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March 2026 Newsletter

Walking by the Spirit, or by the Flesh

The only consistent way to overcome the sinful desires of our human nature (the flesh) is to live step-by-step in the power of the Holy Spirit as He works through our spirit. "Shall not" is a striking promise in Galatians 5:16: I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. This promise of God means that those who are in fact walking (living) by the Spirit, will not do (fulfill) the lust of the flesh (what the flesh wants to do).

Fleshly or worldly habits and patterns that continue after justification are dangerous to faith and the eternal salvation of the body and soul and must not be left unattended. The desires of our flesh are at odds with what the Holy Spirit desires for us: to be free from sin.

One of the reasons the Scripture says that the works of the flesh are evident (Galatians 5:19), is that they are known. They are a public scandal to the life of a Christian, and to the Church which Jesus purchased with His own blood. They are these: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness (lustfulness), idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, rivalry, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, envy, murders, drunkenness, orgies, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God (Galatians 5:19-21).

Where there is such behavior as these, it is positive proof that the person is not living in the power of the Holy Spirit (v. 16, 18, 22, 23) but is being energized by Satan and his hosts (see Matthew 16:23; Acts 5:3).

There is a clear reason why the Scripture speaks of the things that come from the Holy Spirit as fruit (Galatians 5:22). These fruits proceed from the work of Jesus Himself and what He accomplished for our salvation on the cross of His death for our sins. These are works done by the regenerated spirit of the Christian who has received the Holy Spirit in the gospel and baptism and is walking (living) accordingly. This fruit is reminiscent of Jesus' teaching on the vine, branches, and fruitful harvest (see John 15:1-5).

These fruits (5:22-23) belong to those who are Christ's, who have themselves crucified the flesh with those passions and desires (5:24)...the ones specifically listed in v. 19-21).

Continued blessings in Christ Jesus,

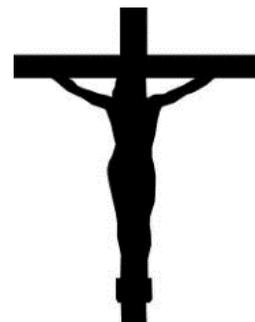
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The Congregation at Prayer



The Order of Meditation and Prayer

Invocation:

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Apostles' Creed:

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life + everlasting. Amen.

The Small Catechism: The Ten Commandments/Creed

March 1-7 10th Commandment

March 8-14 What does God say about all these commandments?

March 15-21 What does this mean?

March 22-28 The 1st Article of the Creed

March 29-April 4 The 2nd Article of the Creed

Readings:

Lent 2 (March 1-7)

Old Testament: Genesis 32:22-32

Psalm 121

Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 4:1-7

Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28

Lent 3 (Invoca) (March 8-14)

Old Testament: Genesis 3:1-21

Psalm 32

Epistle: Hebrews 4:14-16

Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11

Lent 2 (Reminiscere) (March 16-22)

Old Testament: Genesis 32:22-32

Psalm 121

Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 4:1-7

Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28

Lent 3 (Oculi) (March 23-29)

Old Testament: Jeremiah 26:1-15

Psalm 136:1-16

Epistle: Ephesians 5:1-9

Gospel: Luke 11:14-28

Lent 4 (Laetare) (March 30-April 5)

Old Testament: Proverbs 28:10-15

Psalm: Psalm 132:8-18

Epistle: James 1:19-27

Gospel: Matthew 5:21-26

Hymn of the Month:

LSB 823: "May God Bestow on Us His Grace"

Prayers: In our Prayers this week at Zion:

Use your weekly bulletin and include the prayer requests listed in each week's bulletin.

The Lord's Prayer: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Morning Prayer:

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

Evening Prayer:

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

Blessing:

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Word of the Month

Terms Relating to Worship and God's House
Ordinary

The parts of the service that remain the same from week to week, such as the Kyrie and Sanctus.

Hymn of Invocation: 823 May God Bestow on Us His Grace



1 May God be-stow on us His grace, With bless-ings rich pro-
2 Thine o-ver all shall be the praise And thanks of ev-'ry
△ 3 O let the peo-ple praise Thy worth, In all good works in-



vide us; And may the bright-ness of His face
na-tion; And all the world with joy shall raise
creas-ing; The land shall plen-teous fruit bring forth,



To life e-ter-nal guide us, That we His
The voice of ex-ul-ta-tion. For Thou shalt
Thy Word is rich in bless-ing. May God the



sav-ing health may know, His gra-cious will and plea-sure,
judge the earth, O Lord, Nor suf-fer sin to flour-ish;
Fa-ther, God the Son, And God the Spir-it bless us!



And al-so to the na-tions show Christ's rich-es with-out
Thy peo-ple's pas-ture is Thy Word Their souls to feed and
Let all the world praise Him a-lone, Let sol-lemn awe pos-



mea-sure And un-to God con-vert them.
nour-ish, In righ-teous paths to keep them.
sess us. Now let our hearts say, "A-men!"

Mission of the Month

Landon's cancer journey began October 2017 when he started experiencing severe headaches several times a week. Initially, the pediatrician diagnosed him with migraines. However, following extensive workup, multiple brain surgeries and a biopsy, the medical team discovered a high-grade anaplastic astrocytoma located in the thalamus and brainstem.

Over the course of the next twenty months, Landon completed two different courses of radiation and participated in two chemotherapy trials in Cincinnati, Ohio. He encountered numerous setbacks and bumps in the road during treatment, yet his faith never wavered. During times of uncertainty, he would share with his parents that God knew his body better than any doctor or nurse.

Landon made God the center of his physical, emotional and spiritual well-being from a young age. In preschool, he routinely expressed to his parents that chapel time was his favorite part of the day. He felt a strong calling to volunteer in the preschool room at church before and during his cancer journey. Many people throughout the community found a renewed sense of hope and faith by following Landon's example. Landon guided those around him through dark times with his ability to trust in God's plan and live life to its fullest.

The Landon's Light Foundation has been created to share the pieces of Landon that brought so many of us together. Cancer did not define Landon. His faith, kindness, compassion, strength and courage defined him. The values he demonstrated throughout his life served as an inspiration to many. We plan to honor the lasting impact of his life by shining his light and teaching others to simply "Live like Landon."

Landon's Light Foundation wants to be the light that brightens the path for others. This is achieved by granting a Miracle Moment for kids diagnosed with a serious medical condition such as malignant cancer and/or a critical condition having a progressive or deteriorating impact. Throughout the year, the Foundation strives to provide a small piece of hope, compassion and comfort to families during difficult times.

Parish Assistant Office Hours

Krista has no set office hours. Please feel free to leave a written message on the desk, or send an email.

I try and copy bulletins on Wednesday.

March Birthdays

- 3 – Troy Dietz
- 6 – Bob Orn
- 8 – Betsy Greenley
Grace Mathias
- 9 – Evan Asche
- 10 – Jada Enderson
JoAnne Rehborg
- 11 – Marcia Asche
Joey Enderson
Brook Olson
- 14 – Martha Asche
- 28 – Marcus Mathias

Pastor's Study Hours

- Tuesday: 8:30-noon 1-2:30 pm
- Wednesday: 8:30-9 am, 10-noon
1-2:30 pm
- Thursday: 8:30-noon 1-2:30 pm
- Friday: 8:30-noon 1-2:30 pm



Acolytes

Elder or Lydia

Prayer Families



March 1

Roger & Kathy Schreiner
12530 79 St. SE
Stirum, ND 58069

March 15

Andy & Stephanie Stroh
(Maverick)
400 4th Ave SE
Gwinner, ND 58040

March 8

Bonna Schultz
205 5th St NW
Gwinner, ND 58040

March 22

Annika Stroh
400 4th Ave SE
Gwinner, ND 58040

March 29

Carissa Stroh
400 4th Ave SE
Gwinner, ND 58040

Ushers



- 1st: Brian
- 4th: Greg
- 8th: Grover
- 11th: Randal
- 15th: Ron
- 18th: Brian
- 22nd: Andrew
- 25th: Greg
- 29th: Grover



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| 1 st : Cindy | 22 nd Cindy |
| 4 th Andrew | 25 th Andrew |
| 8 th Greg | 29: Greg |
| 11 th Krista | |
| 15 th Brian | |
| 18 th Evan | |

Note: If you are unable to usher or acolyte on your scheduled date, we ask that you please contact another member to switch with.

Counters



- 1st: Sam & Jason
- 4th: Gary & Michelle
- 8th Bob & Jim
- 11th Brian & Jason
- 15th Sam & Gary
- 18th Michelle & Bob
- 22nd Jim & Brian
- 25th Sam & Jason
- 29th Gary & Michelle

Cleaners List



1-7

- Tim & JoAnne Rehborg
- Allen & Diane McDaniel

8-14

- Jim & March Asche
- Jason & Hollie Asche

15-21

Eric & Brook Olson
Sam & Beka Helm
Duane & Shelli Begemann

22-28

Grover & Jan Riebe
Ron & Chelie Greenmyer
Andrew & Katie Greenmyer

29-Apr.4

Brian & Lindy Orn
Greg & Janet Nelson

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 9:15 am Sunday School 10:00 am Divine Service w/Communion 11:15 am Coffee 11:30 am Bible Study	2 Pastor's Day off	3 9:30 a.m. Pastor's Circuit Winkle @ Peace, Barney	4 9:00 am Bible Study 5:30 pm Dinner 6:30 p.m. Lent Midweek Evening Prayer	5	6	7
8 Daylight Savings Time 9:15 am Sunday School 10:00 am Divine Service w/Communion 11:15 am Coffee 11:30 am Bible Study	9 Pastor's Day off	10	11 9:00 am Bible Study 5:30 p.m. Dinner 6:30 p.m. Lent Midweek Vespers	12	13	14
15 9:15 am Sunday School 10:00 am Divine Service w/Communion 11:15 am Coffee 11:30 am Bible Study 2:00 p.m. Lutheran Confess. @ Redeemer	16	17 2pm LWML	18 9:00 am Bible Study 5:30 p.m. Dinner 6:30 p.m. Lent Midweek Vespers	19	20 Pastor's Day off	21
22 9:15 am Sunday School 10:00 am Divine Service w/Communion 11:15 am Coffee 11:30 am Bible Study	23 Pastor's Day off	24	25 9:00 am Bible Study 5:30 p.m. Dinner 6:30 p.m. Lent Midweek Evening Prayer	26	27	28
29 9:15 am Sunday School 10:00 am Palm Sunday Divine Service w/Communion 11:15 am Coffee 11:30 am Bible Study	30 Pastor's Day off	31				