

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH
The First Sunday In Lent
February 21, 2021

“Surviving In The Wilderness”
Mark 1:9-15

Survival in the wilderness depends on a critical set of basic skills. Our spiritual survival depends on the gifts of God’s grace. He equips us with the power of His Holy Spirit to survive in a world hostile to the Gospel. God calls us in Lent to active repentance and faith. He strengthens our survival skills for the duration of our time in this wilderness world.

BE Whose You Are (Mark 1:11)

- We have identity and relationship.
Isaiah 43:1 John 10:3
- We are children of the Promise.
Genesis 22:2 John 1:12-13 Acts 2:38-39 Romans 6:3-4
- Repentance turns us toward our Father’s home.
Luke 15:11-24

BE Prepared For Battle (Mark 1:12-13a)

- The enemy is real. We live on the battleground.
James 1:14-15 Galatians 5:16-21 Romans 7:7-25
- We are armed by a powerful Lord with a powerful Word.
Hebrews 2:18 Matthew 4:4-10 Ephesians 6:10-18

BE A Helper For Others (Mark 1:13b)

- Helpers bring hope.
Psalms 25:1-5 Isaiah 49:13 51:12-16
- Think hospital – not museum!
- Receive the love of Christ in Word and Sacrament.
- Share care in word and deed.

FAITH FAMILY AT PRAYER

A Resource for Home Devotions
February 21 - 27

Readings from Holy Scripture

*The following lessons may be read in the morning and evening,
or in any way that works best for your schedule.*

Sunday	Gen. 4:1-26	Mark 2:18-28
Monday	Gen. 6:1-7:5	Mark 3:1-19
Tuesday	Gen. 7:11-8:12	Mark 3:20-35
Wednesday	Gen. 8:13-9:17	Mark 4:1-20
Thursday	Gen. 11:27-12:20	Mark 4:21-41
Friday	Gen. 13:1-18	Mark 5:1-20
Saturday	Gen. 15:1-21	Mark 5:21-43

SMALL CATECHISM

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

The Eighth Commandment

You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we do not tell lies about our neighbor, betray him, slander him, or hurt his reputation, but defend him, speak well of him, and explain everything in the kindest way.

What does God forbid in the Eighth Commandment?

God forbids us to slander our neighbor or hurt our neighbor's reputation.

Luke 6:37 Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned.

James 4:11 Do not speak evil against one another, brothers.

DAILY PRAYER

INVOCATION

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

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Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

PRAYERS FOR OTHERS and OURSELVES

Sunday: The joy of the resurrection, for godly worship and preaching of God's Word.

Monday: Faith to live in Holy Baptism; vocation, daily work, the unemployed, our neighbors, government, peace.

Tuesday: from temptation; the addicted and despairing; the oppressed; those struggling with sins.

Wednesday: Marriage, family, single parents, schools, universities, seminaries.

Thursday: Church, pastors, deaconesses, missionaries, faithful use of the Sacraments.

Friday: Preaching of the cross of our Lord in our community and the world.

Saturday: Faithfulness; the dying; those fallen away; open hearts for worship.

LORD'S PRAYER

CLOSING PRAYER

Almighty God, create in us new and contrite hearts that we might repent of our sins and may obtain from Your mercy complete forgiveness through Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

For Next Sunday:

**Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16; Psalm 22:23-31;
Romans 5:1-11; Mark 8:27-38**