



Jesus
was led by the Spirit
in the wilderness

LUKE 4:1

FAITHFUL LUTHERANS SENT BY CHRIST TO SERVE GOD'S CHILDREN

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WELCOME!

All are welcome at Faith Lutheran Church today as we continue our journey of faith. Join with us as we offer our praises to God. We offer Holy Communion each Sunday. All baptized persons who believe that Christ is truly present in this meal are welcome to receive the Lord's Supper. There is a nursery available for those who need it. A red Fellowship Pad is at the end of each pew, please pass it down the pew so everyone can sign for the day, this helps us know visitors and have vital information

The Flowers today were given to the glory of God by the McCoy's & Czerwonka's in celebration of Sammie's & Will's 16th birthdays on the 21st.

LAST WEEK AT FAITH:

OFFERINGS:

Current	\$2946.00
Other	<u>\$ 60.00</u>
Total	\$3006.00

ATTENDANCE:

Worship	82
Nursery	<u>0</u>
	82

We need at least \$3236.00 in **current** each week to continue the missions of our church. How did we do last week? Thanks to all who worship, work, give, and pray at Faith in thanks to God for His many blessings.

SERVING THIS WEEK AT FAITH:

Pastor... Scott Meier	Acolyte.. Cheyanne Peter
Assistant... Virginia Klemens	Crucifer.. Katie Rife
Organist... Barb Brewster	Greeters.. Hayes
Fin. Asst... Jim Hegenbarth	Social.. Hayes
NurseryLisa Peter	Audio.. Volunteer
Altar Guild..Beth Landis	
Ushers... Volunteers	

Next week: Assistant; WELCA, Crucifer; W. Czerwonkaa
Acolyte; J. Zimmerman Greeters; Czerwonka Social; Czerwonka

Events & Activities This Week Around Faith:

Today, Feb. 21	9:15 am	Sunday Church School
	10:30 am	Worship After; Coffee Fellowship
Tues., Feb. 23	9:00 am	Weekday Church School
	7:00 pm	Christian Ed. Meeting
Wed., Feb. 24	6:00 pm	Lenten Dinner
	7:00 pm	Lenten Service
	7:30 pm	Confirmation
Thurs., Feb.25	9:00 am	Weekday Church School
	2:00 pm	Bible Study
Sun., Feb.28	9:15 am	Sunday Church School
	10:30 am	Worship After; Coffee Fellowship Choir Rehearsal

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Betty McLaughlin Billie Williams Dorothy Clerici Barbara Sorenson

Our Service Men & women and all those in need of our thoughts and prayers in our Faith Family and beyond.

Announcements

LENTEN DINNERS: WELCA is once again sponsoring a dinner prior to the Wednesday Lenten Services. Please watch for a sign-up sheet in the Narthex so our ladies know how many to prepare for.

BIBLE STUDY: Pastor is leading the Bible Study once again on Thursday afternoon at 2:00. See Pastor for more information

CHRISTIAN ED: Christian Ed. Team will meet Tues., Feb. 23 at 7 pm. Items to discuss include VBS, review SCS, and plan Easter Morning. Would like all SCS teachers present. Also, anyone interested in Christian Education at Faith is invited to attend.

RELIEF IN HAITI: The ELCA International Disaster Response is currently accepting financial donations for the relief efforts going on in Haiti. Also, Thrivent Financial is in the process of setting up relief and will match donations. Please see today's insert for information on how to help the people of Haiti.

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 26:1-11

When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, ²you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. ³You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us." ⁴When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, ⁵you shall make this response before the LORD your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. ⁶When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, ⁷we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. ⁸The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; ⁹and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me." You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. ¹¹Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16**SECOND READING: Romans 10:8b-13 [not printed]****GOSPEL: Luke 4:1-13**

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, ²where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. ³The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." ⁴Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'"

⁵Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. ⁶And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. ⁷If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." ⁸Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'"

Following in the Wilderness

Wouldn't it be great if baptism came with an insurance policy concerning things like disease, unemployment, temptation, and more? If Jesus' experience is any indication, this is clearly not the case. No sooner is Jesus baptized than he finds himself in the wilderness being tempted by the devil.

In a small way this parallels the lives of God's faithful people. No sooner do you wake up in the wilderness of this life than you find yourself facing temptations. Why not fudge those numbers on the tax returns? Who really drives the speed limit? Why not do what you want if no one gets hurt?

But when we view the world through the lens of faith, life becomes more complicated, not less. We have to consider not just what is good for me, but what is good for my neighbor. Some of those neighbors live on the other side of the street, and many more live on the other side of the globe.

Through those temptations, Jesus is consistent. He will not choose the easy path to avoid difficulty and suffering. Instead, he will follow the way of faithfulness to God, even when it complicates life and leads to the cross.

In the midst of our own wilderness journeys we can trust in Jesus. Like Jesus, we have been claimed by God in the waters of baptism. Following Jesus, we know he has gone before us, no matter where our journey takes us. Jesus knows what it means to be tempted. Jesus knows what it means to suffer. Just like us. God's promise to us is not an easy, problem-free life. What God promises is even better: bread for the wilderness and wine for the journey, reminders of the love of Jesus every step along the way.

Gospel, continued

⁹Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, ¹⁰for it is written,

'He will command his angels concerning you,
to protect you,'

¹¹and

'On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'

¹²Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" ¹³When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

Next Sunday's Readings: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18; Psalm 27; Philippians 3:17-4:1; Luke 13:31-35.

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