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Great Falls, MT 59404



NEXT WEEK READINGS

Isaiah 58:3-9;

Psalm 112;

1 Corinthians 2:1-16;

Matthew 5:13-20

CHURCH INFORMATION

Monday - Friday | 9 AM - 5 PM

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LIFE QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“You may have a messy story. Your family may have a dysfunctional past. Your past (or present) may be filled with greed, sexual immorality, or other idols. But Jesus won’t let that stop Him from reaching out to you with the message of His unconditional love. You might be far from good, but you are not too far gone for God.”
Pastor Mike Novotny, Time of Grace – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

PRAYERS THIS WEEK

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

- For the Christians in the Workforce
- For Christ to be Boldly Proclaimed
- For Grace and Protection in Families
- For Those Who Mourn or are Afflicted

PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY

Dayna Willcut, Becky Nelson, Stewart Schwartz, Gene Bern, Robert Cochran, John Mazur, Tami Harrison, Susan Adams, Pat Fournier, Casey Thomas, Pat Strand, Donna Parsons, Tom Moring, Rod & Lou Ann Guy, Callie DiFulgentis, Justin Tews, Tara Knight, Eleanor Jandt, Bob Palmer, Fred Burow, Bob Haensel, Char Schram, Jim & Diane Lowry, Becca Thompson, Leona Wenaas, Robbie Stubbs, Nancy Radford, Monica Fournier, Fred Shauer, Sandy Rittenhouse, Judy Stubbs, Barb Clark, the family David Hellod, family of Lorraine Deming,



FEBRUARY 1, 2026



NEED PRAYER?
Call or email the office to be added to this list or to the prayer chain.

WELCOME

Welcome to our church. We trust God will bless you through your worship here today. We believe that the bread and wine we receive in Holy Communion are the true body and blood of Christ, for the forgiveness of sins, so that in receiving them we receive our Lord. If this is your belief, and you have been baptized into the body of Christ, you are welcome to receive the sacrament here. White grape juice is available for those who do not wish to receive wine. Individually wrapped Gluten-free wafers are also available. If coming up to the front is difficult for you, please tell an usher and we will serve you communion where you are seated.

Out of gratefulness for God's blessings, the ministries of Faith are supported by members and friends who give their tithes and offerings in support of the church, the need in our community, and around the world.

We have a family room located to the right of the sanctuary entrance. Our nursery is open ask an usher to show you where it's at.

If it's your first visit please pick up your welcome gift and sign our guest book at the Connection Center. If you are looking for a church home, we invite you to join us at Faith!

ABOUT US

We are a loving church — *called to love the Lord our God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength, and to love our neighbor as ourselves.*

We are a praying church — *people of prayer who pray for one another and for the needs of our community, world and all in need.*

We are a disciple-making church — *committed to living and sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ and bearing witness to our Christian faith in inviting others to know and follow Jesus.*

We are a serving church — *serving others in Jesus' name by feeding the hungry, helping the poor and being the presence of Christ in a tangible way.*

AS CHRIST-FOLLOWERS WE



THIS IS THE JOURNEY OF FAITH.

Matthew 28:19-20 "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age."

FEBRUARY

Special Offerings

First Sunday of the Month

Samaritan's Purse

Thir'd Sunday of the Month

Neighbor in Need

Love Day Quilters

Thursday, February 5th,
at 9am

Women's Crafting Group

Sunday, February 8th at 4 pm

Saturday, February 28th at 2 pm

Bring your craft or supplies available.

Devotions, Prayer, Snacks, Fellowship

Easter Egg Hunt

NEEDED:
SMALL CANDIES
& CHRISTIAN
TRINKETS

Men of Faith

MONTHLY MEETING ON
FEBRUARY 4 AT 5:30 PM

FAMILY SUPER BOWL PARTY



FEBRUARY 8
4:00 PM

1300 FERGUSON DRIVE
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This will be a
potluck, bring your
favorite super bowl
food to share!

SOULO SISTERS



February 10th at 11:30
at City Bar



Ash Wednesday

February 18th
7 pm

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: We pray for families, that our Father in heaven would bless our households with grace and protection; and that we might remember Him in both joy and trouble and worship before Him forever, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: We pray for peace, that the Lord who led His people past pharaoh and Balak would provide wise rulers to the nations and protect us from tyranny, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: We pray for those who mourn and those who are troubled by sickness and affliction, especially _____ and all those that we name in our hearts in this moment of silence. We pray that the Lord would comfort, heal and deliver according to His good and gracious will, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of Him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever.

People: Amen.

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes. Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray, as we sing:

LORD’S PRAYER (Sung)

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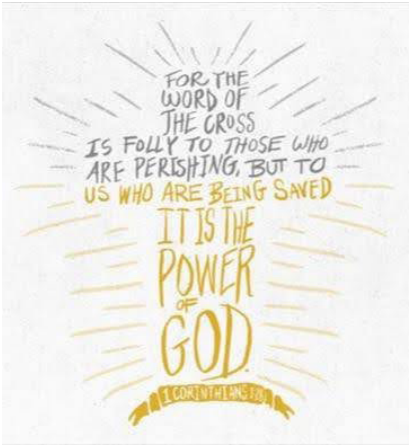
BENEDICTION

SONG “Great Are You Lord” [Praise Team]

DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God and WE WILL!



FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

The Cross of Jesus Christ and Him Crucified – February 1, 2026

AS WE GATHER

Much of our world thinks our faith is irrelevant! Very often, even though you and I have been connected with a Christian congregation for a long time, we perhaps pay little attention to the cross of Jesus Christ. While we’re busy doing all the things that have come to be identified with the church, we don’t see the world around us changing much; and when it does, it’s always because people like us take the bull by the horns. Certainly it does not seem to happen because the cross of Jesus is changing anything. Let’s be honest about it. Isn’t that the way we often think, even if it is not in so many words? Paul’s letter to the Corinthians says that people demand signs and seek wisdom, therefore Paul teaches us that some people will hear about Jesus and his cross but will not care and some people will even be offended when we tell them about the cross of Jesus. So, this means that it is not up to us to create the faith, that is the work of the Holy Spirit. Therefore, the responsibility of making Christians is off our shoulders and is up to the Holy Spirit. As Paul tells us in verse 21, “It pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe.” These words teach us that it is God who saves. He works through what we preach, but it is God who does the saving. Paul even applies the word folly to the things we preach just so that we understand that it is not what we do, but what God does that saves.

PRESERVICE SONGS “Above All” [CCLI Video]
“How Deep the Father’s Love” [CCLI Video]

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

✠ PREPARATION ✠

RINGING OF THE BELL

SONG “Holy, Holy, Holy” [Praise Team]

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

OPENING PRAYER 1 JOHN 1:8-9

Pastor: Let us pray together. We pray:

People: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of

your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

People: **But if we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:8-9 ESV)**

(Silence for reflection and self-examination)

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Let us now make confession of our sins to God, our gracious heavenly Father.

People: **Eternal God, we confess that by nature we are sinful people. We are given to sinful thoughts, sinful words, and sinful deeds. We have transgressed Your law in many ways, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have often been heedless of our calling to follow in Your ways. Because of our sins and our sinfulness, we deserve Your punishment now and for eternity. Gracious God, in Your mercy, forgive our sin and restore us to a full and joyful relationship with You through the merits of Jesus, our Lord. Direct our days by Your Holy Spirit that we may joyfully follow Your will and gladly obey Your commandments as Your redeemed people, bringing the brightness of Your light to the darkened world.**

Pastor: Upon this your confession, I, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to you. And in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

☩ **WORD** ☩

PRAISE SONG “On Eagle’s Wings” [Praise Team]

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Micah 6:1–8*

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE *1 Corinthians 1:18–31*

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 5:1–12*

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE (Ann Derr)

SONG “I’ve Got The Joy”

SERMON “The Cross of Jesus Christ and Him Crucified” *1 Corinthians 1:18-31*

SERMON HYMN “Lift High the Cross” [REC 269 vs. 1, 3 & 5]

CATECHISM The Third Article

Pastor: The Third Article of the Apostles’ Creed is focused on the Holy Spirit and the ways in which the work of the Spirit blesses our lives. Often given the heading “Sanctification,” the Third Article presents and emphasizes what matters for our spiritual lives now and forever.

People: **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.**

What does this mean?

I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith.

In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

In this Christian Church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers.

On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ.

This is most certainly true.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs for in peace, let us pray to the Lord:

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: We pray for Christians in their vocations, that they might never be ashamed of Christ and Him crucified, but be free to boast in the Lord within their callings, let us pray to the Lord:

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: We pray for the wisdom of God, that we would not confess the wisdom of men, but boldly proclaim Christ and Him crucified for the salvation of the world, let us pray to the Lord: