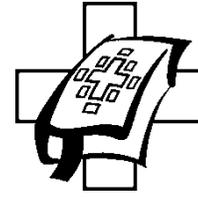


FIRST SUNDAY
IN LENT
FEBRUARY 22, 2026



DEAR FRIENDS, WELCOME! Christ Jesus is Lord. As Savior, He claims our hearts to fill us with joy and peace as He fulfills His promises. We welcome members and guests in the name of our gracious Lord and Savior.

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP: Holy Spirit, as You led Jesus, the Christ, into the wilderness to be tempted by the Evil One, lead us out of all temptations that come to us by Satan, the world, and our flesh, that by Your power and leading we may emerge from our wilderness as victorious as our Savior left His; through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

WE PRAISE GOD and thank Him for daily blessings. We ask for protection from winds and raging fires, and for property, livestock and those protecting them. We ask that He comfort the families who had children and teachers involved in the school shooting in British Columbia last week. We offer petitions on behalf of those with special needs, including, Reagan Whitten, Phillip Theel, William Fritts, Tim Songs, Evelyn Schmidt, Ruth Tracy, Rev. Chris Kellogg, Rev. David Groner, Jim Channel, Arlys Hartman, Joyce Mathies, Laurie Burbank, Joyce White and our shut-ins.

WORSHIP SERVANTS: Sunday School Teachers: Pastor Grimm, Phillip Theel, Traci Dickens, Lisa Thompson, Cheryl Bутtenhoff; Altar Guild: Judy Peddicord, Cindy Smith; Greeters: Mr. & Mrs. Orville Altevogt, Mr. & Mrs. Dallas White; Acolytes: Treyton Leonard, Brogan Stamm; Ushers: Tim Songs, Charley Gann, Mike Savage, Don Snodgrass, Byron Wenderott; Technicians: Kathy Hendricks, Whitney Howard; Children's Message: Pastor Grimm.

OUR ACTIVITIES FOR CHRIST THIS WEEK

TODAY	8:30am	Sunday School / Bible Class
	9:30am	Worship Service (FM 88.3; FB Live)
	10:45am	Confirmand and parents planning
MONDAY	12:00pm	Pray for Missions Around the World
	7:00pm	Choir
TUESDAY	6:15am	Bible Breakfast @ Frank's
	5:30pm	<i>Kindergarten Roundup</i>
WEDNESDAY	8:15am	<i>Chapel</i>
	6:00pm	Confirmation
	6:00pm	JuBellation
	7:00pm	Lenten Service
THURSDAY	9:30am	Bible Class
	3:30pm	<i>Jump Rope for Heart</i>

	7:00pm	Book Study @ Becker's
SATURDAY	6:05pm	Worship Service with Communion
SUNDAY	8:30am	Sunday School / Bible Class
	9:30am	Communion Service (FM 88.3; FB Live)

OUR LOVE FOR CHRIST		FEBRUARY 14, 15, & 18, 2026	
Attendance:			
Saturday	28		
Sunday	83	Livestream: 28	Views: 494
Sunday School	29		
Ash Wednesday	86	Livestream: 20	Views: 391
Total receipts	\$5,883.61	<i>Weekly Budget Needs:</i>	<i>\$11,457.00</i>

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN SCHOOL is excited that Mrs. Christa Kraus will rejoin the faculty in August 2026. After two decades of service to USD 417, welcome home, Christa! With this addition, Mrs. Sanders-Miller will move to the 6-8th grade homeroom. Thank you for your prayers during our search process.



KINDERGARTEN ROUNDUP: St. John Lutheran School will host Kindergarten Roundup on Tuesday, February 24th from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. Any child who will be five years old by September 1, 2026, is eligible to enter kindergarten.

LENTEN MEALS: Lenten meals before church are being planned. The 6-8th grade classes are preparing a meal March 4th K-3rd grade classes on March 11th, and 4th and 5th grades on March 25th. February 25th and March 18th are available for a church group who wants to furnish a meal.

BREAKFAST AT NIGHT BY CANDLELIGHT: The students in 6-8th grades are planning a gourmet breakfast for their Lenten meal on March 4th. The meal will be served restaurant style in a candlelight atmosphere. Serving will begin at 5:45 p.m.

DEVOTED TO THE CROSS: Midweek services will focus upon Christ and His cross. Join us each Wednesday through Lent as we seek to be devoted in our thoughts, words, and deeds. This week, we learn to become Devoted to Hope.

BIG BREAKFAST: On Saturday, March 7th from 7:00 to 10:00 a.m., Big Breakfast will serve pancakes, eggs, sausage, juice, and fixings. Proceeds will be given to the St. John Lutheran School trip fund.

PLANTING SEEDS: St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Wheaton, Kansas, is hosting the LWML Manhattan Zone Spring Event on Saturday, March 14, 2026. Registration is at 9:30 a.m. with a cost of \$5. Lunch will be served by St. Luke's LWML ladies. Your Gifts from the Heart such as diapers, baby blankets, and infant through 4T clothing will be given to Lutherans for Life.



LWML: A Day of Prayer service will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church in McFarland on Friday, March 6th at 1:30 p.m. Refreshments and fellowship afterward.

EYEGGLASSES: The LWML is collecting used eyeglasses to take to the LWML convention in April. A box for donations is on the table outside the church office.

CALL FOR RELIGIOUS ARTWORK: The Good Shepherd institute of Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, invites artists to submit new artwork for use in service bulletins to be used in open spaces in bulletins, calling attention to the service and the Word of God. There is no limit to the number of works an artist may submit. There is no submission deadline. For more information, visit ctsfw.edu/bulletin-art.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES



Feb. 22	Jerry Bandel Teresa Zerbe
Feb. 23	Kathy Hendricks
Feb. 24	Michelle Neill
Feb. 25	Eric Cox
Feb. 26	Don Frank <i>Cole & Alyssa Bierman</i>
Feb. 28	Cheryl Buttenhoff John Maike, Jr. Emmett Howard