

“The Branches”

Mayville & Gran
LUTHERAN CHURCHES

February 2026

Parish Office Hours: Monday – Thursday 8:30am -1:30pm (Office #786-3202)

MAYVILLE LUTHERAN CHURCH’S Sundays at 10:30am/ GRAN Sundays at 8:45am

*Broadcasted live every Sunday! **Watch us live on MIDCO Channel 3

***Listen to us live KMAV Radio 105.5 FM

****Watch us live or any time on Facebook live @ Mayville-Gran Lutheran

The Pastor Search Process

***There is no need for the
congregation to panic.***

***This can be the most exciting
spiritual journey a church can
embark upon.***

Short Prayer for Church Members

Father, I come before you with gratitude for our church members, a diverse community united in faith. Bless each individual with a deep sense of belonging, fostering love, and understanding within our spiritual family. Grant wisdom to our leaders, joy in our fellowship, and a shared commitment to your purpose. May our interactions be marked by grace, our prayers be fervent, and our service be selfless. Strengthen the bonds that connect us, creating a community that glorifies your name. In your mercy, guide us as one body, fulfilling the unique roles you’ve designed for each member. Amen.

MLC's Kornkven Family

SPOTLIGHT



The Kornkven Family
Melissa, Erik, Sena, and Iver

While Erik grew up in Mayville and graduated from MPCG in 1999, the Kornkven family only moved back to the area in the summer of 2024. Melissa is a Mental Health Therapist, and Erik teaches English at Mayville State. Sena (7) and Iver (5) attend Peter Boe Jr. Elementary. Erik enjoys stories, in all their forms, books, games, movies, and also the stories that come from shared experiences with friends and family, particularly in the outdoors. Melissa shares Erik's love of the outdoors. She also has a heart for ministry. She lived out those passions in her various roles with Metigoshe Ministries, an ELCA bible camp in the Turtle Mountains, where she served as counselor, program director, and eventually associate director. Sena enjoys reading, playing games, and learning the piano, while Iver enjoys reading, Star Wars, and Legos.



Thank you!!

Sheryl Vinje: Feb. 2nd thru Feb. 6th

The Meals on Wheels program provides one hot, nutritious meal per day for those ages 60 and older who are home-bound and meet eligibility standards. Volunteers deliver meals Monday through Friday throughout the counties we serve. It usually takes less than an hour to deliver meals! It's great to do it as a family or by oneself as it is very rewarding! Must be at the Mayville Senior Center by 11:15am



How can we pray for you?

Philippians 4:6-7

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Please call: 701-786-3202 or

Email: maygranlutheranoffice@gmail.com

We are here for you!



701-490-9737

TEXT TO GIVE

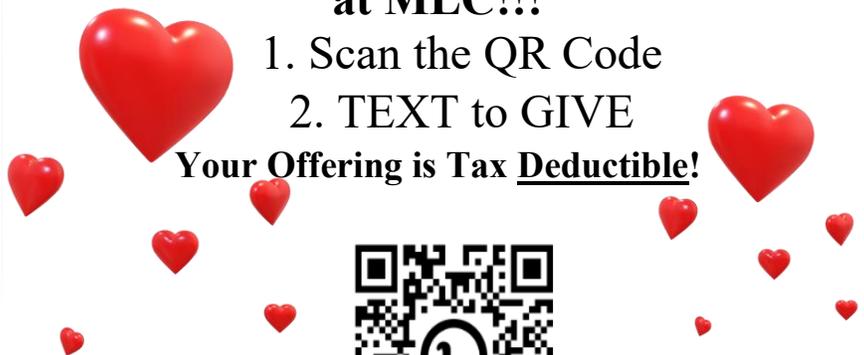
TEXT 701-490-9737 "GIVE" Then the: AMOUNT

First time you'll have to set it up
After that, offering is just a text away

Two other ways to GIVE OFFERING at MLC!!!

1. Scan the QR Code
2. TEXT to GIVE

Your Offering is Tax Deductible!



Benefit for Weston Gregor

Weston, son of Ty and Julie Gregor of rural Milnor, ND, was born on September 29, 2025. Just a month later, he was diagnosed with heart failure and was flown to the U of M Children's Hospital in Minneapolis where he remains surrounded by family and a skilled medical team. On November 12, he received a Berlin Heart pump. Weston's medical team is working to keep him as healthy and comfortable as possible as he awaits a heart transplant.

Sunday, February 8, 2026 | 11:00 am - 3:00 pm

**Milnor Area Community Center (MACC)
528 5th Street | Milnor, ND**

WHAT TO EXPECT:

- Free-will offering meal provided by The Black Pelican: 11:00 am - 1:00 pm
- Silent Auction: 11:00 am - 2:00 pm
- Live Auction: 2:00 - 3:00 pm
- Raffle Boards

DONATION DROP-OFF LOCATIONS:

(Please specify that the donation is for the Weston Gregor Benefit.)

- Stock Growers Bank, Milnor
- The Schoolhouse, DeLamere
- Mayville (ND) Lutheran Church

Monetary donations can be made at any Stock Growers Bank location. Please make checks payable to the Weston Gregor Benefit.

For more information or questions, reach out to Danica Udem at 701-680-2051 or danicajdusek@gmail.com





Giving Hearts Day



"The Synod equips us who are already in positions of leadership with the tools and resources to encourage and lift up people who maybe never considered ministry as vocation. I am proof of that."

-Pr. Steve DeKrey
Northwood/Washington Parish

Please consider making a gift to the Eastern North Dakota Synod on Giving Hearts Day - February 12, 2026!
Early giving is open now!

Give by check:

EaND Synod, PO Box 2019, Fargo, ND 58109
Put "Giving Hearts Day" in the memo line.

Give online: <https://app.givingheartsday.org>



Scan to Give.



Eastern North Dakota Synod



**A BIG Thank you to Tressta Kunkel, Lois Karlstad, Jackie Edinger & Helen Hoyt for cleaning the church!
Not pictured Mandi Erickson, Deb Hagen & Doreen Nelson**

Thank you, ladies, for cleaning the church!

Your efforts create a welcoming atmosphere and enhance the beauty of our worship space. As a church community, we appreciate your hard work and commitment to maintaining our sacred space. Your contributions not only beautify the church but also foster a spirit of unity and cooperation among us all.

May your efforts continue to inspire others and enrich our community.



CHURCH CLEANING
WE COULD USE YOUR HELP...

We are looking for K-Cups for Sunday Coffee



You can drop them off at the MLC Office or upstairs' kitchen! Thank you!



Thank you for helping us to reach out to our community through the broadcast of Sunday Morning Worship Service. Because of your sponsorship we are able to do this very important ministry.

Every morning at 10:30am we broadcast worship on the Radio (KMAV 105.5) and on cable TV (Midcontinent).

The cost of sponsorship is **\$60.00** for the Radio and **\$40.00** for the TV.



We have many opportunities available every month! Recognize Birthdays, Anniversaries, Baptisms, Graduations, Confirmation in memory of, in honor of, or just because!

Thank you very much for touching people's lives with God's Word and for keeping in contact with those who are unable to attend with us every Sunday!





From the Janitors Closet By David Moeller



Don't Break the Habit of Worship

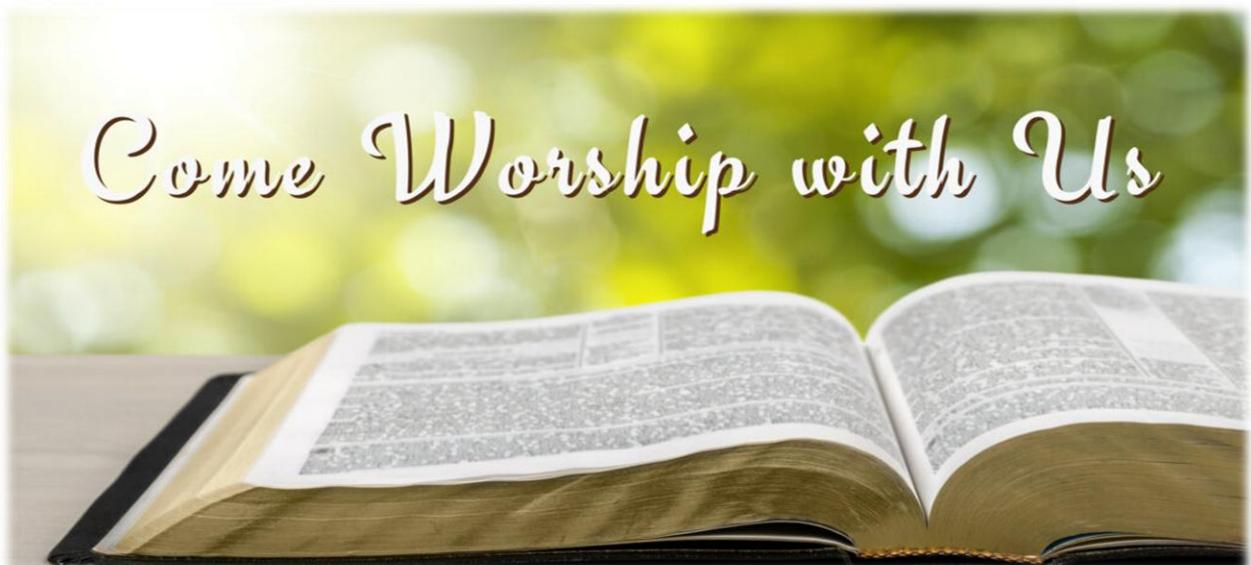
Breaking the wholesome habit of regular church attendance is rarely a conscious, rational decision. As a rule, it is a subtle process – with no rationale behind it. One simply misses a single Sunday for no apparent reason. Next month perhaps two Sundays find his/her and their family pew empty. Almost unknown to the drifting member, he/she has broken the habit of regular worship.

We break the good habit of regular church attendance only at great spiritual peril. When the habit is broken, it is replaced by the habits of non-attendance, non-fellowship, non-participation, and a dwindling source of spiritual nourishment. In that direction lies spiritual death.

For the Christian, the chief end is to glorify God and to enjoy Him forever. To glorify God – that is worship! To enjoy Him forever – that is the reward that includes the specific benefits of worship which includes: Forgiveness of sins, Guidance for life, Provision, Love, Power, Protection, Christian Fellowship, and Glory.

Lord, let me never stray from Your church or from Your precious Word and sacraments. Amen.

Come Worship with Us





Serving Teams for February 2026

<u>Date</u>	<u>Greeters and Ushers</u>	<u>Lectors</u>
February 1 st		
February 8 th		Steven Bensen
February 15 th		
February 22 nd		

Communion Sunday in February 2026

February 1st 2026

Set Up

Communion:

Distribute

Communion:

MISSION
of the
MONTH

Micah Mission



**BLESSINGS IN A
BACKPACK**

Who will feed the kids this weekend?

Sweetheart



February 14, 2026

2pm - 4 pm

Mayville Senior Center

39 1st Street NE, Mayville, ND

\$2.00 PER CARD

\$50 Blackout!

Great Prizes!

Fun for all ages!!

Can't wait to see you there!

Worship Gifts

Mayville / Gran
Lutheran Parish

Name

Phone

Email

The Music & Worship Committee of Mayville/Gran Lutheran Parish would appreciate your input! We would love to know the gifts you have that you are willing to share in worship.

Which areas of worship are you interested in helping with? (Select all that apply)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Greeter | <input type="checkbox"/> Usher | <input type="checkbox"/> Drink coffee and talk with others before worship |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Share Special Music | <input type="checkbox"/> Communion Server | <input type="checkbox"/> Keep an eye out for visitors so I can introduce myself and help them feel welcome. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Read scripture (Lector) | <input type="checkbox"/> A/V and Tech Support (soundboard, projector, livestream) | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <input type="text"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lead Music* (organ, piano, guitar, vocal, percussion, instrumental, other) | | |

***If you marked 'leading music' above, what instrument(s) do you play and would feel comfortable using to lead music during worship?**

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|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Organ | <input type="checkbox"/> Guitar | <input type="checkbox"/> Vocals |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Piano | <input type="checkbox"/> Percussion | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <input type="text"/> |

What style of worship do you enjoy? (Select all that apply)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Traditional | <input type="checkbox"/> Contemporary | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <input type="text"/> |
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Which Sunday service time would you typically be available to help in worship?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Gran Lutheran (8:45 am) | <input type="checkbox"/> Mayville Lutheran (10:30 am) | <input type="checkbox"/> Both Services |
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How do you **personally** feel nourished or spiritually fed through worship? (This could be things we do at Mayville/Gran or things you've experienced other places. No right or wrong answers, here. God meets us in so many different ways.)

What is the best way for the Music & Worship Committee to follow up with you?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Email | <input type="checkbox"/> Phone Call | <input type="checkbox"/> Text Message |
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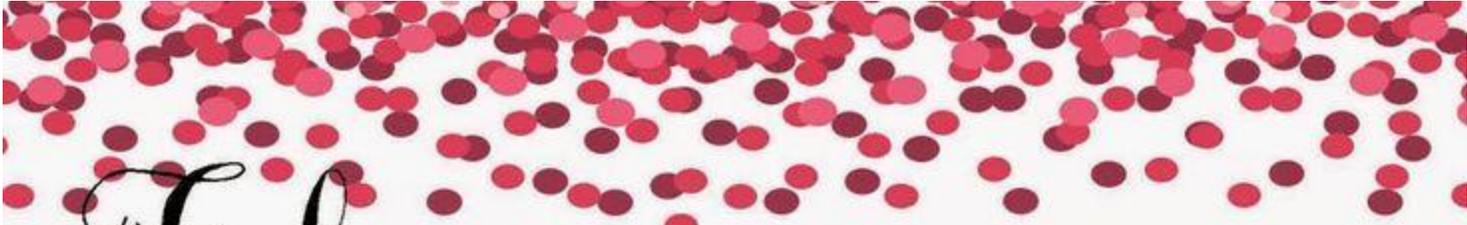
Do you have a friend or acquaintance you think would be interested in helping with worship in any of the above ways? Share this with them to fill out! OR share their name here and we can follow up.

Thank you for sharing your gifts with us!

February

Prayer List

"The **Lord** is *near* to all who call upon Him, To **all** who call upon *Him* in **truth**." PSALM 145:18



February

28 DAY SCRIPTURE WRITING PLAN

EACH OF THE SCRIPTURES BELOW TAKES TEN MINUTES OR LESS TO COPY OUT. COMMIT TO SPENDING TEN MINUTES EACH DAY LISTENING TO GOD'S VOICE AS YOU SIMPLY COPY THESE TEXTS OUT OF YOUR BIBLE.

Week 1

- DAY 1- MARK 12:28-31
- DAY 2- LUKE 6:27-36
- DAY 3- ROMANS 12: 9-16
- DAY 4- ROMANS 13: 8-10
- DAY 5- 1 CORINTHIANS 13: 1-7
- DAY 6- 1 CORINTHIANS 13: 8-13
- DAY 7- EPHESIANS 4:1-6

Week 2

- DAY 8- 1 PETER 4: 7-11
- DAY 9- 1 JOHN 4: 7-12
- DAY 10- 1 JOHN 4: 13-16
- DAY 11- 1 JOHN 4: 17-21
- DAY 12- JOHN 15:9-13
- DAY 13- JOHN 3: 16-21
- DAY 14- DEUTERONOMY 10: 12-19

Week 3

- DAY 15- DEUTERONOMY 11: 13-15
- DAY 16- DEUTERONOMY 11: 18-23
- DAY 17- MATTHEW 22: 37-40
- DAY 18- MATTHEW 5: 43-45
- DAY 19- JOHN 13: 34-35
- DAY 20- JOHN 14: 15-21
- DAY 21- ROMANS 5: 1-8

Week 4

- DAY 22- ROMANS 8: 28-30
- DAY 23- MICAH 6: 8
- DAY 24- 1 JOHN 2: 15-17
- DAY 25- 1 JOHN 3: 1-3
- DAY 26- HEBREWS 10: 24-25
- DAY 27- DEUTERONOMY 6: 4-9
- DAY 28- LUKE 10: 25-28

Open my eyes that I may see wonderful things in your law.

Psalms 119:18

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Sunday	Mon	Tue	Wed.	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1 Communion Sunday Gary Graff 8:45am Gran Worship 9:45am Gran Sunday School 10:00am MLC Sunday School 10:30am MLC Worship GRAN ANNUAL MEETING AND POTLUCK	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 Kids Takeover Worship 8:45am Gran Worship 9:45am Gran Sunday School 10:00am MLC Sunday School 10:30am MLC Worship MLC ANNUAL MEETING and POTLUCK	9	10	11	12	13	14
15 David Moeller 8:45am Gran Worship 9:45am Gran Sunday School 10:00am MLC Sunday School 10:30am MLC Worship	16	17	18 Ash Wednesday 5:30pm Meal 6:30pm Worship	19	20	21
22 8:45am Gran Worship 9:45am Gran Sunday School 10:00am MLC Sunday School 10:30am MLC Worship	23 Deadline For the Branches	24	25	26	27	28
1 MARCH 8:45am Gran Worship 9:45am Gran Sunday School 10:00am MLC Sunday School 10:30am MLC Worship	2	3	4	5	6	7

Daily Inspirational Messages



for February

Ordinary & Happy

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<p>1 Last month is last month. Appreciate it for what it was, and look ahead.</p>	<p>2 Right this moment, you can make a difference with your actions and words.</p>	<p>3 You have time to take this year's path to extraordinary places.</p>	<p>4 Your choice of words can carry warmth.</p>	<p>5 Remember to show yourself as much love as you do your loved ones.</p>	<p>6 Often, the simplest acts of love leave the biggest impression.</p>	<p>7 Today, simply be with the person you love the most.</p>
<p>8 Let those little ordinary joys into your heart today.</p>	<p>9 You may not think it, but you've already done a lot this year.</p>	<p>10 Speak with confidence. Your perspective is unique.</p>	<p>11 Sometimes, just sitting and being present is all we need.</p>	<p>12 The things you do now are planting the seeds of your future.</p>	<p>13 Every day is a new opportunity to make amazing memories.</p>	<p>14 Cherish the simple moments with loved ones.</p>
<p>15 Look out of the window. Look at the beauty of the lines and structures.</p>	<p>16 Celebrate the things that make you unique.</p>	<p>17 Things are changing, so embrace the opportunities.</p>	<p>18 This is your year, and you can make it matter.</p>	<p>19 Always remember that you are enough.</p>	<p>20 Don't wait for 'someday' to build the life you want. Start today.</p>	<p>21 Plan and chase your goals, but allow for change.</p>
<p>22 There's so much you can achieve in this last week of February.</p>	<p>23 Keep an open mind and an open heart.</p>	<p>24 If you reflect on the past month, you'll remember some wonderful moments.</p>	<p>25 Appreciate the people in your life who bring out the best in you.</p>	<p>26 Keep things simple whenever you can.</p>	<p>27 Stay true to yourself in your decisions.</p>	<p>28 Open your heart to the wonders of March and spring.</p>

LEARNING THE GOSPELS

Gospel Readings for the month of February 2026

Sunday, February 1st 2026: Matthew 5:1-12

Jesus opens the Sermon on the Mount by naming those who are blessed in the reign of God.

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. And he began to speak and taught them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

“Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

Sunday, February 8th 2026: Matthew 5:13-20

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus encourages his followers to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, doing good works and keeping God's commandments.

[Jesus said:] “You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled under foot. “You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather, they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

Sunday February 15th 2026: Matthew 17:1-9

Shortly before he enters Jerusalem, where he will be crucified, Jesus is revealed to Peter, James, and John in a mountaintop experience of divine glory called the transfiguration.

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became bright as light. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will set up three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!” When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Get up and do not be afraid.” And when they raised their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, “Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”

Ash Wednesday, February 18th 2026: Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus commends almsgiving, prayer, and fasting, but emphasizes that spiritual devotion must not be done for show.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] “Beware of practicing your righteousness before others in order to be seen by them, for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven. “So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your alms may be done in secret, and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. “And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret, and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. “And whenever you fast, do not look somber, like the hypocrites, for they mark their faces to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret, and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. “Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal, but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

Sunday, February 22nd 2026: Matthew 4:1-11

Jesus experiences anew the temptations that Israel faced in the wilderness. As the Son of God, he endures the testing of the evil one.

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, 9 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.

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To be the church, it has to form a *community*
to worship God and serve others

