

**Welcome to Worship on this  
First Sunday of Lent**



**French River Lutheran Church  
Duluth, MN**

**February 18, 2024 ~10:00 a.m.  
Reverend Kim Sturtz ~ Presiding**

**Worship Assistant: Rolf Carlson**

**Lector: Joanne Kronstedt**

**Altar Guild: Lynne Compton & Brita Aug**

**Musicians: Organist – David Fiebiger, Riversong Rising**

**\* Coffee fellowship to follow worship! Join us!**

**Welcome to all in Jesus' Name!**

Please follow the current FRLC Preparedness Plan for COVID-19. Details are located under announcements in this bulletin. LARGE PRINT worship folders are available from an usher. A family restroom and nursery are to the left of the sanctuary; again, follow the Preparedness Plan for use. To contact the pastor or church office, you are invited to complete a pew card and return the information portion either to an usher or by way of the offering plate. Please keep the bookmark and worship with us again! We appreciate electronic devices set on "mute" during the service.

**Bold Print signals places where the assembly speaks in unity in worship**

\* Indicates where to stand as you are able in body or in Spirit.

**\*\*See Contemporary Worship Booklet & bulletin insert for lyrics to songs  
sung by Riversong Rising.\*\***

**WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**PRELUDE: “Whom Shall I Fear”**

~Chris Tomlin  
**Riversong Rising**

———GATHERING———

**The Holy Spirit gathers us together as people of God.**

**\*GREETING:**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

**\*GATHERING SONG: “Whom Shall I Fear”**

*(see bulletin insert)*

~Chris Tomlin  
**Riversong Rising**

**Verse 1**

You hear me when I call  
You are my morning song  
Though darkness fills the night  
It cannot hide the light  
Whom shall I fear  
You crush the enemy underneath my feet  
You are my sword and shield  
Though troubles linger still  
Whom shall I fear

**Chorus**

I know Who goes before me  
I know Who stands behind  
The God of angel armies is always by my side  
The One who reigns forever  
He is a friend of mine  
The God of angel armies is always by my side

## **Verse 2**

My strength is in Your name  
For You alone can save  
You will deliver me  
Yours is the victory  
Whom shall I fear  
Whom shall I fear  
(Whom shall I fear)

## **Bridge**

(And) nothing formed against me shall stand  
You hold the whole world in Your hands  
I'm holding on to Your promises  
You are faithful  
You are faithful  
**(REPEAT)**

Chris Tomlin, Ed Cash, Scott Cash

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## **\*CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Come in. Feel your feet on the floor.  
Settle your worries. Take a deep breath.  
Dust the cobwebs from your ears.  
Relax the tension in your jaw,  
**for Christ is here. God never stops seeking us.**  
We have been found.  
**Let us find God in return.**  
Let us worship the God of deep waters. **Amen.**

## **\*KYRIE ELEISON - Chris Tomlin & Matt Redman**

Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy  
Hear our cry and heal our land  
Let kindness lead us to repentance  
Bring us back again

**For Your Name is great and Your heart is grace  
Kyrie eleison  
Over all Your reign, only You can save  
Kyrie eleison  
Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy on us now**

Who is this God who pardons all our sin  
So ready to forgive, You delight to show Your mercy  
Who is this God who pardons all our sin  
So ready to forgive, You delight to show Your mercy

**For Your Name is great and Your heart is grace  
Kyrie eleison  
Over all Your reign, only You can save  
Kyrie eleison**

Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy  
Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy  
Christ have mercy on us now.

**\*CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS:**

*(All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.)*

In our scripture passage for today, we will read about Jesus calling Peter to be a disciple. In the story, Peter is in the presence of the Divine for quite some time before he realizes it. Jesus crawls into Peter's boat. He tells him to head toward deep water. Together, they let the nets down. And it is only when the boat threatens to sink, due to extreme abundance of fish, that Peter turns to Jesus and truly sees who's in the boat. Sometimes we miss what's right in front of us. Fortunately, Christ keeps crawling into our boats anyhow. So join me in the prayer of confession, not out of fear, but out of desire to finally see who's right in front of us.

Let us pray:  
*(Silence is kept for reflection.)*

**Loving God,  
You call us by name.  
You join us in the deep waters of life.  
You invite us to drop our nets and follow you,  
And yet, more often than we'd like to admit, we are like Peter.**

**Over and over again, we stand slack jawed and surprised  
to find you in our midst.**

**Forgive us for drowning out your voice with our own.  
Forgive us for assuming that we can tackle deep waters by ourselves.  
Forgive us for forgetting that you will never stop climbing into our boat.**

**Turn our hearts, our minds, and our spirits toward you,  
for you are the Lord our God, and it is in your name that we pray.  
Amen.**

Peter didn't exactly make a good first impression when Jesus got into his boat. He questioned dropping his nets, as they hadn't caught any fish all night. He was oblivious to who Christ was for quite some time, and once he realized the Divinity standing in his boat, he quickly deemed himself unworthy.

And even still, Jesus called Peter a disciple and a friend.

Church family, hear and believe this good news:

You can make a thousand bad impressions.

You can make every mistake in the book, roll your eyes, and assume you know better. And *even still*, Christ will forgive you, claim you, and continue to seek your heart. That is the good news of the gospel. Rest, celebrate, and trust in that. Amen.

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY:**

Creator God,

You hear everything. You hear the rush of the wind through the trees. You hear a baby's first cry. You hear the crickets chirping, our silent prayers, and laughter around tables. You hear it all! We don't need that same capacity, but we do need to hear your Word, O God, for we cannot live on bread alone. So today we pray: give us the ability to truly listen. Give us the ability to listen with our hearts, and may the truths revealed in your scripture today change us. With hearts full of gratitude we pray, **Amen.**

**God speaks to us through scripture, preaching, and song.**

*A reading from Genesis:*

*Today's reading is the conclusion to the flood story. Because of human sin, God destroys the earth by flood, saving only Noah, his family, and the animals on the ark. Yet divine destruction gives way to divine commitment. As in the first creation, God blesses humanity and establishes a covenant with all creatures.*

**FIRST READING: Genesis 9:8-17**

**Joanne Kronstedt**

God said to Noah and to his sons with him, "As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*A reading from 1 Peter:*

*As God acted through Christ's suffering and death to bring us to God, so God acts through baptism to save us from a sinful existence. This spiritual cleansing marks our new life in Christ.*

**SECOND READING: 1 Peter 3:18-22**

Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience,

through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: "Lord We Love You"**

**Riversong Rising**

*(The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.)*

**Lord we love you, Lord we love you,  
Lord we love you, Lord we love you,  
Lord we love you, Lord we love you,  
Lord we love you, Lord we love you.**

**\*GOSPEL: Luke 5:1-11**

The Holy Gospel according to *Luke 5:1-11*. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets." When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people." When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you of Christ.**

**CHILDREN'S SERMON:**

**The Reverend Kim Sturtz**

**SERMON:**

**The Reverend Kim Sturtz**

**\*SONG OF THE DAY: "Jesus, Son of God"**

*(see bulletin insert)*

~Chris Tomlin  
**Riversong Rising**

### **Verse 1**

You came down from Heaven's throne  
This earth You formed was not Your home  
A love like this the world had never known  
A crown of thorns to mock Your name  
Forgiveness fell upon Your face  
A love like this the world had never known

### **Chorus**

On the altar of our praise  
Let there be no higher name  
Jesus Son of God  
You laid down Your perfect life  
You are the sacrifice  
Jesus Son of God  
(You are Jesus Son of God)

### **Verse 2**

You took our sin You bore our shame  
You rose to life You defeated the grave  
And a love like this the world has never known  
'Cause You took our sin You bore our shame  
You rose to life You defeated the grave  
A love like this the world has never known

### **Bridge**

Be lifted higher than all You've overcome  
Your name be louder than any other song  
There is no power that can come against Your love  
The cross was enough  
The cross was enough  
(The cross was enough)  
(The cross was enough)

### **Ending**

The cross was enough  
The cross was enough

Chris Tomlin, Jason Ingram, Matt Maher  
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**\*APOSTLES' CREED:**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.\*  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**PEACE:** The Peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**  
Please share this peace with your neighbors.

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:**

**Joanne Kronstedt**

Trusting in God's promise to reconcile all things, let us pray for the church, the well-being of creation, and a world in need.

*(A brief silence.)*

God our truth, the ark of your church has room for many expressions of faith. We give thanks for voices that challenge and awaken your people (*especially that of Martin Luther, renewer of the church, whom we commemorate today*).

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God our maker, you remember your covenant with the earth and its inhabitants. Rescue communities and creatures hurting from natural disasters. Preserve species and habitats endangered by human carelessness and disregard.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God our light, you know our weakness. Free all who govern from the temptations of power. Sustain all who work for human rights in every nation (*organizations may be named*). Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God our help, you care for your beloved children. Comfort all who are grieving, ill, afraid, in pain, or in despair. Feed hungry people living in food deserts. Protect any at risk from exploitation and abuse. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God our home, you gather your people. Grant us health and safety as we assemble. Keep us mindful of any who are homebound, hospitalized, convalescing, or traveling. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God our hope, you promise eternal life to your beloved children. We remember with gratitude those who have lived and died in faith. Grant that we may also dwell with you in everlasting peace. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Accompany us on our journey, God of grace, and receive the prayers of our hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**Amen.**

**OFFERTORY INTERLUDE:**

**ORGANIST: David Fiebiger**

**\*OFFERING PRAYER:**

*(If you did not place your offering in the plate as you entered the sanctuary, please feel free to hand it to an usher upon dismissal. During the week, offerings may be placed in the secure lockbox by the lower doors [slot is right of the door]. Mail and online giving are also available. Thank you for your generous support of our ministry together!)*

Jesus, you are the bread of life  
and the host of this meal.

Bless these gifts that we have gathered  
that all people may know your goodness.

Feed us not only with this holy food  
but with hunger for justice and peace.

We pray this in your name.

**Amen.**

———MEAL———

**God feeds us in goodness and grace with the presence of Jesus Christ.**

*All are welcome at the Lord's Table to receive the true presence of Jesus in the bread and wine. Communion will be distributed continuously using the form of intinction. After you have received the bread, you may "intinct" (dip) it in the wine or juice. Children not communing may come forward for a blessing. Commune with the pastor if you prefer a gluten-free wafer.*

**\*WORDS OF INSTITUTION & BLESSING:**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**\*WORDS OF INSTITUTION:**

**\*LORD'S PRAYER:**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

**\*INVITATION TO COMMUNION:**

Bread for the journey.

A feast for hungry hearts. Come!

**\*COMMUNION SONG: "Above All"  
(see bulletin insert)**

~Paul Baloche  
**Riversong Rising**

**Verse 1**

Above all powers above all kings  
Above all nature and all created things  
Above all wisdom and all the ways of man  
You were here before the world began

**Verse 2**

Above all kingdoms above all thrones

Above all wonders the world has ever known  
Above all wealth and treasures of the earth  
There's no way to measure  
What You're worth

### **Chorus**

Crucified laid behind the stone  
You lived to die rejected and alone  
Like a rose trampled on the ground  
You took the fall and thought of me  
Above all

Lenny LeBlanc, Paul Baloche

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————SENDING————  
**God blesses us and equips us as disciples sent into the world.235**

### **\*A BENEDICTION FOR THE SERIES:**

Beloved wanderer, as you leave this place,  
may you carry your curious heart on your sleeve.  
May you look for God in every face.  
May you find the courage to get out of the boat,  
to run to the tomb, and to speak of your faith.  
And when the world falls apart,  
may you hear God's voice deep within,  
saying, "Take heart, it is I, be not afraid."  
You are called. You are blessed.  
In both your ups and downs, you always belong to God.  
Go now in peace. Go trusting the good news. **Amen.**

### **\*SENDING SONG: "The River"**

*(Contemporary Worship Booklet Pg. 13)*

#### **Verse 1**

Are you tired of shame and secrets  
Wishing you could let them go  
Do you feel like an orphan searching for a home  
There's a love that fills what's empty  
There's a place you can be changed  
There's a God who knows you  
He's calling out your name

~Jordan Feliz  
**Riversong Rising**

### **Chorus 1**

Come on down to the river  
Come be washed in the Blood  
And your (sin) (sins) will be forgiven  
By the power of His love  
Come be changed by the mercy  
That makes all things new  
There the lost get found  
Come on down down down to the river

### **Interlude**

To the river

### **Verse 2**

It flows like the Mississippi  
From the giver of endless grace  
Ev'ryone is welcome here to dive into the waves  
So leave the questions far behind you  
Leave your past back on the shore  
And run with wild abandon  
Wait no more

### **Bridge**

Ev'ry burden ev'ry scar  
Let the waters wash away  
No matter who you were before  
You belong to Christ today

### **Chorus 2**

As I went down to the river to pray  
Studying about that good ol' way  
And who shall wear the robe and crown  
Good Lord show me the way  
O sister let's go down let's go down  
Come on down  
O sister let's go down down to the river to pray

### **Ending**

To the river, Come on down  
Come on down, To the river

**\*SENDING:**

Go in peace. Gather us in together in your grace.

**Thanks be to God.**

(For those in pews, please remain seated until invited by an usher to depart.)

**POSTLUDE: "The River"**

~Jordan Feliz  
**Riversong Rising**

*Thank you for joining us wherever you are.*

*Remember, you are beloved and blessed!*

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

†Extending sympathy to family & friends of Carol Pearson. Carol passed away on Sunday, January 28, 2024. A Celebration of Life will be held at FRLC on Saturday, February 24, 2024 at 11 a.m.

### **Covid-19 Preparedness**

In the care and consideration of others, the wearing of masks is optional for worship. However, if you or a family member are experiencing any fever, cough, stomach issues, or are recovering from an illness or other ailments within 48 hours before gathering in worship, we strongly advise the wearing of a mask while in worship.

A simple mask in these moments and places helps us protect loved ones, especially the weak and elderly, front-line medical personnel and their families, our faith community and larger communities.

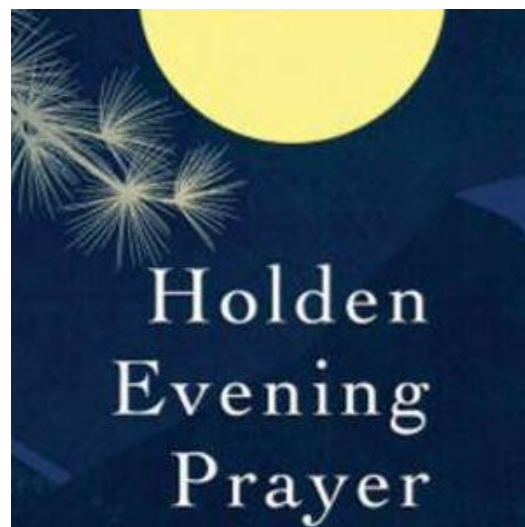
Thank you for this kindness.

### **Lenten Soup Supper and Services**

**Wednesdays starting  
February 21st through March 20<sup>th</sup>.**

**Join us at 5:30pm Soup Supper,  
6:30pm Holden Evening Prayer Service.**

Please come and enjoy community in contemplative space and time.



**Coming Up:**

**2/18 Sun: 10a – First Sunday in Lent – Contemporary**

Worship In-Person/Online: Rev. Kim Sturtz

10:45a – Sunday School

11:15a – Coffee Fellowship

**2/20 Tues: 9a – Bulletin Deadline; 7p – AA**

**2/21 Wed: 7a – D/NSSD; 9a – Parables Deadline;**

**5:30p – Lenten Soup/Supper;**

**6:30p – Holden Eve. Prayer Service; 7p – Choir**

**2/22 Thurs: 11a – Hospitality**

**2/24 Sat: 11a – Celebration of Life for Carol Pearson**

**2/25 Next Sun: 10a – Second Sunday in Len**

Worship In-Person/Online: Rev. Kim Sturtz

10:45a – Sunday School

FRLC Council has chosen to equally split our special Lenten and Easter offering to Second Harvest Northland and The Seafarers Center (Twin Ports Ministry to Seafarers). Thank you for your generosity.

(Please note: there are two opportunities for giving on March 31, those being the traditional Sunday offering and a special Easter offering. If using numbered envelopes, the distinction is already made. All other gifts should be designated accordingly. Thank you.)

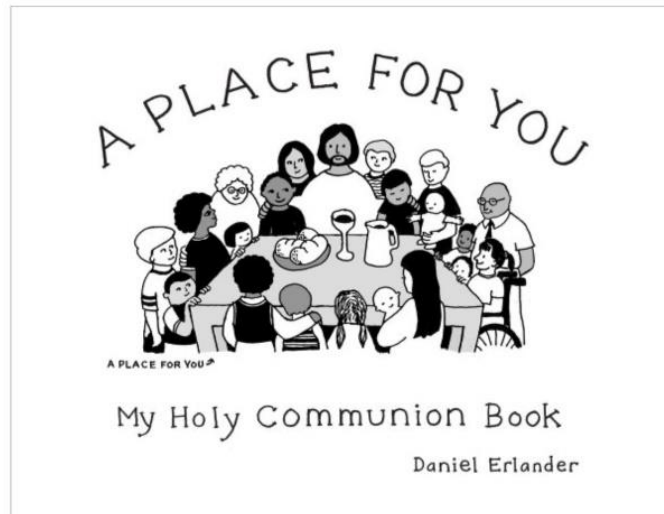


**Your 2024 offering envelopes** can be picked up near the usher's stand. If you didn't get a box of envelopes and want one or if you have any questions, please contact Kay Libby, Financial Secretary, at 218-390-3281.



**Youth in Worship - February 28<sup>th</sup>:** Is your child interested in reading, being an usher/greeter, acolyte, special music?

Please contact Kim Marks at [FRLCYouth@gmail.com](mailto:FRLCYouth@gmail.com) to sign up!



**5:30-7pm February 29, March 7,  
March 14th in the Fireside Room.**

For any child/youth interested in learning that there is a place for you at the Table of Grace First Communion will be given on Maundy Thursday Service March 28 at 6pm. Please Let Pastor Kim Sturtz know if you would like your child would like to participate.  
[frlcpastorsturtz@gmail.com](mailto:frlcpastorsturtz@gmail.com)

### **FRLC Centennial Celebration!**

We now have co-chairs, Kate Edblom & Barb Jackson, to plan the FRLC Centennial fundraisers to raise money for expenses of the celebration in September of 2024.

There will be an organizational meeting soon. Please leave your name & number with Barb, Kate, or the office if you are interested in helping!



## Welcome to French River Lutheran Church

*You are welcome to keep this bulletin, however, we recycle when possible so you may leave it on the ushers' stand.*



**Immediate:** Family & friends of Carol Pearson; Bonnie Smrstick; prayers for peace and comfort both as she travels to be with Dennis as he is nearing the end of his journey.; Deb Sodomka (cousin of Bill & Susie Lannon).

**Long-Term:** Phil Strom, for Parkinsons; Julie Moe-Hommerding; 5-year-old great niece of Susie Lannon (heart surgery 6/26/17, still not healthy); Kathy Johnson (Carol Leppala's friend); Bruce Sundberg; Angela Debelak, (niece of Gail Johnson) is currently in remission from for her brain cancer and recovering slowly; please continue to pray for no recurrence.; Alex Peterson – military service; Todd Sironen.

**WHEN SUBMITTING A NAME TO THE TELEPHONE PRAYER CHAIN, PLEASE INDICATE IF IT IS PERMISSABLE TO LIST IN THE BULLETIN.**

Called by the Spirit	February 18	February 25
<b>Worship Leader</b>	Rev. Kim Sturtz	Rev. Kim Sturtz
<b>Lector</b>	Joanne Kronstedt	FRLC Youth
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Lynne C. & Brita A.	Lynne C. & Brita A.
<b>Ushers</b>	Kevin S. & Jacquie E.	Dick & Marilyn Story
<b>Counters/Worship Assistant*</b>	Phil Strom/ Rolf Carlson*	Dave Edblom/ *Sue Baker
<b>Coffee Fellowship</b>	Kim Burke	Kay Libby
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FRLC webpage: [www.frenchriverlutheran.org](http://www.frenchriverlutheran.org).

FRLC Mission: *"To live and love as God commands, accept His grace, and share the Good News."*

Watch services at FRLC anytime! **YouTube live streaming of the service** at

<https://www.youtube.com/c/FrenchRiverLutheranChurch>

This link is also found on our church homepage and Facebook group. If you are unable to watch it live, you can view it any time after the service by following the same link.

✝ We're glad you worshiped with us today. Thanks be to God! ✝

The symbol of Lent is a cross. Do you see crosses in your church? Do they look the same or do they look different?

**Draw them below!**



# PRE-READER

Lent 1

- Today is the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in **Lent**.
- The color for Lent is **purple**.
- Purple represents **quiet**.
- Jesus was **lonely** in the quiet desert.

**Trace the letters below to reveal what season we're in.**



L E N T



A Latin cross is a Christian symbol. It represents Jesus.



In a Greek cross, all four arms are the same length.



A crucifix shows Jesus' body on the cross. It helps us remember that Jesus died for us.



**Jesus was happy that God was with him, especially when he was tempted to do wrong.**

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LENT 1

Can you match the symbol to its church season?

**LENT**



**EASTER**



**ADVENT**

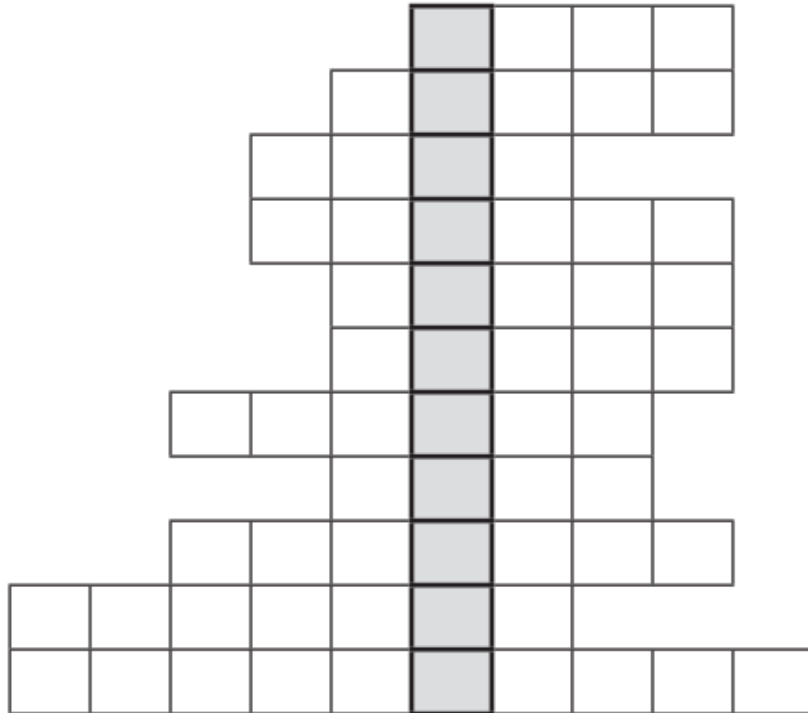


**CHRISTMAS**



## Splash Locale

During Lent we remember our baptisms. Use the clues to fill in the missing words. Read the circled letters to find out where John baptized Jesus. Then use another piece of paper to try to make your own puzzle about the place where people are baptized in your church – the font!



- Row 1 Man who baptized Jesus (Mark 1:9)
- Row 2 John's favorite sweet (Mark 1:6)
- Row 3 Prepare the way of the \_\_\_\_ (Mark 1:3)
- Row 4 People came from the \_\_\_\_ countryside (Mark 1:5)
- Row 5 I have baptized you with \_\_\_\_ (Mark 1:8)
- Row 6 I am not fit to \_\_\_\_ the thong of his sandals. (Mark 1:7)
- Row 7 The \_\_\_\_ descended on him like a dove. (Mark 1:10)
- Row 8 John proclaimed a baptism for the forgiveness of \_\_\_\_ (Mark 1:4)
- Row 9 He saw the \_\_\_\_ torn apart (Mark 1:10)
- Row 10 Jesus was \_\_\_\_ by Satan (Mark 1:13)
- Row 11 Where the spirit drove Jesus (Mark 1:12)



## READER

Lent 1

- Today is the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in **Lent**.
- The season of Lent lasts **40 days**.
- During Lent, we remember Jesus' time in the **desert**.
- After he was baptized, Jesus stayed in the desert for **40 days**.

## Do the Math!

Color in every square that equals 40. The colored squares will show a symbol of Lent.

$2 \times 30$	$4 \times 4$	$27 + 13$	$23 \times 4$	$52 \div 4$
$64 \div 8$	$5 \times 3$	$56 - 16$	$45 \div 5$	$61 - 35$
$80 \div 2$	$2 \times 4 \times 5$	$77 - 37$	$68 - 28$	$64 - 24$
$9 \times 7$	$72 \div 3$	$8 \times 5$	$67 - 20$	$9 \times 9$
$4 \times 2$	$71 - 13$	$2 \times 20$	$5 \times 3 \times 2$	$5 \times 6$
$7 \times 7$	$81 \div 9$	$16 + 24$	$90 - 1$	$24 - 17$
$49 \div 7$	$2 \times 4 \times 2$	$46 - 6$	$54 \div 9$	$17 + 24$

This is a verse from Mark's Gospel, but the words in bold are jumbled! Can you put them in the right spots?

### Memory Verse



The **believe** is **fulfilled**, and the **near** of God has come **repent**; **kingdom** and **time** in the good news  
 – Mark 1:15



### Bible Tip!

The gospel of Mark begins with Jesus' baptism. What stories do the other gospels begin with?

Matthew starts with...

Luke starts with...

John starts with...

The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent and believe in the good news.

#### MEMORY VERSE ANSWER

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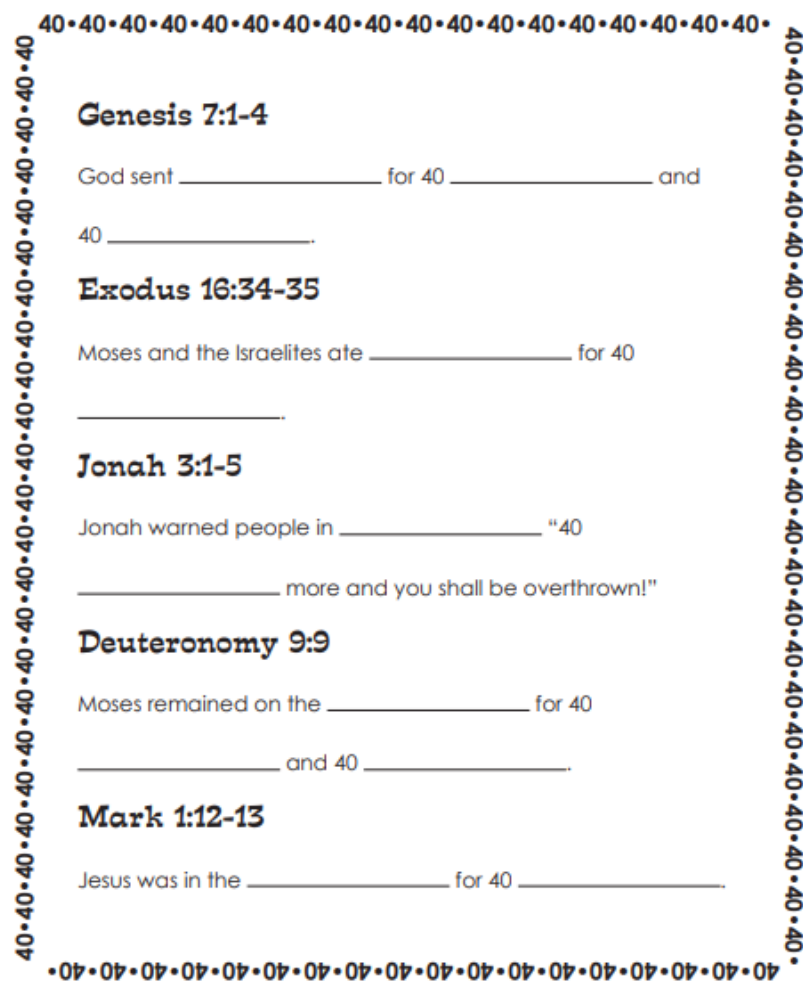
#### SPLASHY LOCALE ANSWERS

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LENT 1

## Biblical 40s

Look up these stories about 40. Then complete each sentence about 40!



### Genesis 7:1-4

God sent \_\_\_\_\_ for 40 \_\_\_\_\_ and 40 \_\_\_\_\_.

### Exodus 16:34-35

Moses and the Israelites ate \_\_\_\_\_ for 40 \_\_\_\_\_.

### Jonah 3:1-5

Jonah warned people in \_\_\_\_\_ "40 \_\_\_\_\_ more and you shall be overthrown!"

### Deuteronomy 9:9

Moses remained on the \_\_\_\_\_ for 40 \_\_\_\_\_ and 40 \_\_\_\_\_.

### Mark 1:12-13

Jesus was in the \_\_\_\_\_ for 40 \_\_\_\_\_.



### Look It Up!

The story of Jesus' temptation is in Mark and two other Gospels. Which gospel does not include it? Write it here.