



Concordia Lutheran Church
4210 Johnson Ave NW
Cedar Rapids, IA 52405
Second Sunday in Lent
March 1, 2026

Announcements for March 1, 2026

Sunday (1)	8:30 am Worship & Live Stream 10:00 am Adult Bible Class 6:00-8:00 pm Youth Group
Monday (2)	4:30 pm Irish Class 6:00 pm Elders 7:00 pm Trustees
Tuesday (3)	9:00 am Holy Chair Yoga 6:00 pm Board of Ed
Wednesday (4)	5:30-6:30 pm STEPP Up & Confirmation Class 7:00 pm Midweek Lenten Service
Saturday (7)	6:00-9:00 pm Family Game Night
Sunday (8)	Easter Lily Orders Due 8:30 am Worship with Holy Communion & Live Stream 10:00 am Adult Bible Class 6:00-8:00 pm Youth Group

Welcome Concordia members & guests – please be sure to fill out the attendance/communion cards located in each pew. Thank you!

Last week at Concordia: Attendance: Planned returning: \$3,136 Actual returning: \$2,104 YTD: \$8,462

Please join us for our midweek Lenten services on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm. This year the series title is “Promised Treasures”

- Midweek 2 of Lent – March 4 – “Water Gives You Life”
- Midweek 3 of Lent – March 11 – “Light Shining in Darkness”
- Midweek 4 of Lent – March 18 – “Bread of Life”
- Midweek 5 of Lent – March 25 – “Palms and Victory”
- Maundy Thursday – April 2 – “Water and Blood”
- Good Friday – April 3 – “The Old Rugged, Wooden Cross”

EASTER LILIES - We are taking orders for Easter Lilies and need your help to decorate the church for Easter Sunday. You may take your lily home to enjoy after Easter morning service. Lilies are \$11 each and orders are due by Sunday, March 8th.

SAVE THE DATE! Saturday, March 7th: Family Game Night: 6-9pm Come enjoy fellowship with the youth and play board and/or card games. Snacks will be provided. Please sign up on the bulletin board with how many are attending. Cost: free will donation.

Mark your calendars! Please join us for our **Easter Breakfast** hosted by Youth Group following service on April 5th. There is a signup sheet for items needed if you would like to donate. You may drop your donation off in the kitchen on Friday, April 3, or on Saturday, April 4 – 8:30-9:00 am.

Tired of the winter doldrums? The LWML Cedar Rapids Zone Spring Servant Event is coming soon. All ladies of the congregation are invited to this uplifting and joyful opportunity to “Rejoice in the Lord Always” at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, 2301 East Court Street, Iowa City, Iowa, on April 11. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. with brunch and a meeting at 9:00 a.m. The in-gathering will be for the Domestic Violence Intervention Program (DVIP). Items needed are Bath towels, washcloths, twin sheet sets, bed pillows, twin size blankets, body soap, shampoo and body lotions. RSVP to *your group president/contact person today*.

Building Healthy Families: How is it that, though we’re connected today to the entire world 24/7 through technology, we’re feeling lonelier than ever? Isolation from others, limited in-person social connections, families living apart, and chronic stress are among the things that have us experiencing loneliness and depression at higher rates than any previous generation. LFS is here to help you or someone you know who is struggling. Through in-person meetings or via telehealth screen to your home, LFS counselors you can trust are now available to help with chronic or a sudden bout of depression, loneliness, anxiety or any other concern. Why struggle alone when help is readily available? Call us – it’s why we’re here! Learn more at www.LutheranFamilyService.org **Lutheran Family Service**

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798 The God of Abraham Praise

- 1 The God of Abr'ham praise,
Who reigns enthroned above;
Ancient of everlasting days
And God of love.
Jehovah, great I AM!
By earth and heav'n confessed;
I bow and bless the sacred name
Forever blest.
- 2 The God of Abr'ham praise,
At whose supreme command
From earth I rise and seek the joys
At His right hand.
I all on earth forsake,
Its wisdom, fame, and pow'r,
And Him my only portion make,
My shield and tow'r.
- 3 The God of Abr'ham praise,
Whose all-sufficient grace
Shall guide me all my pilgrim days
In all my ways.
He deigns to call me friend;
He calls Himself my God.
And He shall save me to the end
Through Jesus' blood.
- 4 He by Himself has sworn;
I on His oath depend.
I shall, on eagle wings upborne,
To heav'n ascend.
I shall behold His face;
I shall His pow'r adore
And sing the wonders of His grace
Forevermore.
- 5 Though nature's strength decay,
And earth and hell withstand,
To Canaan's bounds I urge my way
At His command.
The wat'ry deep I pass,
With Jesus in my view,
And through the howling wilderness
My way pursue.
- 6 The goodly land I see,
With peace and plenty blest:
A land of sacred liberty
And endless rest.
There milk and honey flow,
And oil and wine abound,
And trees of life forever grow
With mercy crowned.

7 There dwells the Lord our king,
The Lord our righteousness,
Triumphant o'er the world and sin,
The Prince of Peace.
On Zion's sacred height
His kingdom He maintains
And glorious with His saints in light
Forever reigns.

8 The God who reigns on high
The great archangels sing,
And "Holy, holy, holy!" cry,
"Almighty King!
Who was and is the same
And evermore shall be:
Jehovah, Father, great I AM!
We worship Thee!"

△ 9 The whole triumphant host
Give thanks to God on high.
"Hail, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!"
They ever cry.
Hail, Abr'ham's God and mine!
I join the heav'nly lays:
All might and majesty are Thine
And endless praise!

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Confession and Absolution

Stand

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Service of the Word

Introit

He remembers his covenant forever,
the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations.

Seek the LORD and his strength;
seek his presence continually!

Remember the wondrous works that he has done,
his miracles, and the judgments he uttered,

O offspring of Abraham, his servant,
children of Jacob, his chosen ones!

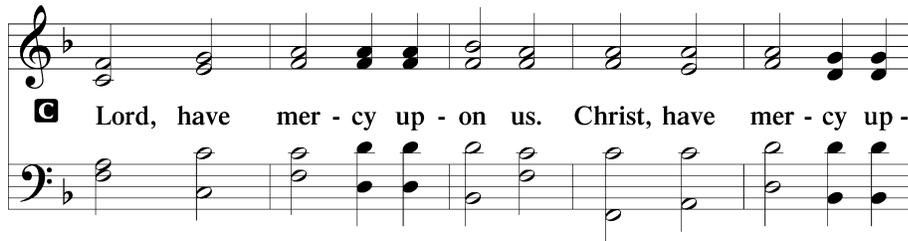
He is the LORD our God;
his judgments are in all the earth.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

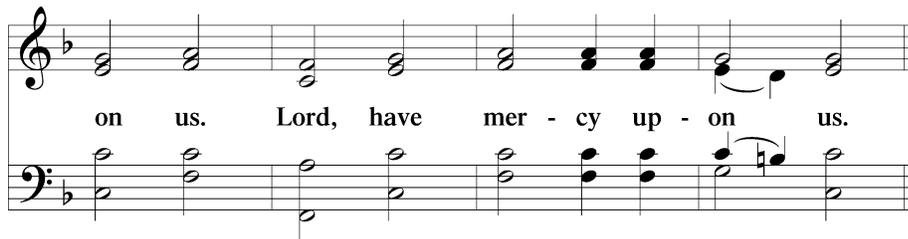
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Kyrie

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Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

P Let us pray.

O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 12:1–9

¹The LORD said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. ²And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

⁴So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. ⁵And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother’s son, and all their possessions that they had gathered, and the people that they had acquired in Haran, and they set out to go to the land of Canaan. When they came to the land of Canaan, ⁶Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. ⁷Then the LORD appeared to Abram and said, “To your offspring I will give this land.” So he built there an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him. ⁸From there he moved to the hill country on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. And there he built an altar to the LORD and called upon the name of the LORD. ⁹And Abram journeyed on, still going toward the Negeb.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

[O come, let us fix our eyes on] Jesus,
the founder and perfecter of our faith,

who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame,
and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

Epistle

Romans 4:1–8, 13–17

¹What then shall we say was gained by Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh? ²For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. ³For what does the Scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness.” ⁴Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due. ⁵And to the one who does not work but trusts him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness, ⁶just as David also speaks of the blessing of the one to whom God counts righteousness apart from works:

⁷“Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven,
and whose sins are covered;

⁸blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin.” . . .

¹³For the promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of the world did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression.

¹⁶That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring—not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all, ¹⁷as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Holy Gospel

John 3:1–17

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the third chapter.

C Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

¹Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. ²This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him.” ³Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.” ⁴Nicodemus said to him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born?” ⁵Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. ⁶That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’ ⁸The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.”

⁹Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” ¹⁰Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? ¹¹Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. ¹²If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

C 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 \dagger everlasting. Amen.

Sit

571 God Loved the World So That He Gave

- 1 God loved the world so that He gave
His only Son the lost to save,
That all who would in Him believe
Should everlasting life receive.
- 2 Christ Jesus is the ground of faith,
Who was made flesh and suffered death;
All then who trust in Him alone
Are built on this chief cornerstone.
- 3 God would not have the sinner die;
His Son with saving grace is nigh;
His Spirit in the Word declares
How we in Christ are heaven's heirs.
- 4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son
Forgives all sins which you have done;
And, justified by Jesus' blood,
Your Baptism grants the highest good.
- 5 If you are sick, if death is near,
This truth your troubled heart can cheer:
Christ Jesus saves your soul from death;
That is the firmest ground of faith.

\triangle 6 Glory to God the Father, Son,
And Holy Spirit, Three in One!
To You, O blessèd Trinity,
Be praise now and eternally!

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Sermon

P The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.
C Amen.

Stand

Offertory



■ Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - Sit
 new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
 way from Thy pres-ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
 from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
 tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

Sit

Offering

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542 When I Behold Jesus Christ

- 1** When I behold Jesus Christ,
 True God who died for me,
 I wonder much at His love
 As He hung on the tree. Refrain
- ref** What kind of love is this?
 What kind of love is this?
 You showed Your love, Jesus, there
 To me on Calvary.
 What kind of love is this?
 What kind of love is this?
 You showed Your love, Jesus, there
 To me on Calvary.
- 2** For me You gave all Your love,
 For me You suffered pain;
 I find no words, nothing can
 Your selflessness explain. Refrain
- 3** You had no sin, holy Lord,
 But You were tortured, tried;
 On Golgotha there for all
 My sins You bled and died. Refrain
- 4** What love is this? Greater love
 No one has ever known.
 My life with God— this I owe
 To You, and You alone. Refrain



Stand

Prayer of the Church (each petition after ends)

...let us pray to the Lord, **Lord, have mercy.**

Lord's Prayer

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C 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.

Benedicamus

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P Bless we the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

LSB 202

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.
C Amen, amen, amen.

718 Jesus, Lead Thou On

- 1 **Jesus, lead Thou on**
 Till our rest is won;
 And although the way be cheerless,
 We will follow calm and fearless.
 Guide us by Thy hand
 To our fatherland.
- 2 **If the way be drear,**
 If the foe be near,
 Let not faithless fears o'ertake us;
 Let not faith and hope forsake us;
 For through many_a woe
 To our home we go.
- 3 **When we seek relief**
 From a long-felt grief,
 When temptations come alluring,
 Make us patient and enduring.
 Show us that bright shore
 Where we weep no more.
- 4 **Jesus, lead Thou on**
 Till our rest is won.
 Heav'nly leader, still direct us,
 Still support, console, protect us,
 Till we safely stand
 In our fatherland.

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