

A Mighty Fortress Lutheran Church

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First Sunday in Lent February 26, 2012

WELCOME to worship! For hymns, refer to the red Evangelical Lutheran Worship book in the pew rack. Please place your "Friendship Register" sheet in the offering plate. And please feel comfortable to (*) stay seated if that is best for you. *Holy Communion is open to everyone.*

**stand as you are able*

GATHERING SONG "Lead Me, Guide Me" (Hymn #768) Insert

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND BOLD WOMEN TEMPLE TALK

PRELUDE "The Promise" INSTRUMENTAL ENSEMBLE

***OPENING HYMN** "Bless Now, O God, the Journey" Hymn #326

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS** [Setting One - ELW] Hymnal pages 94-96

***APOSTOLIC GREETING** [Setting Six - ELW] Hymnal page 165

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Leader: Let us pray. Holy God, heavenly Father,

ALL: in the waters of the flood you saved the chosen, and in the wilderness of temptation you protected your Son from sin. Renew us in the gift of baptism. May your holy angels be with us, that the wicked foe may have no power over us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. AMEN.

CHILDREN'S SERMON "Vegan, Vegetarian or Carnivore" SAGE AND EDNA
Children will leave for Joyful Journeys.

FIRST LESSON Genesis 9:8-17, Pew Bible page 13
L/Word of God, word of life. R/Thanks be to God.

A LITANY OF THANKS FOR BOLD WOMEN Insert

SECOND LESSON 1 Peter 3:18-22, Pew Bible page 1890
L/Word of God, word of life. R/Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** "Change My Heart, O God" Hymn #801

***THE HOLY GOSPEL** Mark 1:9-15, Pew Bible page 1552

Response after the announcement: Glory to you, O Lord.

Response after the conclusion: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON "Wild Beasts & Wilderness" Billboard PASTOR PETRY

***HYMN OF THE DAY** "For All the Faithful Women" (verses 1, 2 & 11) Hymn #419



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A Mighty Fortress Lutheran Church

A community of believers where:

All are welcome here

Making Christ known

Forgiven by Grace

"Building up & growing the body of Christ Jesus"

***APOSTLE'S CREED:** *Leader: God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.*

**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.**

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND SHARING OF THE PEACE**

Leader: Lord, in your mercy, **Congregation:** hear our prayer.

GATHERING OF OUR OFFERINGS AND SHEETS FROM THE FRIENDSHIP REGISTER

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"Beneath the Cross"

CHANCEL CHOIR

***OFFERTORY RESPONSE** (*we sing*): Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your spirit free, create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

***OFFERTORY PRAYER:** Let us pray. God of all creation,

ALL: all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. AMEN.

***WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

***LORD'S PRAYER** (spoken)

Hymnal page 191

***LAMB OF GOD**

[Setting Eight - ELW]

Hymnal page 191

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION ~ "Everyone invited and welcomed"

Welcome in the name of Jesus to all who come trusting in the gift of Christ's body and blood shared for all in this meal.

Here, "given and shed for you," are the promise of forgiveness, life and salvation in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Kneel or stand at the rail as there is room. For those who prefer - grape juice is offered instead of wine.

Any child not receiving Communion will be given a pastoral blessing at the communion rail.

COMMUNION HYMN

"I Want Jesus to Walk with Me"

Hymn #325

***TABLE BLESSING**

***POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE**

"Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus" (verse 1)

Hymn #802

Let us ever walk with Jesus, follow his example pure, through a world that would deceive us and to sin our spirits lure. Onward in his footsteps treading, trav'lers here, our home above, full of faith and hope and love, let us do our Savior's bidding. Faithful Lord, with me abide; I shall follow where you guide.

***POST-COMMUNION PRAYER, BENEDICTION & SENDING**

***CLOSING HYMN**

"God's Word is our Great Heritage"

Hymn #509

POSTLUDE

INSTRUMENTAL ENSEMBLE

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The omission of the *Kyrie, Hymn of Praise and Alleluia* from the Liturgy and the absence of altar flowers reflects the solemnity of Lent.

FEBRUARY WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

Greeter: Gus Kretschmer
Ushers: Jim and Barbara McGee
Offering Tellers: Brian and Becky Wardwell
Communion Presenter: Libby Holman
Communion Bread: Gus and Donna Kretschmer
Communion Wine: Libby Holman
Council Persons of the Month: Barbara Kutz/
 Brian Wardwell
Instrumental Ensemble: Charles Burton, Jon Greene,
 Katie Hughes, Robin Hussey and Anna Harrison

February 26:

Worship Assistant: Amy Johnson
Communion Preparation: Brian and Becky Wardwell
Joyful Journeys: Edna Chirico-Huber

AMF Website Note: Please visit www.amightyfortress.org. We are working in making regular improvements and would like your input and help in keeping our website fresh and inviting. We are asking for your photos and announcements. Please send anything you would like considered for posting to jhuber@greenmoose.net.

We are also working on an online directory – we will have a printed draft in your April newsletter for your review and approval. **Please let us know if there are any telephone numbers you don't want put on our website directory. You can contact the church office or indicate your choice in the directory located in the narthex.**

If you are on Facebook – please friend our Facebook page.
 Thank you - Edna

Please see today's insert for more information about upcoming events at AMF.

MARCH WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

Greeter: Renee' Collins
Ushers: Amy Johnson and Richard Lautensleger
Offering Tellers: Joe and Leslie Brigman
Communion Presenter: Amy Johnson
Communion Bread: Brian and Becky Wardwell
Communion Wine: Gus and Donna Kretschmer
Council Persons of the Month: Brian Wardwell/
 Barbara Kutz
Instrumental Ensemble: Charles Burton, Jon Greene,
 Katie Hughes, Robin Hussey and Anna Harrison

March 4

Worship Assistant/Crucifer: Gus Kretschmer
Communion Preparation: Libby Holman
Joyful Journeys: Libby Holman

March 11

Worship Assistant/Crucifer: Jim McGee
Communion Preparation: Barbara Kutz
Joyful Journeys: Edna Chirico-Huber

March 18

Worship Assistant/Crucifer: Brian Wardwell
Communion Preparation: Brian Wardwell
Joyful Journeys: Donna Kretschmer

March 25

Worship Assistant: Linda Meyer
Communion Preparation: Terry Saunders
Joyful Journeys: Edna Chirico-Huber

Lessons for Sunday, March 4
Second Sunday in Lent

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16; Psalm 22:23-31;
 Romans 4:13-25, Mark 8:31-38

Come & enjoy! Come & see! Come & meet! 3/3 from 5-7PM ~ this coming weekend! {covered-dish dinner included} Saturday, March 3rd, 2012, A Mighty Fortress members will host an 'ULTREYA' – that is a gathering of folks who have gone or are interested in attending a Via de Cristo weekend. Everyone is invited to share in this gathering! Come - especially if you have heard or are interested in learning more about the VdC weekend's *faith-filling GRACE experience*.

February – March 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26 Coffee Fellowship, 8:45 Adult Sunday School, 9 am Worship Service/ Joyful Journeys Kids, 10:20 am FH Reserved 12-5 pm	27 Zumba, 6:30 pm, FH	28 Girl Scouts, FH, 7 pm Queen City Ringers, Narthex	29 Community Lenten Service/ Meal at Cook's Presby. Ch., 12/noon Lenten Svc., AMF 7 pm Choir Rehearsal will follow the service	1 Zumba, 6:30 pm, FH Starz Baseball BBQ,	2 Room in the Inn, FH Team #3 Church Office Closed FH Reserved, Thurs.-Fri.	3 VdC Ultreya, FH 5-7 pm
4 Coffee Fellowship, 8:45 Adult Sunday School, 9 am Worship Service/ Joyful Journeys Kids, 10:20 am	5 Zumba, 6:30 pm, FH	6 Girl Scouts, FH, 7 pm Queen City Ringers, Narthex	7 Community Lenten Service/ Meal at Cook's Presby. Ch., 12/noon Lenten Svc., AMF 7 pm Choir Rehearsal will follow the service	8 Zumba, 6:30 pm, FH	9 Room in the Inn, FH Team #4 Church Office Closed	10 Lutheran Men in Mission Breakfast Meeting, 8:30 am, FH
11 Daylight Savings Time Begins Coffee Fellowship, 8:45 Adult Sunday School, 9 am Worship Service/ Joyful Journeys Kids, 10:20 am Council Meeting, 5:30 pm	12 Zumba, 6:30 pm, FH	13 Girl Scouts, FH, 7 pm Queen City Ringers, Narthex WELCA Meeting	14 Community Lenten Service/ Meal at Cook's Presby. Ch., 12/noon Lenten Svc., AMF 7 pm Choir Rehearsal will follow	15 Zumba, 6:30 pm, FH	16 Room in the Inn, FH Team #1 Church Office Closed	17

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~ *Sundays at AMF* ~

Coffee Fellowship – we begin our day of worship with coffee and fellowship in the narthex, 8:45-9:00 am.

Adult Sunday School – two classes meet each week at 9:00 am, which offer Bible study and biblical life applications.

Worship Service – Festive Worship Service with Holy Communion, 10:20 am

Joyful Journeys for Children – special worship time for our children (Bible stories and activities) following the Children’s Sermon presented by Sage and Edna.

Make a joyful noise with our rich and diverse **Chancel Choir and Instrumental Ensemble**. The Ensemble rehearses on Wednesday evenings at 5:00 pm and the Chancel Choir at 6:30 pm.

Jonathan Green (jonathanwg@carolina.rr.com)

~ *Our Ministries* ~

Lutheran Men in Mission – meet monthly on the second Saturday for breakfast (8:30 am/Fellowship Hall) and to coordinate community service projects at and around our church. Richard Lautensleger 704.910.5403 (richlaut@carolina.rr.com)

Women of the ELCA – meet monthly on the second Tuesday in the Fellowship Hall or at a member’s home. They support many projects on the local, state and national level and participate in the NC Women of the ELCA Mecklenburg Union Conference. Karen Bryant: 704.398.2633 (karenbryant@mindspring.com)

The Gathering Group is our senior fellowship group which meets monthly for lunch. JoAnn Dimmer 704.309.0768 (PJOANND@aol.com) Barbara Kutz 704.392.1403 (barbarakutz@gmail.com)

AMF Needle Ministry meets monthly at 7 pm in the Conference Room. The meeting dates will be published in the bulletin/newsletter. We are a group who likes to knit or crochet. If you would like some needle time, fellowship with others who enjoy this craft and want to learn new techniques, then please join us! Contact Donna Kretschmer for further information at 704-394-6070

~ *Fall & Winter Outreach Programs* ~

AMF participated in the **Annual CROP Hunger Walk** that was held on October 16, 2011.

Sharon Johnson, Coordinator, 704.392.1932 (sadj@bellsouth.net)

Room in the Inn – weekly support of homeless neighbors’ overflow on Friday evenings to Saturday mornings. (Dec.-March) John Johnson, Coordinator 704.392.1932 (jjjohn@bellsouth.net)

Report for Sunday, February 19, 2012

Sunday School: 30

Worship Service: 61

To meet our February budget, we need: \$1385.

Year to Date: -\$6666.

*The Reverend Mark S. Hanson
Presiding Bishop of the ELCA*

*The Reverend Dr. Leonard H. Bolick
Bishop of the NC Synod*

*The Reverend Dr. John F. Merck
Pastor Emeritus*

*The Reverend John L. Petry, III
Pastor*

*Penny B. Damron
Organist*

*Jonathan W. Greene
Choir Director*

*Gail G. Reynolds
Office Administrator*

Ministers . . . 117 confirmed, communing and contributing voting members and all 315 baptized adult, youth and children of AMF.

CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL ~ 2012

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OUR MISSION: A Mighty Fortress Lutheran Church is a fellowship of believers serving God’s call by joyfully proclaiming the Good News of Christ through discipleship, celebrating the Word and sacrament, reaching out in love, and valuing the diversity of all people.

OUR VISION: A Mighty Fortress enthusiastically celebrates the warmth, intimacy, and uniqueness of our growing, enriching, and influential church fellowship and ministry.