



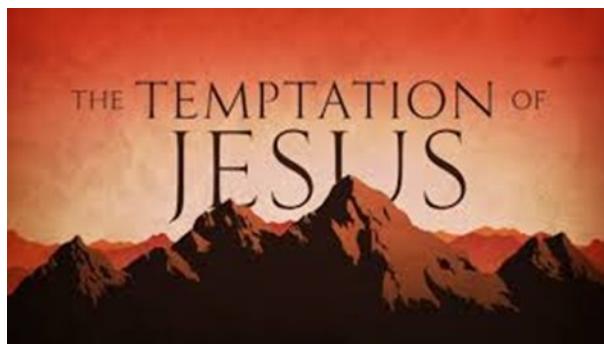
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Welcome to LOC's Weekly E-News

1st Sunday of Lent, February 22, 2026



“Jesus will not Compromise his Identity”

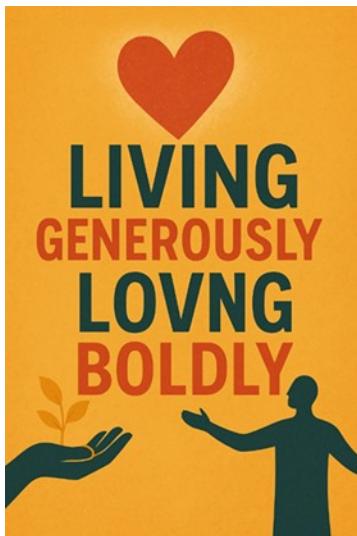
The first Sunday of Lent always begins with the temptation of Jesus in the wilderness. As the season of Epiphany proclaimed the identity of Jesus being the Son of God, Lent confronts Jesus with what will you do as the Son of God. We see in the WWF match between Jesus and the tempter, caving to physical desires, testing God's commitment to him, or succumbing the temporary appeal of all the power, riches, and fame this world can offer, Jesus will not flinch or flounder. He will remain steadfast in mirroring to us why he is our Savior. He knows the temptations we know daily, but he offers his strength and his perfection to us, who can never withstand what he was offered.



Sunday, February 22, 9:45AM-10:30AM in the Center of Compassion.

We will elect new Board of Directors, Endowment Committee members, and approve the 2025 Financial Report and 2026 Mission Spending Plan/Budget. All Confirmed voting members are asked to attend. Annual Reports will be available in the Sanctuary and Center of Compassion on Sunday.

First LoC Endowment Gifts to be Distributed!



At the February 10 LoC Board meeting, the recommendation came from the Endowment Committee to distribute the first gifts from the Love of Christ Endowment Fund.

This fund was established to primarily support mission outreach through the Grand Canyon Synod, the national and global expressions of the ELCA, as well as assist with some capital or maintenance needs of LoC. The Fund has grown to a balance of over \$137,000.

It has earned over \$13,000 in investment income which the Committee could recommend giving in gifts. At this time the Committee recommended to the Board using \$5,000. The Board approved gifts of \$2,000 to the LoC 40th Anniversary Gift which will be shared to support mission outside our walls, \$2,000 to be given to support Young Adults in Global Mission of the ELCA, which allows 21–35-year-olds to spend a year learning and accompanying one of our Lutheran Global Companion churches and \$1,000 to purchase needed Audio/Visual equipment for LoC.

If you want to learn more about our LoC Endowment Fund and how you might support this fund, check out our website <https://www.loveofchristchurch.net/endowment>



We will again be offering midweek Lenten services on Wednesdays during Lent. We will be using a Taize' service of meditative song and each week focus on themes from "Lent in Plain Sight." A soup supper will be available at 5:30 in Rooms 48-49 in the Center of Compassion, followed by the service in the Sanctuary at 6:15PM. Following the service, we hope to continue the practice of our Faith in Action team bringing in some of our mission partners for sharing updates and answering questions of how we are joining others in loving our neighbors and making the love of Christ known.

Wednesday during Lent sharing our Outreach Ministries:

You are invited to stay after our Wednesday evening Lenten service for coffee and cookies and to learn more about our Outreach Ministries. This year we will hear from some of our ministry leaders. Here is our schedule:

Lenten Education beginning Wednesday, February 25

Feb. 25- Sleep in Heavenly Peace- ELCA Good Gifts- LSS-SW Refugee Family Update

March 4- Preschool, Hospitality, RSM, and Reverse Advent Boxes

March 11- LAMA

March 18- Ted Taylor from Family Promise

March 25- Egypt Highlights, Pastor Nanette and Mark Christofferson



Welcome Beth Hesse as our new part-time Office Assistant!

As most of the congregation knows in August 2025 our long-time Office Manager, Darlene Fleischhauer, suffered a serious stroke. At the end of 2025 she decided to take a medical retirement. Conversation with the pastors, Dianne Oien, Dick Beckman, and Sarah Margalis, our Pre-school Director, took place to determine what was needed to support our day-to-day operations.

A position description was approved at the 2/10/26 Board meeting. Because Beth has had a long history of doing all our staff and volunteer background checks, has served as our back-up payroll and leave clerk, has provided other administrative assistance, and has strong office work experience the team extended the position to her.

Beth starts this position on Monday, February 23 and will be working MTTHF from 9:00AM-Noon. Long-time Wednesday office volunteer, Katherine Schultz, will continue to be in the office on Wednesday mornings.



Blood Drive Sunday, March 15th —7:30 to 11:30 Located next to Columbarium in South Parking Lot. Please sign up to donate blood! Go to our website (loveofchristchurch.net) and scroll down to find link to sign up. If you have any questions, you can contact Dianne Oien at dianneoien@loclc.org. Donor Eligibility Link: <https://vitalant.org/blood-donation-requirements> Donor Eligibility Phone: 877-258-4825

Donor Preparation: • #1 deferral for women is low iron. Women begin eating iron rich foods. • Begin drinking lots of water – hydrate, hydrate, hydrate! • Eat prior to donation (no fasting) • Bring Photo ID reflecting first and last names • Visit restroom prior to beginning the donation process • Donors may take their health history the day of donations . Fast Track Health History Questionnaire Link: <https://www.vitalant.org/health>



New Member Classes

New Member class will be held on Sunday, March 22nd at 11:45am to 3:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. Lunch will be served. Any questions, please contact Dianne Oien at dianneoien@loclc.org

Music Notes....



Handbell Ringers Needed

Do you read music and count beats? We would love to have you join our Handbell Choir! We are looking for ringers for monthly Sunday performances.

Rehearsals are held **Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. in the Greenroom**. If you're interested, please let me know—we'd love to ring with you! You can contact me at jungmusic@loclc.org

We can't wait to celebrate this wonderful season of music, fellowship, and joy with all of you.

With gratitude and excitement,
Jung Lee



Calling All Bakers

Cookie Ministry is looking for people who like to bake. The Cookie Ministry is part of the Faith in Action programs at Love of Christ. This ministry makes cookies for our various events that are held here on our campus and beyond our campus. If you are interested in baking cookies for this ministry, please contact Eunice Ketterling at ketts14az@gmail.com

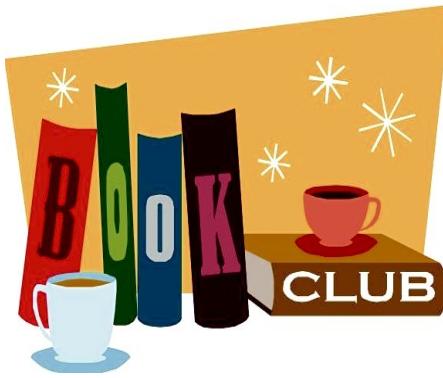
Community Garden News



Come join us and grow something beautiful. Questions, contact Nancy at Dntoll74@gmail.com



Naomi Circle will meet on March 9th, at 1PM in the Fellowship Hall. All women are welcome—invite your friends!



The next meeting of the LOC Book Club will be held on Sunday, March 22nd in the Leadership Room after the 9:00 am service.

We will be discussing [The Glassmaker](#) by Tracy Chevalier. Here is a synopsis of the book:

In 1486, Orsola Rosso is the eldest daughter in a family of glassblowers in Murano, Italy. As a woman, she is not meant to blow glass - but when her father dies, she teaches herself to make beads in secret, and her work becomes the cornerstone of the Rosso family fortune. Skipping through six centuries, we follow the Rosso family as they live through creative triumph and heartbreakening loss. From a plague in Venice to Continental soldiers stripping its palazzos bare, from the domination of Murano and its glass maestros to the transformation of the city of trade into a city of tourists, we experience it all.

In every era, the Rosso women ensure that their work and their bonds endure.

Please join us on March 22nd as we explore the beauty of glassmaking and the family who endured through centuries of change.

Grab a cup of coffee and a treat in the Hospitality Room and head over to the Leadership Room located next to the church offices.

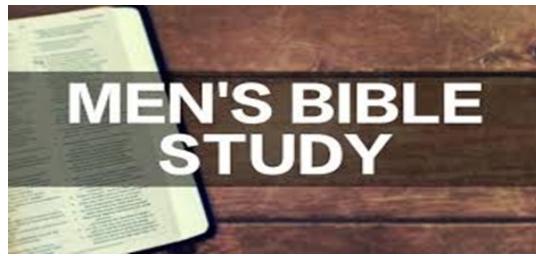
Happy Reading!

Love of Christ is Turning 40

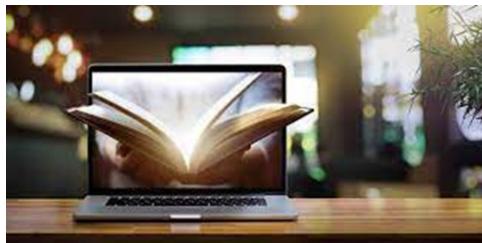


On April 12, we will join together at 9:00 to celebrate this milestone in the life of our church congregation. There will be just one combined worship service in the Center of Compassion with Bishop Deborah Hutterer preaching the word. A time to celebrate and share memories will follow the worship service.

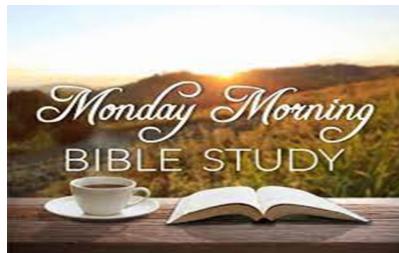
More details will follow as we get closer to April 12, but for now we are asking for photos and memories. If you have photos of church activities or outreach missions, please share them. We are especially interested in photographs from the last 10 years. If you have photos we can use in creating displays, please contact Kirk Mahoney at 602-309-3548 to determine how best to share them. We hope to have all photos in hand within the next two weeks.



Pastor Steve Talmage will begin leading the Men's Bible Study 1st Corinthians on Monday, February 23, 6:30-7:30AM in the Leadership Room. Men of all ages are welcome to participate.



Online Video introductions provided by our pastors of Sunday Lectionary readings. They may be found on Facebook, YouTube or loveofchristchurch.net



NO Study 2/23 due to both Pastors attending Hunter Bennett Memorial at 10AM. Morning Bible Study will resume 3/1 in the Leadership Room 10:30-Coffee Fellowship, 11:00AM Bible Study.



Prayer Share Care Women's Bible Study

All women are invited to a weekly Bible study group called Prayer Share Care. This group meets on Thursday afternoons at 1:00 in the Leadership Room. This group will be using Marcus Borg's book: ***Reading the Bible Again for the First Time***. Books can be purchased at class for \$10. Please contact Ruth Leonard or Margrit Aeschbach at the following emails for more information. (Margrit: mswiss43@gmail.com and Ruth: rutholeonard@icloud.com)



Faith stretch yoga **meets on Thursdays at 9:00am in Outreach room.**
For questions and more information, text Georgia at 406-925-0013 or
email: nonnagg51@gmail.com .



YOUTH AT LOVE OF CHRIST
CALLED. GATHERED. SENT.

There is hangout this Sunday from 10 to Noon in the Youth Room!

There is Youth Group this Wednesday night from 6-7:30pm in Youth Room!

Contact Mason Weatherly for more info at masonw@loclc.org



Confirmation

Confirmation will be held on Wednesday nights from 6PM to 7PM in the room 48.

Next Confirmation class will be held on Wednesday, March 4th.

Any questions, please contact Pastor Nanette at nanette@loclc.org

A brief Overview for 2026 Save the Dates:
2026 Lenten Challenge sign up by Feb. 18
February 22: Citrus Sunday and Congregational Meeting
February 23: Lutheran Day at the Legislature
Wednesday during Lent sharing our Outreach Ministries
April 12: 40th Anniversary Celebration
June 11,12,13: Synod Assembly at LoC
July 6-10 VBS

Faith in Action Ministry of the Month:

LAMA

This month our Faith In Action Team will be focusing on our Ministry partners that are a part of LAMA (Lutheran Advocacy Ministry in Arizona). This organization is a part of the Grand Canyon Synod of the ELCA and works with legislators and our state legislation on Hunger issues in Arizona. LAMA joins with the most vulnerable of our society to voice our common needs in the public square, activating our faith in love.

Lutherans from across Arizona will gather at the Arizona State Capitol on **Monday, February 23, 2026**, from **9:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.** for **Lutheran Day at the Legislature**, a day of faithful advocacy hosted by Lutheran Advocacy Ministry Arizona (LAMA). Registration opens at **8:30 a.m.** at **Wesley Bolin Plaza**, where participants will begin the day with a light breakfast and coffee before stepping into a full morning of learning, witness, and public engagement.

This annual gathering equips and encourages Lutherans to live out our baptismal promise “*to strive for justice and peace in all the earth.*” Throughout the morning, participants will meet their legislators, connect with congregational LAMA liaisons, hear from policy council members, and join other Lutherans committed to justice shaped by our Lutheran faith.

You can go to this link and it will tell you more about this exciting day. <https://www.gcsynod.org/news/join-us-at-the-capitol-lutheran-day-at-the-legislature-returns-feb-23-2026-2>

If you are interested in being a part of the Lutheran Day at the Legislature, please contact Charles Martiny our new LAMA liaison at cmartiny@cox.net . Or, you can contact Pastor Nanette at nanette@loclc.org.

Refugee Family Co-Sponsorship with Lutheran Social Services:

Our Co-Sponsorship Team has been helping with a refugee family from Syria. They have been working with the adults who are learning English. This team is making wonderful progress and forming some beautiful relationships with the family as well. We have provided back to school clothing and backpacks for each of the four children, along with teaching them English.

If you are interested in learning more or think you might like to join this team, please contact Chris Norden norden6162@gmail.com



About the Lenten Challenge

In 2023, the Grand Canyon Synod and the Southeastern Iowa Synod challenged one another to participate in spiritual and physical practices during the 40 days of Lent. This 40-40-40 Challenge was a good-natured way to engage each other and raise awareness of anti-hunger ministry and wellness for both synods. **In 2024**, all of the ELCA synods in Region 2 challenged one another to raise money for ELCA World Hunger in honor of ELCA World Hunger's 50th year in mission and ministry. **In 2025**, Isaiah 58:11 grounded the year's Lenten journey, in which the five Region 2 synods challenged one another to explore the intersection of hunger and water while learning of one of our Region 2 Indigenous Ministries, the 70-year-old Navajo Evangelical Lutheran Mission (NELM) in Rock Point, AZ.

The 2026 Lenten Challenge theme — “Lord, When Did We See You?”

The theme of this year's challenge derives from Matthew 25:37-40. The passage emphasizes that caring for the poor, sick, and marginalized is an act of service to Christ, and that a person's treatment of others is a reflection of their relationship with God. The spiritual practices for the six weeks of Lent will focus on stretching our learning, care, and advocacy muscles on behalf of underserved communities. The six weeks will be broken up according to the gospel text, as below, with participants focusing on what we know and think about these siblings in Christ, as well as how we act in support and on behalf of these communities. [Refer to the Matthew 25 Lenten Practices Toolkit for ideas.](#)

- **Week 1**, February 22: Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food?
- **Week 2**, March 1: Lord, when was it that we saw you thirsty and gave you something to drink?
- **Week 3**, March 8: Lord, when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you?
- **Week 4**, March 16: Lord, when was it that we saw you naked and gave you clothing?
- **Week 5**, March 22: Lord, when was it that we saw you sick and visited you?
- **Week 6**, March 29: Lord, when was it that we saw you in prison and visited you?

Why Lent? Lent is a season of 40 days to reflect, remember our dependence on God and one another, and look forward to the ways God calls us to be. Adding one or more of these spiritual practices to your observation of Lent might help you feel more connected. A light-hearted challenge like this could help our synods be the Church together, and to see God's vision and invitation for us to be a church for the world as we share the good news of Jesus Christ.

Participating synods:

[Sierra Pacific](#) (2A) – Rev. Jeff Johnson, bishop
[Southwest California](#) (2B) – Rev. Brenda Bos, bishop
[Pacifica](#) (2C) – Rev. David Nagler, bishop
[Grand Canyon](#) (2D) – Rev. Deborah Hutterer, bishop

[Rocky Mountain](#) (2E) – Rev. Meghan Johnston-Aelabouni, bishop

How does the 40-40-40 Lenten Challenge work?

There are 4 Lenten practices to consider, and you commit to 3 of the 4.

Daily Devotion ~ Subscribe to receive devotions every day of Lent via email. These short reflections represent diverse voices and circumstances across our church. [Learn more.](#)

Daily Learning ~ *Suggested learnings for children, youth, families and congregations such as reading ELCA social teachings, studying Matthew Chapter 25, joining ELCA networks, group studies, etc.* are in the Matthew 25 Lenten Practices Toolkit. [Learn more.](#)

Daily Action ~ Suggested actions, such as volunteering at a food bank, donating clothes and sundries, visiting someone in the hospital, and praying for elected leaders can be found in our Matthew 25 Toolkit. [Learn more.](#)

Daily Donation ~ Pledge to give \$1 a day (or more) to ELCA World Hunger for the 40 days of Lent. From health clinics to microloans, water wells to farm animals, community meals to advocacy, your gifts to ELCA World Hunger make it possible for the ELCA to respond, supporting sustainable solutions that get at the root causes of hunger and poverty. [Ways to give.](#)

How is this a Challenge?

This a little friendly competition for a good cause. Individuals from across the Region 2 synods will sign up to do three of four (or all 4!) of the practices and the synod with the most individuals signed up wins the challenge! **Our goal is for individuals representing 50 congregations per synod to participate.**

Join the Cross-Synod Challenge for Lent

The more individual sign-ups, the better.

Bragging rights goes to the synod with the most individual registrations. So if you're a family of 4, enter all 4 email addresses, and have all 4 people commit to 3 things. And no, not all 4 need to donate to ELCA World Hunger (though it's worth considering).

What do we get if we win?

The 'winning' bishop will play a short video with congratulatory clips recorded by the other participating bishops. This acknowledgement of the 'superiority' by the other synods *for this one challenge* is all in fun. All bishops may choose to air the video at their synod assemblies in 2026. Hunger leaders in each synod will receive progress updates each week.

[SIGN UP FOR THE 40-40-40 LENTEN CHALLENGE](#)



Our Sunday School Ministry continues on throughout 2026! For ages 4-2nd grade, Sunday School is from 9:10-9:50. Children are to come to church with their parents and are dismissed for Sunday School after the Children's Message. They return to worship during Communion. For grades 3-6, Sunday school begins at 9:50 and they are done at 10:20. Sunday School takes place in the Godly Play room. For any questions, please contact Pastor Nanette at nanette@loclc.org



Grades 4,5, and 6 will meet in the CoC on **Sunday, March 8th**. Practice for the 40th Anniversary worship service and review of what the different parts of worship mean. Of course we will have a yummy snack of some kind! The fun begins at 3:30 and ends at 5:00! Please contact Laura Ontiveros or Pastor Nanette for more information

WOW! Word on Wednesdays continues!

Children's Musical, Adult Bible Study, and Confirmation/Youth Group begin at 6PM. A light meal will be served at 5:30 in rooms 48 & 49 in Center of Compassion.

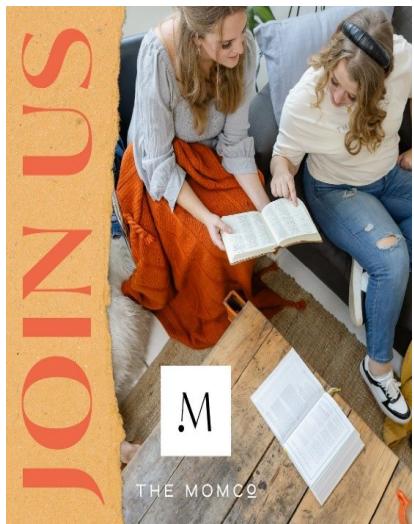
Children's Musical—The FAB 4 Kids Show—Rockin' the Gospels All the Way to the Cross!

Rehearsals are on Wednesdays from 6pm to 7pm in Room 50

Performance: Sunday, May 3rd at 9AM

✿ MomCo at Love of Christ Lutheran Church! ✿

Calling all moms! Whether you're in the thick of toddlerhood, navigating teenage years, or somewhere in between — you're not alone.



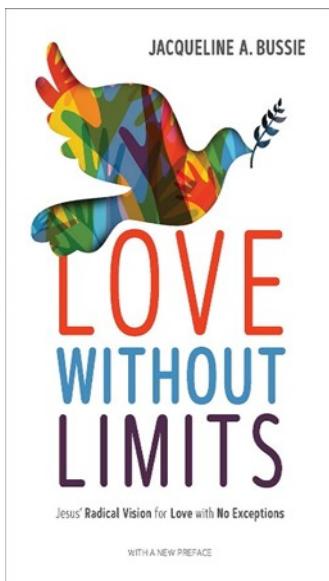
We're excited to announce that our church will now be hosting MomCo, a community designed for moms, by moms. MomCo is a place where women gather in circles of support, friendship, and faith — because raising humans is both beautiful and hard, and no one should have to do it alone:

- Build meaningful, lasting friendships
- Encourage and equip moms to lead with love
- Grow the church by nurturing families in faith
- Bring mothers and their families closer to Jesus

Join Us! Location: Love of Christ

🗓 When: **Next meeting March 4th**, first Wednesday of the month from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM in Godly Playroom (Nursery) located in entrance to Center of Compassion.

📞 Contact: Kacey Weir or Pastor Nanette Christofferson 🌐
Online Options: - <http://www.themom.co/groups/loveofchristmesa>



Love Without Limits meets again on March 4th at 4:30 in the Fellowship Hall.

In her book, Jacqueline Bussie says nothing is more scandalous than a "love without limits." How does a love without limits mirror Jesus and the God we are called to serve? How does this echo Jesus' ministry in Luke 15 (the parables of being lost) or Paul's proclamation in Galatians 3:28 (There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one Christ Jesus)? This study is open to all women who are interested in learning about our God who loves without limits!



Lemon (*C. limon*)



Mandarin (*C. reticulata*)



Grapefruit (*C. paradisi*)



Pummelo (*C. grandis*)



Sour orange (*C. aurantium*)



Sweet orange (*C. sinensis*)



Lime (*C. aurantifolia*)



Kumquat (*C. japonica*)



Citron (*C. medica*)



Blood orange (*C. sinensis L. Osbeck*)

Citrus Sunday Is Coming!

On Sunday, February 22, we are asking that you bring your citrus fruit to share with others. Whatever fruit isn't taken by our community will be taken to St. Mary's Food Bank as they accept fresh fruit. Please take your fruit to the tables outside of the COC.



Young Adults are typically between the ages of 18 and 30-5 ish! We are fortunate to have the above Young Adults interested in gathering and learning together. Our next meeting time will be on Sunday, March 8. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Nanette or Laura Ontiveros.

Feed My Starving Children Update: The food we packed this past November was sent to the Philippines where our partner [International Care Ministries](#) will receive them. Thank you so much for all that you do.

Sleep in Heavenly Peace News

BLANKETS FOR KIDS!!!



As part of our Sleep in Heavenly Peace Ministry, we are again offering a session to learn how to make a blanket.

On March 10th at 10 am in the Outreach room (next to the playground) — Jan Barnett will walk anyone who wants to try this through the steps to make a twin-size fleece blanket with crocheted edges.

Included in this session are ideas for sewing fleece blankets, quilting blankets or making stuffed animals. We will also have suggestions on where to find fleece and yarn.

Attendance is free and all are invited, so invite a friend.

If you want some hands-on assistance, just bring the following items:

Material List:

- 2 1/2 yards of fleece—mid-weight non-pill is our favorite;
- No. I or J Crochet hook;
- A skein of 4-ply medium weight yarn (it will have a no. 4 on it for weight designation) in a coordinating color or variegated colors;
- Large Scissors (sharp);
- Small scissors for cutting small notches;
- OPTIONAL: A needle and thread in a contrasting color (for basting edges)

Questions? Contact Jan Barnett at: barnett105@gmail.com

With the closure of Joann's Fabrics, we have been searching for places to buy fleece.... Some places we've found are : Hobby Lobby, (but if you purchase on-line, it's been better to purchase in 5 yard lengths, to avoid getting pieces smaller than 2 1/2 yards); YourFleece.com (limited selection); Some Michael's stores; SAS - 1700 E Apache Blvd. (limited offering but \$4.99/yard); Fabric Depot—solid colors, Caution: some have a thick pile making sewing difficult; picotextiles.com

If you've found more, let us know!

Scripture Lesson

A Brief Look at Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

with Pastor Steve Talmage

(13 min)



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Sunday, February 22, 2026



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The Temptation of Jesus

Sunday, February 22, 2026



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Sunday, February 22, 2026, 7:50 am, 9 and 10:30,

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Pastor Steve Talmage—"Jesus will not Compromise his Identity"

Genesis 2:15-17 3: 1-7

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden, but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die."

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden'?" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die, for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food and that it was a delight to the eyes and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked, and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

Romans 5:12-19

Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned—for sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who did not sin in the likeness of Adam, who is a pattern of the one who was to come.

But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the gift following many trespasses brings justification.

If, because of the one man's trespass, death reigned through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. For just as through the one

man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so through the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

Matthew 4:1-11

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tested by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterward he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written,

'One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'

Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written,

'He will command his angels concerning you,
and 'On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'

Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory, and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Then Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

'Worship the Lord your God,
and serve only him.'

Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.