

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
(Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod)
LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS
February 18, 2018

THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

PRAYER UPON ENTERING CHURCH

Lord God, heavenly Father, You gave Your One and Only Son as the once and for all sacrifice for my sins and the sins of all. By Your grace You have saved me. You freely grant me pardon and peace and call upon me to offer the sacrifice of a broken spirit, a broken and contrite heart. Lead me by Your Holy Spirit to confess my sins and rejoice in Your forgiveness through Jesus Christ, Your Son and my Lord. I pray this in His holy name. Amen

WELCOME

Welcome to Grace this First Sunday in Lent! The prayer that Jesus taught His disciples to pray, we still pray today. One of the petitions of the Lord's Prayer is "Lead us not into temptation." In our Epistle reading for today James writes by the power of the Holy Spirit that "God tempts no one." So too Dr. Martin Luther wrote, and many of us memorized these words; "God tempts no one. We pray in this petition that God would guard and keep us so that the devil, the world, and our sinful nature may not deceive us or mislead us into false belief, despair, and other great shame and vice. Although we are attacked by these things, we pray that we may finally overcome them and win the victory." (Small Catechism – 6th Petition)

If you are visiting with us we especially wish to welcome you! We ask that everyone fill out an attendance card found at each pew and return it to an usher during the Offering. If you would like to know more about Grace, please speak with our Pastor. Children are welcome in our Service. A nursery for infants and toddlers is located downstairs for anyone who has need.

HOLY COMMUNION

Holy Communion is celebrated in our 10:45 Service this morning. If you are not a member of Grace and desire to receive this Sacrament of Christ's body and blood given and shed for the forgiveness of sins, we ask that you first speak with our Pastor so that the unity of faith might be established. Thank you for honoring this request.

AS WE GATHER

During the season of Lent we are called to recognize and resist temptation in our lives. Temptation comes in many forms—things, people, ideas, behaviors, and more. An important distinction needs to be made between testing and tempting. God tested Abraham in today's Old Testament account, and He did not let Abraham sacrifice Isaac. Instead, He provided a substitute: a ram. God may test us at times, but He never tempts us toward evil. The Holy Spirit through James, in the Epistle reading, was adamant about that. The evangelist Mark reminds us that Jesus was tempted in every way as we are, and yet was without sin. His life is the sacrifice foreshadowed by the ram provided in place of Isaac. By His death for us, Jesus empowers us to resist temptation in all forms.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS

The Altar Flowers are given today to the glory of God and the beautification of His house by David and Diane Roberts in celebration of Alex's 17th birthday. "We are so proud of you and love you very much, Mom and Dad"

THOSE WHO SERVE

Pastor:		Rev. James C. Walter
Director of Parish Music:		Charles Russell
Secretary:		Pat Funk
Early Childhood Center Director:		Colleen Moorman
Acolyte:	(8:15)	James Junkans
Cantor:	(8:15)	Chuck Fandrei
Ushers:	(8:15)	Raymond Harrill, Robert Jones
Greeters:	(8:15)	Robert Nichols, Richard Sanders, Robert Wilimzig
Altar Guild:	(8:15)	Robert and Carole Nichols
Acolyte:	(10:45)	Sheila Wilimzig
Cantor:	(10:45)	Morgan Yovanovich
Communion Elder:	(10:45)	Suzanne Lambert
Ushers:	(10:45)	Jonathan Cline
Greeters:	(10:45)	Shaun Baker, Ron Krueger
Altar Guild:	(10:45)	Tim Sweeney, Greg Warren
Coffee Hosts:		Shaun and Justine Baker
Altar Guild:	(Wed. evening)	Lou Alice May
Nursery Attendant:		Lisa Hicks, Doris Holzhauer, Paulette Goldsby
		Suzanne Raddle, Wilma Richter
		Mary Ann Dyer

THE APPOINTED READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, February 25th, Second Sunday in Lent, are: Old Testament Reading: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16, The Epistle Reading: Romans 5:1-11, and The Holy Gospel: Mark 8:27-38.

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THE ORDER OF DIVINE SERVICE

for

THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

Prelude

Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott ~ Michael Praetorius

Lighting of the Chancel Candles

Ringing of the Church Bell

Opening Hymn: A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

LSB 657

Confession and Absolution

Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation

Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]

- P** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen

Exhortation

1 John 1:8–9

- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

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

Confession of Sins

- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what**

we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen

Declaration of Grace (8:15)

John 1:12; Philippians 1:6

- P** In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C Amen

Absolution (10:45)

[John 20:19–23]

- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore 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

Ps. 91:9–13; antiphon: Ps. 91:15–16

- P** When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble;
C **I will rescue him and honor him.**
- P** With long life I will satisfy him
C **and show him my salvation.**
- P** Because you have made the LORD your dwelling place—
C **the Most High, who is my refuge—**
- P** no evil shall be allowed to befall you,
C **no plague come near your tent.**
- P** For he will command his angels concerning you
C **to guard you in all your ways.**
- P** On their hands they will bear you up,
C **lest you strike your foot against a stone.**

P You will tread on the lion and the adder;
C the young lion and the serpent you will trample underfoot.

C 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

P When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble;
C I will rescue him and honor him.

P With long life I will satisfy him
C and show him my salvation.

Canticle: Your Heart, O God, Is Grieved

LSB 945

Cantor

1 O God, Father in heav - en, have mer-cy up - on us.
2 O Son of God, Redeemer of the world, have mer-cy up - on us.
3 O God, Holy Spir - it, have mer-cy up - on us.

Congregation

Your heart, O God, is grieved, we know, By ev - 'ry
Your arms ex - tend, O Christ, to save From sting of
O lav - ish Giv - er, come to aid The fee - ble

e - vil, ev - 'ry woe; Up - on Your cross - for -
death and grasp of grave; Your scars be - fore the -
child Your grace has made. Now make us grow and

sak - en Son Our death is laid, and peace is won.
Fa - ther move His heart to mer - cy at such love.
help us pray; Bring joy and com - fort; come to stay.

Salutation and Collect of the Day



P The Lord be with you.



C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

O Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide the people of Your Church that following our Savior we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; 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 22:1–18

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Heb. 12:2



[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, despis- | ing the shame,*
and is seated at the right hand of the | throne of God.

Epistle

James 1:12–18

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Verse of the Day

Eph. 6:11

P Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil.

Verse for Lent

Joel 2:13

C Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for He is gra - cious and
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a-bound - ing in
stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

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Holy Gospel

Mark 1:9-15

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.

C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

The reading of the Holy Gospel.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

Children's Message

Sermon

“The Lord Has Provided the Sacrifice”

Genesis 22:1-18

Stand

Apostles' Creed (8:15)

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  everlasting. Amen

Nicene Creed (10:45)

C I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,

being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life \ddagger of the world to come. Amen

Prayer of the Church

- P** Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Each petition ends with the following:

- P** Lord, in Your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude with the following:

- P** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy;
through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
C Amen

Sit

Offering

A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth ~ Ralph C. Schultz

Stand

Offertory

Psalm 116:12-13, 17-19

C What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to
me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my
vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

10:45 service continues on page 12

Service Concludes (8:15)

Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9–13

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
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

Collect

P Almighty God, grant to Your Church Your Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes down from above, that Your Word may not be bound but have free course and be preached to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, that in steadfast faith we may serve You and, in the confession of Your name, abide unto the end; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
C Amen

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord lift His countenance upon you and **☩** give you peace.
C Amen

Closing Hymn: A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth

LSB 438 sts. 3-4

Postlude

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God ~ Charles W. O're



Service of the Sacrament (10:45)

Preface

2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]

Musical notation for the Preface. The first line consists of a single note followed by a short melodic line. The second line has a longer melodic line.

P The Lord be with you.

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C And also with you.

Musical notation for the Preface. The first line consists of a single note followed by a short melodic line. The second line has a longer melodic line.

P Lift up your hearts.

Musical notation for the Preface. The first line consists of a single note followed by a short melodic line. The second line has a longer melodic line.

C We lift them to the Lord.

Musical notation for the Preface. The first line consists of a single note followed by a short melodic line. The second line has a longer melodic line.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Musical notation for the Preface. The first line consists of a single note followed by a short melodic line. The second line has a longer melodic line.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Proper Preface

- P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9

C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

- P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen

The Words of Our Lord

*Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24;
Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

- P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My $\text{\text{T}}$ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My $\text{\text{T}}$ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

Proclamation of Christ

1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20

- P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
- C** Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.
- P** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

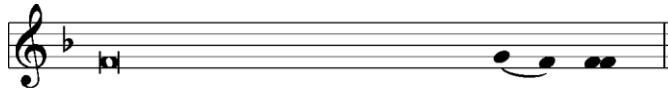
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C Our Father who art in heaven,
 hallowed be Thy name,
 Thy kingdom come,
 Thy will be done on earth
 as it is in heaven;
 give us this day our daily bread;
 and forgive us our trespasses
 as we forgive those
 who trespass against us;
 and lead us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

Pax Domini

John 20:19



P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



Agnus Dei

John 1:29

C Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have /
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the /
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the /
sin of the world; grant us peace.

Sit

Distribution

Communion Instructions: The Pastor invites the communicants, those who are able, to kneel and then distributes the host which may be received into the hand or the mouth. The Elder distributes the individual cups. The communicants are asked to hold their cups until the Pastor says, “Take and drink.”

Hymn: Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior

LSB 627

Service Note: There will be an organ interlude between stanzas 5 and 6.

Hymn: The Lamb

LSB 547

Hymn: O Christ, You Walked the Road

LSB 424

Stand

Nunc Dimitis

Luke 2:29–32

C Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace; Your word has been ful -
filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va-tion which You have pre -
pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re -
veal You to the na-tions and the glo-ry of Your peo-ple Is - ra - el.
Glo-ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Spir-it;
as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

Post-Communion Collect

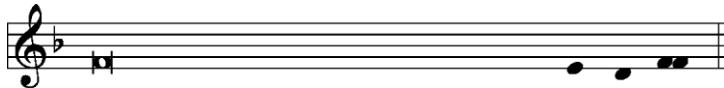
P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C A - men.

Benediction

Numbers 6:24–26



P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you
and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.



C A - men.

Closing Hymn: A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth

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Postlude

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God ~ Charles W. Ore



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THIS WEEK AT GRACE

SUNDAY:	8:15 a.m. – Divine Service Coffee and Fellowship in the Parlor 9:45 a.m. – Sunday School downstairs in Parker Hall 9:45 a.m. – Junior and Senior High classes downstairs in the church 9:45 a.m. – Pastor Walter’s Bible Class upstairs in Parker Hall 10:45 a.m. – Divine Service with Holy Communion
MON - FRI:	7:30 a.m. – Early Childhood Development Center
TUESDAY:	12:00 noon – Fellowship Club 5:30 p.m. – Handbell Choir 6:30 p.m. – Adult Choir
WEDNESDAY:	6:30 a.m. – Men’s Bible Study (St. Vincent’s) 11:00 a.m. – 8 th Grade Confirmation 5:30 p.m. – Lenten Dinner 7:00 p.m. – Lenten Divine Service
THURSDAY:	5:00 p.m. – 7 th Grade Confirmation

TODAY IN SUNDAY SCHOOL - The account of “Paul and Silas in Prison” serves as the focus of Sunday School today. Just as God freed Paul and Silas from prison, granting them life out of death, so Christ by His crucifixion and resurrection frees me from the prison of my sins and grants me life eternal. Questions for discussion include “How is this event more than just a story about Paul’s escape from prison?” and “How has God rescued us from the prison of sin?”

PASTOR WALTER’S CLASS meets each Sunday morning at 9:45 a.m. upstairs in the Family Life Center in Parker Hall. Pastor Walter will continue with the study of the Book of Acts.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES for children ages 3 years through 6th grade meet in the lower level of the Family Life Center and **JUNIOR HIGH AND HIGH SCHOOL CLASSES** meet in their classrooms downstairs in the church.

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY to the family of Roy Wilimzig, father of Bob Wilimzig, who died Tuesday, February 13, in Glen Carbon, Illinois. Please remember Bob and Sheila and their family in your prayers.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY AND GOD’S BLESSINGS TO:

Feb. 19 – Abby and Charlie Buchanan

HAPPY BIRTHDAY AND GOD'S BLESSINGS TO:

Feb. 18 – Hannah Mainard
Feb. 19 – Michael Geater, Michael Gipson, Sammye Sue Harrill
Feb. 20 – Riley Middaugh
Feb. 21 – Monika Hemenway, Kay Jenkins, Wilma Richter
Feb. 22 – Alex Roberts
Feb. 23 – Anna Tart
Feb. 24 – Annalia Buchanan, Robert Wilimzig

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Jim Keppel continues his recovery at home.
Hedy Billmayer is in hospice care at home.
Alice Dobbs is recovering following surgery.
Emma Louise Lile is in hospice care at Briarwood Nursing Center

GRACE WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP – Attendance: Sunday 2/11: 173 (8:15 – 101 and 10:45 – 72). Ash Wednesday Service 2/14: 106. **Offerings:** Sunday 2/11: \$6,490.00. Mid-week Service 2/7: \$160.00. Memorials: \$140.00. Scholarship Fund: \$50.00. Building Fund: \$440.00.

CONGRATULATIONS to Josh and Suzanne Lindemann Hardman on the birth of their daughter Evelyn Reece on Thursday, February 15th, in Defiance, Ohio. Her grandparents are Jon and Sandy Lindemann. Congratulations and God's blessings.

FELLOWSHIP CLUB will meet on **Tuesday, February 20th at 12:00 noon** in Parker Hall for lunch served by our ACTS friends. Join us for fun, food, and fellowship!! Call the church office if you need more information.

MEMORIALS -

IN MEMORY OF BETH PAULSON
TO GRACE BUILDING FUND
By Judy Rivers
Peggy Sloyer

IN MEMORY OF SANDY PRICE
TO GRACE BUILDING FUND
By Judy Rivers

LITTLE ROCK MARATHON

Sunday, March 4th

The Little Rock Marathon will be held **Sunday, March 4th**, beginning at 8:00 a.m. with the race route going past Grace.

Both lanes of Lookout will be closed and one lane of Kavanaugh from downtown to Hillcrest will be closed.

The best route to the church will be to go east on Lee to Beechwood, turn left on Beechwood going across Kavanaugh to Hillcrest as they allow the traffic to move. Turn left on Hillcrest and come to the church.

Coming from the west on Cantrell, you can also take Kavanaugh to Hillcrest and very carefully turn left onto Hillcrest as you are permitted. Please proceed with care.

Lenten Services each Wednesday



Lenten Services and Dinners

Mid-Week Lenten Services – 7:00 p.m.
Lenten Dinners – 5:30 p.m. in Parker Hall

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February 21st – Midweek Lent 1

“Garden to Garden: Eden to Heaven”

Dinner – JOY Club – Tacos

February 28th – Midweek Lent 2

“Mountain to Mountain: Mount Moriah to Mount Zion”

**Dinner – Board of Parish Fellowship – Chicken tenders, baked beans,
potato salad**