Romans 5: 12-19 (MSG)

Gospel Acclamation WOV Setting 4

Gospel Reading Matthew 4: 1-11 (NRSV)

Sermon **Trying Times** **Pastor Sue**

Offering *"When We Are Tested"* ACS #922

Offertory Prayer

Sacrament of Holy Baptism for Lorna Marie Van Norman

Prayers of the People

Holy Communion *"Lamb of God"* WOV Setting 4

*"Thy Holy Wings"* ELW #613

*"O Lord, throughout These Forty Days"* ELW #319

Post-Communion Prayer

Blessing

Sending Song *"Through the Night of Doubt & Sorrow"* ELW #327

Dismissal

**Pastor:** Go in peace. Believe the good news.

**Congregation:** Thanks be to God.

Readings for March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026 will be from Genesis 12:1-4a (NRSV), Romans 4:1-5 (NRSV) & John 3: 1-17 (NRSV) Key Verse John 3: 17

**Beginning Feb. 25<sup>th</sup>, our youth will be serving Lenten meals at 5:30pm.**

Worship will follow at 6:30pm. Food donation sign-up boards are in the Narthex. Thank you for all the ways that you support the youth of Faith Journey!

### SUMMARY OF ATTENDANCE & GIVING

Last Week	Month to date
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Total Attend: 183	506
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#### Monthly Offering Totals:

December Total Income (with Extra Blessings): \$97,000

Decembers Operating Expense: \$55, 433

Decembers Net Income: \$43,618

**Care & Share Offerings for February 2026 go to the Backpack Program**

## MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

**WEEK of February 22<sup>nd</sup> - March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026**

Today	9:00am	Trad. Worship with Holy Communion & Holy Baptism
	10:00am	Launch Sunday School in the Fellowship Hall
	11:00am	Contemporary Service with Holy Communion
Monday	5:30pm	Church Council Meeting
	6:30pm	Boy Scout Troup #213
	8:00pm	AA - Fellowship Hall
Tuesday	10:00am	Common Lectionary Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall
	6:00pm	Cub Scout Pack #232
	6:30pm	Choir Rehearsal
Wednesday	<b>MARCH NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</b>	
	9:00am	Piecemakers
	9:00am	Staff Meeting
Thursday	5:30pm	Lenten Supper served by the Youth in the Fellowship Hall
	6:30pm	Midweek Lenten Service
	7:00am	Kings Men at Deane's Diner
Sunday	6:45pm	Dakota Vocal Union Practice
	9:00am	Trad. Worship with Holy Communion
	Commissioning of Communion Deacons @ both services	
	10:00am	Launch Sunday School
	11:00am	Cont. Worship with Holy Communion

**We are so happy you are with us today!** If you are visitor, please stop by the Welcome Desk after worship & look for me. We have a gift for you.

**Spring Cleaning of the Worship Center will happen on Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup> & Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup> from 10am – 2pm.** Lunch will be provided. If there is something you'd like to see cleaned, please write your idea on the 'cleaning suggestions' sheet on the info desk. We hope to see you on one or both cleaning days. All cleaning supplies will be provided, but you may bring your own favorite cleaning gloves. Families are invited & encouraged to participate! Remember, many hands make light work!!

**What do we believe is happening when we take communion?** All are welcome to attend the Intergenerational Communion Retreat on March 14<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am in the Fellowship Hall. This retreat will provide instruction for those who have not yet received communion as well as provide a good 'refresher course' for those whose last communion instruction happened years ago. Everyone who attends will help bake gluten free communion bread that will be used on Maundy Thursday.

**We celebrate today with Lorna Marie Van Norman**, daughter of Hamish Van Norman & Morgan Dayley. Lorna's Godparents are Devin Brink & Natalie Bastarache. Blessing to all & welcome to the family of Faith Journey Lutheran Church!

**Volunteers are always needed to assist in the morning worship services!** All ages are invited & there will be someone available to direct you if you would like to assist. Your assistance is appreciated & another way to connect to your family at Faith Journey. Contact Jane Whaley with questions.

**Worship Assistants: 9:00am**

**Ushers:** Judy Jabs Melody Larson

**Acolyte:** Noah Reimer

**Reader:** Eileen Lund

**Communion Assistants:** Jenean Baumann Signe Nystuen

**Greeters:** Jenean Baumann Paula Kaufman

**Cantor:** Tom Whaley

**Deadline for the March Newsletter is Wednesday, February 25<sup>th</sup>!**

**All are Welcome for a time of fellowship & study at the Revised Common Lectionary Bible Study.** On March 10<sup>th</sup> at 10am, we will be screening the movie, *Bonhoeffer: Pastor, Spy, Assassin*, during the study time. All are Welcome!

**Hospitalized or needing a Pastoral Visit:** If you or a family member has been hospitalized, please contact Pastor Sue.

**Prayer Concerns:** If you or a family would like to be added to the prayer list, please contact the church office.

**Bible Camp** Registration is now open for youth 2<sup>nd</sup> grade – 12<sup>th</sup> grade. Scholarships are available so that all kids can afford to go to camp. See the Youth-Family Bulletin Board for more information.

**Women's Night Out is scheduled for Friday, April 17<sup>th</sup>! Tickets will be on sale Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, & April 12<sup>th</sup>.** Our speaker will be Natalie Dawn Hanson. The title of her talk is "It's Personal." More information to come.

**For some of our youth, going to Red Willow Bible Camp is there first big adventure away from home.** Please support them by contributing to the Bible Camp Fund Drive. Scan the QR code on the screen – this is the same code as on the back of the pews. Select Rachel CT Bible Camp fund. Or you may write a check, place it in a white pew envelope & check Rachel CT Bible Camp fund on the front of the envelope. Thank you!

**Results of the Souper Bowl Competition are coming on March 1<sup>st</sup>!** The winning site will be presented the traveling trophy.

**Faith Journey Kings Men Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast** will be Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup> from 8:00-12:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. Gluten Free Pancakes will be available. Free-Will Offering Funds raised will go toward recarpeting the Youth Room in the Education Wing & replacing the flooring in the serving line area of the Fellowship Hall.

**Is GriefShare for me?** When a loved one dies, it can feel like you're alone. Few people understand how painful & isolating your grief can be. That doesn't mean you have to suffer alone. The next 13-week support group session will begin Thursday, March 12 at 6:30pm in a downstairs classroom. We are here for you.

**Remember – Daylight saving time begins March 8<sup>th</sup>! Spring ahead one hour!**

**Looking ahead – this summer we will be adding a Wednesday Night Communion Service! Details will be coming soon!**

# Matthew 4:1

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.



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**Sunday February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2026**

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**9am**

**WIFI Guest: Faith-Guest**

**Password: FaithJourney**

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**Contemporary Worship Coordinator: Jamie Thompson**

**Church Council President: Ali Farstad - Olson**

**Worship Sunday 9:00am Traditional** (September – May)

**11:00am Contemporary** (September – May)

**10:00am - Rotating Traditional & Contemporary May - August**

**Launch Family Sunday School for 4 years - Grade 5**

Sunday, 10:00am - Fellowship Hall (During the school year)

**Compass Confirmation for Grades 6 - 8**

Wednesdays, 7:00pm - Worship Center (During the school year)

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Church Office Hours: Monday – Thursday

9:00 – 4:00pm

Friday

9:00 – 12noon