

# The First Sunday in Lent

March 9, 2025



**But he answered, “It is written, ‘Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’”**

**(Matthew 4:1-11 ESV)**

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**Welcome to the Divine Service** where the risen Christ comes into our midst to bring us the peace of His cross and empty tomb. We pray that the Lord would grant us His Holy Spirit that His Word would bear the fruits of faith in Christ and works of love toward our neighbor.

**The Lord's Supper** is a confession that we are united in holding to all the doctrines of God's Word. Those who do not know and hold to the doctrinal commitment of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod are requested to attend the Adult Instruction Class for membership before communing at Faith Lutheran Church.

## ***Jesus Does Battle in Our Place***

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. Jesus stands as David in our place to do battle against the Goliath, Satan (1 Samuel 17:40–51). 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 (Heb 4:14–16).

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*(Please remember to silence your cell phones during the Divine Service.)*

**Flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God** by Ken and Gloria Lawrence in thanksgiving and celebration of their wedding anniversary.

**Plan to join us for Midweek Vespers during the penitential season of Lent.** A light potluck supper is available at 6:00 p.m. before the service begins at 7:00 p.m. A complete schedule of services is on page 6.

**The Women of Wylie will meet this Friday, March 14 at 11:00 a.m.** Our guest speaker is Deaconess Fabiana Santos from Expansion Mission Network. We support Expansion Mission Network through the Angel Tree at Christmas. Please plan to attend and feel free to bring a guest to hear more about how our Lord works through this ministry to bring His word and grace to many in the DFW area. A light lunch will be served following the meeting.

**Each year, the choir from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis schedules tours throughout the country.** As part of its current tour, the group will be singing at Zion Lutheran Church, Dallas, next Sunday, March 16, 7:00 p.m. *Laudamus* is a select choir of seminarians who are preparing for full-time pastoral ministry. You are invited to hear as they proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ through music with this year's theme, "My Song is Love Unknown". Please plan to attend and invite your friends and family.

**Save the Date – WoW and the Board of Trustees is calling all volunteers** to join in a work day for Spring cleaning the church and grounds, April 12.

**Save the date! When you start planning your summer, please keep in mind Vacation Bible School at Faith Plano.** VBS will be June 16 – 20 from 9:00 - 12:00 each day. Preschool - 6th grade students are invited to attend. Please prayerfully consider volunteering to help. Any questions please contact Mina McDonald at [mmcdonald1219@gmail.com](mailto:mmcdonald1219@gmail.com).

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## **OUR LIFE AS CHRISTIAN STEWARDS**

**Matthew 4:7 – “Jesus said to him, ‘Again it is written ...’”** Isn’t it interesting that Jesus does not defeat Satan with His power as God, but rather by His perfect obedience in His perfect humanity? Jesus defeats Satan not by miracles, but by quoting the Scriptures and living according to them. This should cause us great joy for two reasons. First, because we see Jesus win the victory for us. Second, because here Jesus shows us how to stand in that victory: on the Word of God alone. Let us build our lives on the sure rock of this Word!

## **UPCOMING WEEK’S EVENTS**

<b>SUNDAY</b> 03/09/25	<i>First Sunday in Lent (Invocavit)</i> 9:30 AM – Divine Service 11:15 AM – Sunday School / Bible Class 12:15 PM – Adult Instruction
<b>TUESDAY</b>	9:00 AM – Women’s Bible Study 4:00 PM – Adult Catechesis
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	6:00 PM – Potluck Supper 7:00 PM – Vespers
<b>THURSDAY</b>	10:30 AM – Men’s Bible Study 7:00 PM – Church Council
<b>FRIDAY</b>	9:30 AM – Matins 10:15 AM – Confession and Absolution 11:00 AM – Women of Wylie
<b>SUNDAY</b> 03/16/25	<i>Second Sunday in Lent (Reminiscere)</i> <i>Mite Sunday</i> 9:30 AM – Divine Service 11:15 AM – Sunday School / Bible Class 12:15 PM – Adult Instruction

## **PRAYERS**

- Those members and friends of our congregation who are serving in the military (and their families): Emma and Macarios Casanova

(Army), Thomas Kun (Air Force), Brandon Lowery (Navy), Ethan McCrillis (Marines), Ethan Sims (Air Force Reserves).

- Birthdays celebrated this week: Cheryl Wildauer, Lucy Schwiesow, Ellen Horn.
- Wedding Anniversaries celebrated this week: Ken and Gloria Lawrence.
- Emma Casanova, Susan Dickson, and Brianna Mallon for protection of mother and child in pregnancy (Psalm 139:13).
- Those struggling with ongoing health issues:  
Dony Reaves, Connie Kimber, Tula Sheehan, Devin Jackson, Doug Drawe, Gary Sakko, Deanna, Dana Evans, Greg McClure, Georgette Walter, Dan Kostoff, Jill, Ninette DeYoung, Kristina Wishmeyer, Brandon Rhodes, Renee, Todd Hauth, Gaye, JE Purcell.
- Those struggling with other ongoing needs:  
Frank and Antonia, Matt, Michael.

**Assisting in the Divine Service Today:**

Elder – Gil Daughtrey

Altar: Ellen Horn

Organist – Rebekah Roundey

3/2/25 General Fund Offerings received: \$9,696.00

Restricted Fund Offerings received: \$75.00

Weekly budget needed: \$4,642.80;

Budget year to date: **deficit: -\$2,395.03**

Calendar year to date: **deficit: -\$1,936.90**



## Lenten Schedule

Midweek Services are Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.

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| <b>March 12</b> | <b>Return to Prayer</b><br><i>Matthew 26:36-46</i>          |
| <b>March 19</b> | <b>Return from False Witness</b><br><i>Matthew 26:57-68</i> |
| <b>March 26</b> | <b>Return from Betrayal</b><br><i>John 18:1-11</i>          |
| <b>April 2</b>  | <b>Return from Denial</b><br><i>Luke 22:42-62</i>           |
| <b>April 9</b>  | <b>Return to the Kingdom of God</b><br><i>John 18:28-38</i> |