

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
**WEEK OF FEBRUARY 21, 2021**

**IN OUR PRAYERS:** Ed Clifford; Ashlyn; Jim Lambert; Chuck Kellogg; Stan & Priscilla Peters; Jim Cleveland

**THE YOUTH GROUP RETREAT** is Friday – Saturday, Feb. 26-27, at Camp Lutherhaven. Please be sure your payment and your medical / permission forms are filled out! Families: more details soon!

**LENTEN POTLUCKS** continue this coming Wednesday, Feb. 24, at 6:00pm. The last potluck supper will be March 24. Join us!

**LENTEN MIDWEEK SERVICES** will focus on the story of salvation in five major Old Testament passages. Join us for the stories of Creation, the Flood, the Crossing of the Red Sea, Jonah, and the Fiery Furnace.

**THE SEASON OF LENT** is a great opportunity to begin, refresh, or re-focus your individual or family devotions. Find suggestions for the week on the back of this insert, along with a hymn to sing. Feel free to ask Pr. Mullet for guidance or for other resources and suggestions!

**SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY:** Old Testament highlights

**THURSDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY:** The Book of Isaiah

**CALENDAR**

Sun. Feb. 21 (Lent 1 - Invocabit)	8:00 & 10:00am Holy Communion 9:00am Bible Study / Sunday School 11:30am Confirmation
Wed. Feb. 24 (Lent 1 Midweek)	11:00am Holy Communion (mask req'd.) 6:00pm Potluck Supper 7:00pm Holy Communion
Thu. Feb. 25	7:00pm Bible Study
Fri.-Sat. Feb. 26-27	Youth Group Retreat @ Lutherhaven
Sun. Feb. 28 (Lent 2 - Reminiscere)	8:00 & 10:00am Worship 9:00am Sunday School / Bible Study 11:30am Confirmation

## **FAITH PRAYS**

These suggestions can help you and your family stay connected to the church year and focus on what we hear, sing, and pray together on Sunday. Sundays form, shape, and lead us Christians into the week. Pick three days this week to reflect on Sunday's readings, prayers, and hymns. Each day you might do this:

1. Read one reading and the "Thinking About." How do the readings fit together? What themes do you see?
2. Sing or read the hymn. Ask Pr. Mullet to borrow a hymnal. You should be able to find it on YouTube if it's unfamiliar!
3. Pray the Collect of the Day and the Lord's Prayer.

### **THE WEEK OF LENT 1 (FEB. 21)**

**OT:** Genesis 3:1-21

**GOSPEL:** Matthew 4:1-11

**EPISTLE:** 2 Corinthians 6:1-10

**HYMN:** LSB 656

**COLLECT OF THE DAY:** O Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide the people of Your Church that following our Savior we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

### **THINKING ABOUT THE READINGS**

In the Garden, man exalts himself to be a god in place of God (Gen. 3:1–21). He succumbs to the temptation of the devil, and eating of the forbidden fruit, he receives death. But in the sin-cursed wilderness, God humbles Himself to become man in place of man (Mt. 4:1–11). He does not eat but fasts and bears the onslaughts of the devil for us that we may be restored to life. Though outwardly Jesus appears weak, yet He comes in the name of the Lord of hosts. He draws from the five smooth stones of the books of Moses and slings the Word of God. The stone sinks into the forehead, and the enemy falls. In Christ we are victorious over the devil. Let us therefore not receive the grace of God in vain (2 Cor. 6:1–10), but seeing that we have a great High Priest, let us come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain help in time of need.