

THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church

February 18, 2024

10:00 a.m.



The Kingdom of God

AS WE GATHER

The movement of the Gospel reading for this Sunday, the first Sunday in Lent, comes in three parts: Baptism, temptation, and Jesus' proclamation of repentance. In only seven verses the Gospel of Mark describes these inaugural events in Jesus' ministry. The rapid-fire approach draws attention away from the details of the individual events themselves and instead brings into focus the movement between them: Baptism, temptation, and the proclamation of repentance. This is the movement of our life in Christ, too. It begins with our baptism into Christ. This baptism is followed immediately and continuously by temptation. Since we are not as resilient as Jesus, this pattern takes a slightly different turn for us. Before we proclaim repentance to others, we need to first repent ourselves. That's the whole point of Lent. This forty-day season to prepare for Easter is an opportunity for the people of God

to rededicate ourselves. Its not about what we give up. Its about what we gain as we hear and respond to Jesus again and again.

PRELUDE

“O Lord Most Holy” -Franz Abt

PASTORAL WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER

Pastor: Holy God, by the grace of Jesus Christ you know the tests and trials we face. Walk with us through this wilderness. In our burdens and our pains, come to us with your angels, with your ministers of healing. Visit us with messengers of hope, so that we may return to you in faith, believing even more in the good news of the gospel; what you have done for us in Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord, who died to bring us life. **Amen.**

OPENING HYMN

“Christ Be My Leader” **LSB #861, St. 1-3**

- 1 Christ be my Leader by night as by day;
Safe through the darkness, for He is the way.
Gladly I follow, my future His care,
Darkness is daylight when Jesus is there.**
- 2 Christ be my Teacher in age as in youth,
Drifting or doubting, for He is the truth.
Grant me to trust Him; though shifting as sand,
Doubt cannot daunt me; in Jesus I stand.**
- 3 Christ be my Savior in calm as in strife;
Death cannot hold me, for He is the life.
Nor darkness nor doubting nor sin and its stain
Can touch my salvation: with Jesus I reign.**

Stand

INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore, You are feared.

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

P Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

Sit

SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT (*Read responsively*)

Psalm 91:9–13; antiphon: vv. 15–16

When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble;

I will rescue him and honor him.

With long life I will satisfy him

and show him my salvation.

Because you have made the LORD your dwelling place—

the Most High, who is my refuge—

no evil shall be allowed to befall you,

no plague come near your tent.

For he will command his angels concerning you

to guard you in all your ways.

On their hands they will bear you up,

lest you strike your foot against a stone.

You will tread on the lion and the adder;

the young lion and the serpent you will trample underfoot.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble;

I will rescue him and honor him.

With long life I will satisfy him

and show him my salvation.

Stand

KYRIE (*Sing*)

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C Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

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P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray.

O Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide the people of Your Church that following our Savior we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 22:1–18

¹After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, “Abraham!” And he said, “Here am I.” ²He said, “Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you.” ³So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac. And he cut the wood for the burnt offering and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. ⁴On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar. ⁵Then Abraham said to his young men, “Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy will go over there and worship and come again to you.” ⁶And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together. ⁷And Isaac said to his father Abraham, “My father!” And he said, “Here am I, my son.” He said, “Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?” ⁸Abraham said, “God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son.” So they went both of them together.

⁹When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. ¹⁰Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. ¹¹But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, “Abraham, Abraham!” And he said, “Here am I.” ¹²He said, “Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have

not withheld your son, your only son, from me.” ¹³And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. ¹⁴So Abraham called the name of that place, “The LORD will provide”; as it is said to this day, “On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided.”

¹⁵And the angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven ¹⁶and said, “By myself I have sworn, declares the LORD, because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, ¹⁷I will surely bless you, and I will surely multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of his enemies, ¹⁸and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING

James 1:12–18

¹²Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him. ¹³Let no one say when he is tempted, “I am being tempted by God,” for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one. ¹⁴But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. ¹⁵Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death.

¹⁶Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers. ¹⁷Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. ¹⁸Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC "Calvary Covers It All" -Mrs. Walter Grand Taylor

Stand

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 1:9–15

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens opening and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

¹²The Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. ¹³And he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. And he was with the wild animals, and the angels were ministering to him.

¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, ¹⁵and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

NICENE CREED (*Spoken*)

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C **I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by Whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And

the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, Whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life † of the world to come. Amen.

Sit

HYMN OF THE DAY

“O Christ, You Walked the Road” LSB #424, St. 1-5

- 1 O Christ, You walked the road Our wand’ring feet must go.
You faced with us temptation’s pow’r And fought our ancient foe.**
- 2 No bread of earth alone Can fill our hung’ring hearts.
Lord, help us seek Your living Word, The food Your grace imparts.**
- 3 No blinding sign we ask, No wonder from above.
Lord, help us place our trust alone In Your unswerving love.**
- 4 When lures of easy gain With promise brightly shine,
Lord, help us seek Your kingdom first; Our wills with Yours align.**
- 5 O Christ, You walked the road Our wand’ring feet must go.
Stay with us through temptation’s hour To fight our ancient foe.**

SERMON

Repent and Believe

Stand

OFFERING MUSIC

“Lord of All Good” **LSB #786, St. 1** (*sung to EVENTIDE, #878*)

- 1 Lord of all good, our gifts we bring You now;
Use them Your holy purpose to fulfill.
Tokens of love and pledges they shall be
That our whole life is offered to Your will.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

(Congregation response to petitions: Hear our Prayer)

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

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P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS (*Sing*)

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**C Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your
name. Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

LORD'S PRAYER (*Spoken*)

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**C Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not
into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever
and ever. Amen.**

PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

AGNUS DEI (*Sing*)

C O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away; O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.

O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away; Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ, And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Sit

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

1) (piano) "Search Me, O God" -F. Bock/Arr. J. Sanborn

2) "The Lamb", **LSB # 547, St. 1-5**

1 The Lamb, the Lamb, O Father, where's the sacrifice?
Faith sees, believes God will provide the Lamb of price!
Refrain

**Refrain: Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me His own!
The Lamb is reigning on His throne!**

2 The Lamb, the Lamb, One perfect final offering. The Lamb,
the Lamb, Let earth join heav'n His praise to sing. Refrain

3 The Lamb, the Lamb, As wayward sheep their shepherd kill
So still, His will On our behalf the Law to fill. Refrain

4 He sighs, He dies, He takes my sin and wretchedness.
He lives, forgives, He gives me His own righteousness. Refrain

5 He rose, He rose, My heart with thanks now overflows.

His song prolong Till ev'ry heart to Him belong. Refrain

3) "I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table" **LSB # 618, St. 1-5**

**1 I come, O Savior, to Thy table, For weak and weary is my soul;
Thou, Bread of Life, alone art able To satisfy and make me
whole: Refrain**

**Refrain: Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood Be for my soul the
highest good!**

**2 Thy heart is filled with fervent yearning That sinners may
salvation see Who, Lord, to Thee in faith are turning;
So I, a sinner, come to Thee. Refrain**

**3 Unworthy though I am, O Savior, Because I have a sinful heart,
Yet Thou Thy lamb wilt banish never, For Thou my faithful
shepherd art: Refrain**

**4 Weary am I and heavy laden; With sin my soul is sore
oppressed; Receive me graciously and gladden
My heart, for I am now Thy guest. Refrain**

**5 What higher gift can we inherit? It is faith's bond and solid
base; It is the strength of heart and spirit,
The covenant of hope and grace. Refrain**

Stand

NUNC DIMITTIS (*Sing*)

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**C O Lord, now let Your servant Depart in heav'nly peace,
For I have seen the glory Of Your redeeming grace:
A light to lead the Gentiles Unto Your holy hill,
The glory of Your people, Your chosen Israel.**

**All glory to the Father, All glory to the Son,
All glory to the Spirit, Forever Three in One;
For as in the beginning, Is now, shall ever be,**

God's triune name resounding Through all eternity.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

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P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

BENEDICAMUS

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P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

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P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.

C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

“O Lord, throughout These Forty Days” LSB #418, St. 1-4

- 1 O Lord, throughout these forty days You prayed and kept the fast; Inspire repentance for our sin, And free us from our past.**
- 2 You strove with Satan, and You won; Your faithfulness endured; Lend us Your nerve, Your skill and trust In God's eternal Word.**
- 3 Though parched and hungry, yet You prayed And fixed Your mind above; So teach us to deny ourselves, Since we have known God's love.**
- 4 Be with us through this season, Lord, And all our earthly days, That when the final Easter dawns, We join in heaven's praise.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Join us for Sunday Bible study on the book of Revelation. We continue to meet at 8:30AM.

Women's Weekly Bible Study will meet Monday, Feb. 19th at noon in the Fellowship Hall. We will study Herodias. All BSLC women and friends are invited to attend.

The Stewardship committee will be collecting for the Justa Center during the month of February. Please consider contributing to this organization that helps homeless seniors. Place any offering you may want to give in a "Designated Funds" envelope, write "Justa Center" on it, and put in the offering plate. We thank you for your generosity. Thank you.

Lenten Midweek Services: Dinner will be served at 5:30 PM for each Wednesday before each week's service. . Join us each week at 6:30pm for midweek Lenten services. Our theme this year is "The Gardens of God" as we see how in Christ, God makes all things new. We will not be having a noontime service, but will be coordinating rides to church for anyone who does not feel comfortable driving at night. We will be asking different ministries and committees to host each week's dinner.

Sunday Feb. 18th, 12:00PM New Member Classes Begin: This Lent, anyone interested in knowing more about our congregation, our history and our beliefs, or those interested in becoming a part of Beautiful Savior are welcome to join our New Member Classes. We will meet for five weeks after church and discuss our faith, our history, and where the spirit is taking us as a church and how to be a part of it. Please let Pastor Tim know if you or anyone you know is interested.

Wed. Feb. 28th at 7:30PM VBS Planning Meeting: Join Annie Anderson and Pastor Tim for our first VBS planning meeting of 2024. We will introduce you to the theme, talk about roles and responsibilities, and lay out the timeline for preparation. Please consider being a part of this outward facing, community minded, children's ministry and event.

March 9th 2024: Blessing of the Animals and Pet Adoption Fair: 10:00am - 2:00pm here on the Beautiful Savior field. Join us and bring your furry friend as we give thanks to God for the companionship, we receive by the creatures he creates to be our pets. We will have vendors, food, and more on sight. Please reach out to Pastor Tim or Don Schinke if you would like to volunteer or if you know of any vendors who might want to be a part of the event.

Fellowship Hour: If you would like to bring something in to share during fellowship, please sign your name on the date you would like. The schedule is on the fellowship board. Questions, talk to Pastor Tim.

Donate to Beautiful Savior: Church Members and others who wish to "give electronically" can do so by going to: easytithes.com/BSLCTempe. Then choose the 'Recurring' or 'One-Time' giving option and choose a Fund. The Funds are: General Budget, LWML, Missions, Air conditioners, La Mesa, Staff Continuing Education, and Other. When selecting Other, please specify how your donation should be used. Thank you!!

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SERVING US AT WORSHIP TODAY:

Officiant Preacher:	Pastor Tim Anderson
Organist/Dir. of Music:	Ellen Brown
Song Leader:	Donna Evans
Lector & Assisting Elder:	Skip McFadden
Special Music:	The Beautiful Savior Singers
Greeter:	Kathy Held
Acolyte:	Charles Haynes
Altar:	Bobbie Littou, Charlotte Grefe

Visitors, please sign (with a complete address) our **Guest Book** on the podium in the entryway before you leave and/or complete a **grey/cream "Worship Information" card** found in the pew in front of you. Members are also encouraged to complete a "Worship Information" card (you can update address and phone number, request a pastoral visit)

Pastor Tim's Office Hours: Pastor Tim is available Monday through Thursday, 10am - 3pm as well as by appointment. Cell phone #480-536-2256.

WE CAN ASSIST THOSE UNABLE TO HEAR WELL...We have 3 cordless headsets available to use in the pews. Just let an usher know and they will be happy to bring you one.

Attendance for week: 2-11-2024; Bible Class—5; Worship Service—51; 2-12-2024 Women’s Bible Study—6; 2-8 La Mesa meal—106, La Mesa worship—32; La Mesa Baptism—NA.

Income report for 2-11-24: Loose Plate \$116; Weekly Envelopes \$4563; Designated Gifts \$259; Other \$; Total \$4938.

THIS WEEK AT BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR

February 18, Sunday

8:30 AM Adult Bible Study

9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal

10 AM The First Sunday of Lent – w/Holy Communion

*(Also, being streamed on Facebook online) (*Login info below to view online)*

February 19, Monday

12 PM Women’s Bible Study

5 PM Council Meeting

February 20, Tuesday

9:30 AM Braille Group

February 21, Wednesday

5:30 PM Meal before the service (*Pastor Tim*)

6:30 PM Lenten Worship Service 1

February 22, Thursday

4-7 PM La Mesa

Best Practices at Christ Lutheran

February 22-24, Friday-Saturday

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February 25, Sunday

10 AM The Second Sunday in Lent

Prayer List: We pray for strength, comfort and healing for:

Cyndi Calender, Kevin infection in his leg, **Janis Clark** with MS, **Shari** fell, **Mark Edwin, Rikki** bad heart & arthritis, **Grace Timm, Glenn Brown, Judy Mahr** in assisted Living, **Bobbie Littou, Nolan Conley, Bev Dase, Carol**

Hurley, Blue Sky, Charlotte's, grand baby, Marianne Lemkau, Nola, Mary Tarsitano;

Pastor Pope in hospice care;

Nicole McClain, Amina Kruck had surgery to remove a tumor on her brain, now recovering, **Mindy, Annalisa Durnan, Jan Buel, Brenda Frank, Beth Ruettinger, Warren, Cheryl, Jim Schutkowski** – cancer treatments;

Doris Reith at her daughter's home; and **Len Lacy** - memory care;

All nations dealing with hardships and for military deployed to areas of conflict;

FOR AT HOME WORSHIPERS WHO MAY VIEW SERVICES ONLINE. INSTRUCTIONS ARE BELOW:

***SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE YOU CAN GO ONLINE & VIEW AT**

1) Open a webpage browser (internet explorer, chrome, Firefox, etc.)

2) Type or paste the following link into your address bar:

www.facebook.com/BeautifulSaviorLutheranChurchTempe/

3) Option 1 - Scroll until you find a post that shows a "Live" feed titled for the Sunday service, or

4) Option 2 - Click on the "Videos" button on the left-hand sidebar (ignore anything asking you to sign up or sign in to Facebook)

5) Look for the video titled for the date of the Sunday service. Video stream will be live starting at or around 10am. If it does not show up, try refreshing the page. The video of the service will remain on the page if you would like to view it at a later time, or to replay it again at your discretion.

Lutheran Hour Broadcast - KFNB RADIO (1100) @

February 18 "**Redeeming DIY**" Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler Dr. Michael Zeigler talks about spiritual growth in the season of Lent and dying to self in a "do-it-yourself" world. (Mark 1:12-13)

