

**Our Stewardship of the Means of Grace:**

**Worship:** 309 (25, 284)      **Communion:** 191 (21, 170)  
**Asch Wednesday:** 282 (193, 89)      **Communion:** 119 (61, 58)  
**Bible Study:** 91 (6, 41, 21, 3, 11, 9)      **Youth Study:** 17

Sunday 10:00 a.m. Sunday School, church basement  
10:00 a.m. Ladies Aid, church  
10:00 a.m. Outreach Committee, church  
10:00 a.m. Kalahari Family Retreat, school  
6:30 p.m. His Word My Life Bible Study, church  
Monday 7:00 a.m. His Word My Life Bible Study, church  
7:00 p.m. Youth Group Bible Study, commons  
Tuesday 2:00 p.m. Bible Study, church  
2:00 p.m. Pray and Play Bible Study, school  
6:30 p.m. School Board  
6:30 p.m. Stewardship Committee  
7:00 p.m. Worship Committee  
Wednesday 11:00 a.m. Lenten Worship  
12:00 p.m. Soup Supper, church basement  
4:45 p.m. Confirmation Class (5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade)  
4:45 p.m. Bible History Class (3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> grade)  
5:30 p.m. Bible History Class (1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> grade)  
6:30 p.m. Soup Supper, church basement  
7:30 p.m. Lenten Worship  
8:30 p.m. Choir  
Thursday 1:00 p.m. Fun Day (3-5 year olds at school)  
8:30 p.m. Adult Christ-Light Bible Study, basement  
Friday 7:00 p.m. Grades 3-6 & Preschool presentation in gym  
Sunday 8:00 a.m. Adult Christ-Light Bible Study, basement  
8:00 a.m. My Vocation Bible Study, commons  
9:00 a.m. Worship with Communion  
10:00 a.m. Sunday School, church basement  
10:00 a.m. Band, school  
Sunday Showcase at MLHS  
1:00 p.m. Men's Bible study  
6:30 p.m. His Word My Life Bible Study, church

**Baptism** Ella Lynn Plagenz will be baptized into the Christian faith today. Ella is the daughter of Tom and Amy Plagenz. Please remember this new child of God and her family in your prayers!

**His Word—My Life** Bible Class will meet Sunday evening and Monday morning. On Sunday we will look at our response when we face moral desensitization. On Monday we will begin the study *Christian Citizenship in Church and State*. Our first lesson is "A Christian is a member of two kingdoms.". Join us!

**Tuesday Bible Study** is studying, *Lord's Supper*, based on the People's Bible Teaching book of the same name.

**Adult Christ-Light Bible Study** will meet this Thursday after worship. We will also meet Sunday at 8:00 a.m. in the church basement. Join us!

**Lenten** worship will be this Wednesday at 11:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. The theme of our series is "Father, Forgive Them." This week we focus on *Forgive Our Desire to Defy Your Divine Authority!*

**Soup Suppers** There are sign up sheets in the basement if you would like to help serve, make soup, or make bars for the Lenten soup suppers. The meals will be after the morning service and an hour before the 7:30 p.m. service.

**Sunday Commons Bible Study** will begin a new study on *My Vocation in Christ* next week.

**Ever wonder** what it feels like to be debt free? Do you want to know what God has to say about how we manage our finances? Learn these items and more in Dave Ramsey's Financial Piece University. FPU is a 13 week course taught by nationally syndicated, Christian radio talk show host, Dave Ramsey. Dave teaches about getting out of credit card debt, investing, saving for college, and so much more. This 13 week course will be offered at our congregation beginning on Saturday, March 28 at 9:00 a.m. For more information, call Joe Sabel (445-3330) or go to [www.daveramsey.com](http://www.daveramsey.com). A preview of the class will be offered after worship on Sunday, March 15 in the commons.

**Christian Worship Supplement** If you would like to purchase a supplement for use at home, please sign up on the sheet in the basement. Spiral-bound copies are \$16.75. Copies like we have in the pews are \$13.75.

**MLHS Sunday Showcase** will be March 8. Advance tickets are available in our school office. Adults are \$5 (\$6 at the door). Children's tickets are \$4.

**Blindmen's Volleyball** Youth Group will host its annual Blindmen's Volleyball Tournament in March. Put together a team of friends and enjoy this fun-filled weekend. The Youth Tournament is Friday, March 13. The Adult Tournament is Saturday, March 14. Sign up information is in the church basement or ask Mr. Muchka. Registration ends February 22.

**Questions/Comments** about our congregation may be directed to:

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**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent**

March 1, 2009



**Prayer before worship**

*Lord, in my struggles I often fail.  
Help me see Jesus victory as my own as I worship today. Amen*

**Lessons are on the back cover**

**Service**

Baptism (p. 12, 39)

**Hymns**

301, 200, 714 (Sally Suchomel verse 1, congregation verses 2-5), 204:3

**Prayer of the Day**

*Lord our strength, the battle of good and evil rages within and around us, and our ancient foe tempts us with his deceits and empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your Word, and when we fall, raise us up again and restore us through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

**Special Music**

Grades 3-4 *In Christ Alone* (cws 752, after prayer of day)  
Musical Offering: *Faith of Our Fathers* Jordan Laabs

**Psalm of the Day**

Psalm 3 (p. 39 CWS)

**Sermon: Hebrews 2:10-18**

**A 40 Day Struggle**  
Jesus' struggle  
Enables our struggle

# 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent – Series B

*The call to sinners in Lent is a serious call to struggle.*

## First Lesson: Micah 5:2-5a

Some time later God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!"

"Here I am," he replied.

Then God said, "Take your son, your only son, Isaac, whom you love, and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains I will tell you about."

Early the next morning Abraham got up and saddled his donkey. He took with him two of his servants and his son Isaac. When he had cut enough wood for the burnt offering, he set out for the place God had told him about. On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place in the distance. He said to his servants, "Stay here with the donkey while I and the boy go over there. We will worship and then we will come back to you."

Abraham took the wood for the burnt offering and placed it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. As the two of them went on together, Isaac spoke up and said to his father Abraham, "Father?" "Yes, my son?" Abraham replied.

"The fire and wood are here," Isaac said, "but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?"

Abraham answered, "God himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering, my son." And the two of them went on together.

When they reached the place God had told him about, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it. He bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then he reached out his hand and took the knife to slay his son. But the angel of the LORD called out to him from heaven, "Abraham! Abraham!"

"Here I am," he replied.

"Do not lay a hand on the boy," he said. "Do not do anything to him. Now I know that you fear God, because you have not withheld from me your son, your only son."

Abraham looked up and there in a thicket he saw a ram caught by its horns. He went over and took the ram and sacrificed it as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called that place The LORD Will Provide. And to this day it is said, "On the mountain of the LORD it will be provided."

The angel of the LORD called to Abraham from heaven a second time and said, "I swear by myself, declares the LORD, that because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, I will surely bless you and make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as the sand on the seashore. Your descendants will take possession of the cities of their enemies, and through your offspring all nations on earth will be blessed, because you have obeyed me."

## Psalm of the Day: Psalm 3 (p. 39 CWS)

### Second Lesson: Romans 8:31-39

What, then, shall we say in response to this? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all--how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. Who is he that condemns? Christ Jesus, who died--more than that, who was raised to life--is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? As it is written: "For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

### Gospel: Mark 1:12-15

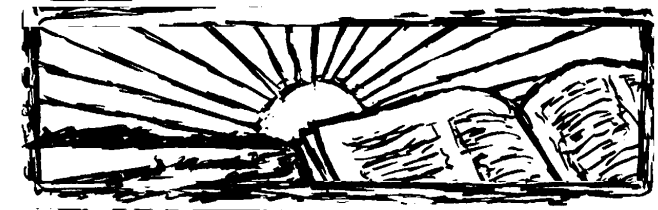
At once the Spirit sent him out into the desert, and he was in the desert forty days, being tempted by Satan. He was with the wild animals, and angels attended him.

After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. "The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news!"

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*Mark 1:15*

**Welcome!** We thank God that you have joined us at worship today. Please sign our guest book near the double door entrance. Restrooms are in the basement near the double stairs.

Today we gather together in the very presence of God. He is present among us in a special way through his Word and Sacrament. We humbly acknowledge our sin and rejoice in the good news of forgiveness through the life and death of Christ. This is the focus of all of our worship.