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Pr. Maribeth McGoven

“Tell Me Something Good: Grounding ourselves in the Good News this Lent”

First Sunday of Lent: “The Good News Is...So Good It Catches Us by Surprise!”

February 22, 2026

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Christie Semmler

BELLS

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

INSTALLATION OF CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS

CALL TO WORSHIP

LENTEN THEME SONG *“Improbable”*

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

OPENING HYMN *“Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling”* WOV #734 (vs. 1,3)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

screen

WORD

FIRST READING

John 2:1-11

HYMN

“Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God”

WOV #783(vs.1)*

CHILDREN’S TIME

HYMN

“Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God”

WOV #783 (vs.2,3)*

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 13:31-32

SERMON

Pr. Maribeth McGoven

HYMN OF THE DAY *“In the Cross of Christ I Glory”* LBW #104 (vs. 1, 3, 4)*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH FOR THE SEASON OF LENT

screen

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

MEAL

OFFERING	Audrey's Purple Dream	
GREAT THANKSGIVING		screen
WORDS OF INSTITUTION		
LORD'S PRAYER		screen
COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION		
COMMUNION HYMNS "Beneath the Cross of Jesus"		LBW #107*
	"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"	LBW #320*
POST-COMMUNION PRAYER		screen

SENDING

BLESSING FOR LENT		
BELLS		
CLOSING HYMN	"How Great Thou Art"	LBW #532 (vs. 1, 4)*
DISMISSAL		

P: Go, live and share the Good News of Jesus Christ.

C: Amen! Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE	Christie Semmler
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THIS WEEK'S BIBLE READINGS

Mon	Psalm 32; 1 Kings 19:1-8; Hebrews 2:10-18
Tue	Psalm 32; Genesis 4:1-16; Hebrews 4:14-5:10
Wed	Psalm 32; Exodus 34:1-9, 27-28; Matthew 18:10-14
Thu	Psalm 121; Isaiah 51:1-3; 2 Timothy 1:3-7
Fri	Psalm 121; Micah 7:18-20; Romans 3:21-31
Sat	Psalm 121; Isaiah 51:4-8; Luke 7:1-10
Sun	Psalm 121; Genesis 12:1-4a; Romans 4:1-5, 13-17; Matthew 17:1-9

SERVICE ASSISTANTS

	This Week	Next Week
Greeters	Denice Johnson	Danny & Betty Lecy
Ushers	Tom & Shane Synstegard	Kirk & Melissa Stover
Reader	Jay Johnson	Vi Sundermeyer
Communion	Denice Johnson & Raylan Stanley	Gabe Fauchald & Maddy Yoder

Prayer Concerns: The people of Venezuela, The people of Ukraine, The people of Israel and Palestine, Audrey's Purple Dream; The family & friends of Brian Gertds, The family & friends of Pr. Harvey Kietzman, The family & friends of Alex Pretti, The family & friends of Levi Keaton, The family & friends of Renee Good; Marlys Stainbrook, Carl & Linda Anderson, Phyllis Carlson, Tim Atwater (brother-in-law of Carol Jones), Jean (cousin of Vi Sundermeyer), Emily (friend of Vi Sundermeyer), Elaine Kelsey (friend of Peg Davies), Rose & Don (Vi Sundermeyer's sister and brother-in-law), Jerry Johnson (brother of Jay Johnson), Ryan Lau, Carla & Scott (friends of Corina Bronczyk), Karen Rich (sister of Mike Jones), Bonnie & George Lueck, Tina Riggs (friend of Bobbie Wosika), Jerry Leverson (Resurrection Band singer), Jim Thomsen, Gail Buck, Erika W. (friend of Vi Sundermeyer), Jennifer Lyons (niece of Carol Jones), Jimmie & Joyce Lecy (Harry Lecy's brother & sister-in-law), Dr. Brian Bratloff, Sebrina Hegg (Tina Ericson's sister), Phyllis Deer, Georgia Alexander (Pat Tinklenberg's granddaughter), Bruce Dahl (friend of Jay Johnson), Pat Tinklenberg (Heather Lenander's mom), Riki and her family, Bernice Seward (De Carlson's mother), Nicky (friend of Peg Davies), Kent Stover (Kirk Stover's brother), Paul Benson (Betty Lecy's brother), Dawn, David VanEye, Sarah & Sonny, Mellisa Tibbets, Jeff Massie, Harry Lecy, Tina Ericson, Johanna, Jana Dunham, Nellie, Bill T. (Shannah's cousin), Pr. Jim & Ann Davis, Steve Olafson, Romello Lee Kelly (Gail Buck's great grandson), Sue Fiene (Linda Anderson's sister) Jane Andress (friend of Bobbie Wosicka), Daryl Hendrickson (friend of Peg Davies), Charlie Keith (great grandson of Jim & Linda Koler), Richard VandenEykel (friend of Bobbie Wosicka)

Opportunities This Week

Today	Bible Study	9:00 AM
	Worship Service	10:00 AM
	Coffee Fellowship	11:30 AM
Sun	Bible Study	9:00 AM
	Worship Service	10:00 AM
	Coffee Fellowship	11:15 AM

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ***A table in the Fellowship Hall has books for adults and kids. Feel free to borrow them.***

Audrey's Purple Dream

Audrey Pidde's path to becoming a beacon of hope did not begin under extraordinary circumstance. Like many of us, she loved Northern Minnesota, small town life, and the strength found within the community. In Akeley, Minnesota, she made a home, a place where the simple yet profound truth emerged: we take care of one another.

In 2004, Audrey's world was shattered by news that no one should ever have to hear—she was diagnosed with cancer. Yet, even in the shadow of this daunting battle, she faced it with an unwavering spirit, holding onto the dream of a trip to Alaska. Her fight ignited a remarkable response within her community. Neighbors stepped forward, strangers united behind her cause, and within days, they had raised \$10,000 to help turn that dream into reality. Tragically, Audrey's light dimmed before she could set foot on that Alaskan soil. During her last days, she found comfort knowing her journey was made easier by the love and support that surrounded her.

Mission Statement:

At Audrey's Purple Dream, we are passionately dedicated to creating unforgettable experiences for individuals in our local communities who are bravely facing cancer. Our committed volunteers pour their hearts into fundraising efforts, ensuring that we can help make wishes, dreams, and essential needs come true for those in need. Through vibrant community-driven events and a spirit of collaboration, we strive to inspire compassion, celebrate the beauty of life, and forge lasting memories.

If you choose to donate to this worthy cause, please make your check to FLC with APD on the memo line.

We filled two "baskets" for the silent auction again this year. Thank you!!

FYI Audrey is Shannah Geimer's mother.