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			Ash Wednesday Matthew 6:1-4  Giving to the poor	Feb 18 Matthew 6:5-6  Prayer	Feb 19 Matthew 6:7-15  Lord's Prayer	Feb 20 Matthew 6:16-18  Fasting
1st Sunday in Lent "Grace" Luke 4:1-13  Temptation of Jesus	Feb 22 Genesis 2:4-25  Adam & Eve	Feb 23 Genesis 3:1-21  Fruit from the tree	Feb 24 Luke 8:42b-48  Jesus heals sick woman	Feb 25 Luke 15:1-7  The Lost Sheep	Feb 26 Psalm 23  The Lord is my Shepherd	Feb 27 Acts 10:9-35  Peter & Cornelius
2nd Sunday in Lent "Sacrifice" Luke 13:31-33  Jesus predicts his death	Mar 1 Luke 18:18-30  Rich young ruler	Mar 2 1 Samuel 1:1-11  Hannah prays	Mar 3 1 Samuel 1:12-20  Samuel is born	Mar 4 1 Samuel 1:21-28  Hannah dedicates Samuel	Mar 5 Luke 21:1-4  Widow's offering	Mar 6 Luke 10:25-37  Good Samaritan
3rd Sunday in Lent "Repentance" Luke 13:6-9  Parable of the Fig Tree	Mar 8 Luke 5:1-11  Calling the disciples	Mar 9 Luke 5:17-26  Jesus heals a paralytic	Mar 10 Luke 19:1-10  Zacchaeus	Mar 11 Jonah 1  Jonah runs away	Mar 12 Jonah 2  Jonah's prayer	Mar 13 Jonah 3-4  Jonah goes to Nineveh
4th Sunday in Lent "Mercy" Luke 15:11-24  Parable of the Lost Son	Mar 15 Luke 15:25-32  Parable of the Loving Father	Mar 16 Genesis 37:3-11  Joseph, favorite son	Mar 17 Genesis 37:12, 17b-36  Joseph's jealous brothers	Mar 18 Genesis 41:41-43, 56-57, 42:3-5  Famine in the land	Mar 19 Genesis 45:1-15  Joseph reveals himself	Mar 20 Genesis 50:15-21  Joseph forgives
5th Sunday in Lent "Righteousness" John 12:1-8  Mary anoints Jesus	Mar 22 Luke 7:36-50  Woman with alabaster jar	Mar 23 Luke 9:46-48  Who will be the greatest?	Mar 24 Ruth 1:1-19a  Naomi & Ruth	Mar 25 Ruth 2:1-12, 17-20  Ruth meets Boaz	Mar 26 Ruth 3:1-13  Threshing floor	Mar 27 Ruth 4:1-6, 13-15  Boaz marries Ruth
Palm Sunday "Obedience" Luke 19:28-40  Palm Sunday	Mar 29 Luke 22:1-6  Judas betrays Jesus	Mar 30 Luke 22:7-23  Last Supper	Mar 31 Luke 22:39-46  Jesus prays	Apr 1 Maundy Thursday Luke 22:47-65  Jesus is arrested	Apr 2 Good Friday Luke 23:32-49  Jesus dies on cross	Apr 3 Luke 23:50-56  The tomb
Easter Sunday:			Jesus is alive!		Luke 24:1-12	

Stories of Love that Changed the World



Daily Bible Readings for Families

Welcome to the days of Lent. This is a time before Easter when we get our hearts ready to celebrate the mystery that God raised Jesus from the dead and that he gives us new life, too. The word "lent" means "spring", and it refers to the time of year when the days "lengthen". Those of us who live in Minnesota welcome the thought of spring! It means longer days and more direct sunlight. This is a time for us to grow in faith and a time to tend the faith that we already have. Some people get their hearts ready for Easter by doing one or more of these things during Lent:

- Praying more
- Fasting, which might mean eating simpler meals or doing without certain things
- Sharing with the poor



We invite you to open the Bible during Lent and grow in faith by reading stories from the word of God. Families with young children might want to read some of the stories from a children's story Bible - especially the stories from the Old Testament. Families with children old enough to

read are encouraged to read at least some of the stories from a Bible so the kids learn how to find their way around the Bible.



Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and lasts for 40 days until Easter. 40 is a really important number in the Bible. It means "a long time." If you count the days on the calendar, you'll notice that Lent is 40 days, plus 6 Sundays. We don't count the Sundays in Lent because every Sunday is like a "little Easter" when we celebrate that Jesus rose from the dead.



At Bethlehem this year, our theme for Lent is, "The Word that changed the world." Each Sunday in worship, the sermon will focus on a word from our faith that's kind of "churchy". There are

some words that we use at church that we don't necessarily use every day - words like Grace, Sacrifice, Repentance, Mercy, Righteousness, and Obedience. The stories that are suggested on the other side are stories that help us understand what these words mean. Anyone who is on a quest to grow deeper in faith is invited to dig into the Word this spring and be touched by the Word of God.

Finally, we know that family life is busy these days! We hope you'll set aside a few minutes at mealtime or bedtime for a family prayer and Bible reading. If you miss a day here and there, no worries. The Word is always there for you to turn to and find insight for your life.