

# THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

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*A Christ Caring People Who Gather Around Word and Sacrament,  
Yoked Together, In Personal Service to Christ in World Wide Missions*



## ✠ DIVINE SERVICE ✠

**OPENING HYMN**      "O Lord, throughout These Forty Days"      (LSB 418)

### INVOCATION

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

### EXHORTATION

- 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 gifts of our Lord Jesus Christ through Word and Sacrament, 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.

### CONFESSION *and* ABSOLUTION

- 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.

✠ WORD ✠

**INTROIT**

*Ps. 91:9-13; (antiphon: Ps. 91:15-16)*

**P** When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble;  
I will rescue him and honor him.

**C** With long life I will satisfy him  
and show him my salvation.

**P** Because you have made the LORD your dwelling place –  
The Most High, who is my refuge –

**C** no evil shall be allowed to befall you,  
no plague come near your tent.

**P** For he will command his angels concerning you  
to guard you in all your ways.

**C** On their hands they will bear you up,  
lest you strike your foot against a stone.

**P** You will tread on the lion and the adder;  
the young lion and the serpent you will trample underfoot.

**C** 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.

**P** 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.

**KYRIE**



**C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.



**SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY**

**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.

*(Please be seated)*

**OLD TESTAMENT**

*Genesis 3:1-13, 21*

*(The Fall of Man)*

The Fall

**3** Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the Lord God had made.

He said to the woman, "Did God actually say, 'You<sup>[a]</sup> shall not eat of any tree in the garden?'" **2** And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, **3** but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.'" **4** But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. **5** For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." **6** 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,<sup>[b]</sup> she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. **7** Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.

<sup>8</sup> And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool<sup>[c]</sup> of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. <sup>9</sup> But the Lord God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?"<sup>[d]</sup> <sup>10</sup> And he said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself." <sup>11</sup> He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" <sup>12</sup> The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate." <sup>13</sup> Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."... <sup>21</sup> And the Lord God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them.

*After the reading:*

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**ANTHEM** "Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain" (arr. Larry Shackley)  
*Laura Streich, vocal soloist*

**EPISTLE** 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10 (The Ministry of Reconciliation)

<sup>5:20b</sup> We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. <sup>21</sup> For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

<sup>6</sup> Working together with him, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain. <sup>2</sup> For he says, "In a favorable time I listened to you, and in a day of salvation I have helped you." Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. <sup>3</sup> We put no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, <sup>4</sup> but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: by great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, <sup>5</sup> beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; <sup>6</sup> by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love; <sup>7</sup> by truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; <sup>8</sup> through honor and dishonor, through slander and praise. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; <sup>9</sup> as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and

behold, we live; as punished, and yet not killed; <sup>10</sup> as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, yet possessing everything.

*After the reading:*

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*(Please stand)*

**HOLY GOSPEL** *Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21* (Giving to the Needy, Fasting, Treasures in Heaven)

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the sixth chapter.

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

**Giving to the Needy**

<sup>6</sup> “Beware of practicing your righteousness before other people in order to be seen by them, for then you will have no reward from your Father who is in heaven.

<sup>2</sup> “Thus, when you give to the needy, sound no trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may be praised by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. <sup>3</sup> But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, <sup>4</sup> so that your giving may be in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

**The Lord's Prayer**

<sup>5</sup> “And when you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites. For they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. <sup>6</sup> But when 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.

**Fasting**

<sup>16</sup> “And when you fast, do not look gloomy like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces that their fasting may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. <sup>17</sup> But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, <sup>18</sup> that your fasting may not be seen by others but by your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

**Lay Up Treasures in Heaven**

<sup>19</sup> “Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust<sup>[a]</sup> destroy and where thieves break in and steal, <sup>20</sup> but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. <sup>21</sup> For

where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

*After the reading:*

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

*(Please be seated)*

**SERMON HYMN** "Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain" (LSB 435)

**SERMON** "The Good News of a Savior Who Covers Our Sin" (Genesis 3:1-13, 21 )  
Elder Matt King

**CREED** Apostles' *Inside back cover of the Lutheran Service Book*

**OFFERING** *We give our tithes and gifts of love*

*(Please stand)*

### **PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

**P** Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.



Lord Most High, You are the dwelling place of Your people. Be our refuge for the sake of Christ, who suffered temptation and death for our redemption. Preserve us from every evil and plague, and strengthen us in faith, that we may be satisfied with Your salvation. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** God of all nations, You make no distinction between Jew and Greek, for everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. Protect and provide for the missionaries of Your Church as they proclaim the Word of faith and bring it near to all who will hear, so that more would confess with their mouths that Jesus is Lord and believe in their hearts that You raised Him from the dead. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Lord of all, You bestow Your riches on all who call upon You. Bless parents with all wisdom as they teach their children Your ways, that all in the household may confess with their mouths that Jesus is Lord. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Almighty God, govern the kingdoms of this world according to Your holy and gracious will. Protect authorities from every temptation of the devil, who falsely claims sovereignty over them. Equip them to curb what is evil and promote what is good. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** God of all mercy, You answer those who call upon You. Hear our prayers for all people in need of healing and restoration [*especially* \_\_\_\_\_]. Be with them in their trouble, and rescue them according to Your gracious will. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** O Lord, everyone who believes that Jesus is Lord will not be put to shame. Unite Your people in a right confession of Your Word, and free them from disagreement over Your truth. Bring us with penitent hearts to receive the great riches of Your Son's body and blood. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Lord God, as You brought Your people to the Promised Land and gave them an inheritance of abundance, so You give us all that we have. Preserve us from greed, and grant us thankful hearts to declare Your goodness and gladly support what You will. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Lord God, heavenly Father, see how the adversary continually afflicts us and walks about as a roaring lion seeking to devour us. We implore You for the sake of the suffering and death of Your Son, Jesus Christ, to help us by the grace of the Holy Spirit and strengthen our hearts by Your Word, that our enemy would not prevail over us, but instead that we may abide evermore in Your grace and be preserved to life everlasting; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

**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.

## BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24–26

- 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

“Jesus, Refuge of the Weary”

(LSB 423)

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT



**AS WE GATHER** “Great indeed, we confess, is the mystery of godliness” (1 Timothy 3:16). As we have now entered the forty-day pilgrimage of Lent, we approach the most climactic event of our Lord’s earthly ministry, the one that confused and frightened the first followers of Jesus and perhaps even some to this day. The expectation of the establishment of the kingdom of God with Jesus, the Son of God, seated on a royal throne as ruler was demolished as they witnessed their Rabbi, Master, and Lord taken captive, convicted, tortured, and

executed on that Passover in Jerusalem.

The cross has always been an offense. To this day, the same mystery stands: His royal throne is but a frightful cross of crucifixion—His kingdom hidden to the eyes. When confronted with the facts of God’s Word, many cannot see past this mystery. Yet it is the power of God’s Word that gives people the gift of faith and new eyes to see what was incomprehensible and secret now revealed by the Spirit of God. God’s truth is that in the death of Christ, redemption and forgiveness of sin now avails for the entire world. Sinners are delivered, justified before God by faith in the blood of Jesus shed on the cross and given the ability to repent and believe and become children of God for eternity. For sinful mankind, this life-giving truth is impossible to believe or understand. Only because of the mighty Word of God proclaimed to the world by His church and by the power of



the Spirit is that otherwise mysterious Word actually easy and powerful to understand and to believe.

*And Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness for forty days, being tempted by the devil. And He ate nothing during those days. And when they were ended, He was hungry. Luke 4:1–2*

If there are prayer concerns for you, your family, your friends, or your neighbors, please put them on the yellow prayer request card. Our Board of Elders are prayerful with our pastors about these joys and struggles of our earthly journey.

*“The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.” James 5:16b*

**Welcome to Faith Evangelical Lutheran on this First Sunday in Lent!** We are delighted to have you in worship with us. If you are visiting from out of town, we bid you welcome and God-speed on your journey. Should you be from our community, and have no church home, we invite you to make Faith your church home.

**Preaching** this morning is Elder Matt King. Elder Bill Dunn is our Liturgist. Rev. Sam Handschke is on vacation in Mexico and Pastor Urbach is having some health issues.

**Holy Communion** is celebrated at our 11:00 service on Sunday, March 23. In this Sacrament, our Lord gives His true body and blood for our forgiveness. Those who confess the faith declared at this altar and who desire to receive communion today are asked to read our communion statement found in the bulletin. Thank you.



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### STEWARDSHIP CORNER

**Wed. Feb. 26, Att. 72, Offering** \$200.00; **Sun., Mar. 2, Att. 255;** General Fund \$10,983.96; Ash Wednesday \$100.00; Sunday School \$7.00; Building Fund \$405.00; Love Fund \$100.00; Contingency Fund \$100.00; Broadcasts \$60.00; Dakotamart \$1,200.00 (Preschool \$600.00 and Daycare \$600.00); Endowment Fund in memory of Joyce Nielsen (Foundations) \$50.00.

**Endowment Fund** There are lime green envelopes on the back side of the large center support post in the Narthex for your use. Donations do not have to be in memory of someone, they can be in celebration of an event in your lives, to the glory of God, or any

number of happenings in your lives. The envelopes have an area where you can designate where you wish the funds to go. *Please use a separate check for your donation.* Where we deposit the funds does not take cash, so **it needs to be in the form of a check.** The counters cannot always find checks to cover when cash is given. Thanks for your help!

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**Education attendance:**      **2/26 Midweek – 22 + 6th-8th at Feeding SD**  
   **3/2 Sunday School – 29**  
   **Adult Bible Study – 10**

**Food Drive** March is the month for Faith Lutheran to collect items for the food pantry. The tables are set up and the boxes ready to put in your donations. The boxes on the tables are alphabetized and labeled for ease of separation. There are lists on the tables as to the most needed items. Pick one up and do some shopping with the pantry in mind as you do your own shopping.



**Corned Beef and Cabbage Meal** Sunday, March 16, 2025. It is back again this year! The Kenefick-Aschoff family is organizing the Corned Beef ‘N’ Cabbage meal as we have done in the past. Noon meal following the late service. Freewill offering proceeds will go toward the Mexico Mission Trip.

**Menu:**

Corned Beef ‘N’ Cabbage  
Red Potatoes  
Macaroni and Cheese  
Dark Rye Bread  
Bread Pudding with Caramel Sauce

This meal will once again be served family style. Take-out or eat in. **Please sign up in the Narthex so that we prepare enough to fill as many orders as possible.**

**LWML Pierre Zone Spring Rally** The LWML Pierre Zone Spring Rally will be held On Monday, March 17<sup>th</sup> at Faith Lutheran. Guest speaker will be Carolyn Ryckman. She will do a presentation on the Mission Trip to Ysleta Lutheran Mission in El Paso, TX/Juarez, Mexico.

**The LWML South Dakota** is planning a retreat for women across the state entitled “Living God’s Praise” on April 25 and 26<sup>th</sup> at the Cedar Shores Resort in Chamberlain. The retreat will start Friday evening at 7:00 and conclude Saturday afternoon around 3:00. The LWML councilors for the South Dakota District will be conducting the Bible studies based on Psalm 119: 175. If you are interested, please contact Jan Larson (605-280-0862) for information or check out the website at [sdlwml.org](http://sdlwml.org). I hope you can come to this fun event close to home!



**Mexico Mission** The Mexico Mission team thank you for your kind support and prayers for the past trips and are welcoming families and individuals to sign up for the 2025 trip. Please contact Dennis Ryckman (605-222-7713) or the church office if you have any questions or are interested in being a part of the mission trip.

### **Mexico Mission Trip 2025/Ysleta Lutheran Mission El Paso**

As members of the body of Christ, we all have gifts according to the grace given us. On the Mexico Mission trip, we all have a purpose and contribute according to our own gifts. The mission trip is life-changing, both for you and for those on the border whom we serve.

Will you or you and your family join us this year on the Mission trip to Mexico? If so, we would like to hear from you soon. The trip is scheduled for May 24 through May 31. Soon we will be coordinating many spring projects to help with raising the funds needed. We have regular meetings to prepare our hearts and minds for this event. Please contact Dennis or Carolyn Ryckman for more information.

**AARP Foundation Tax-Aide** Get your taxes done for free. The Pierre/Ft. Pierre/AARP Foundation tax-Aid Program will be accepting appointments for the upcoming season. There are 6 volunteers available to provide services. To obtain an appointment, please contact the Pierre Senior Center @605-224-7730 or in person from 1-3 PM. Monday thru Friday, except holidays. You will need to obtain an information packet, which contains instructions and forms to be completed prior to your appointment. Self-employment income, some rental income, Out-of-State returns and other situations are Out-of-Scope.

**Main Street Living** “Main Street Living” is a liturgical worship service broadcasting a different local pastor each Sunday morning. It airs along with the classic Lutheran Hour program, “This is the Life.” Both can be viewed on KDLT (NBC) & KEVN (FOX) Visit [www.mainstreetliving.com](http://www.mainstreetliving.com) to view current and past episodes. **Did you know** you can see the Worship Service and Kid's Crossing on our website at anytime? All programs are streamed on [www.mainstreetliving.com](http://www.mainstreetliving.com), and are available the day before they are

broadcast.

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*KDLT (NBC) channels 5.1 / 46.1*

**10:00 AM - "God of Love"** - Illustrates that we, as Christians, all have responsibilities. It is a cross we bear.

**10:30 AM - Rev. Robert Hinckley**, pastor at Grace and Blessed Emmanuel Lutheran Churches in Deadwood and Sturgis, SD presents a message titled "A Mighty Fortress is Our God." The sermon is based on Luke 4:4-12. This program is interpreted and closed captioned for the deaf and hard of hearing. For more information visit: [www.mainstreetliving.com](http://www.mainstreetliving.com)

**Life Quotes** "Brothers and sisters, in Christ you are God's masterpiece. You were created for a purpose. You are the hands and feet of Christ demonstrating His love in a world that desperately needs it. Live out that purpose in the strength that comes from Him and wait joyfully for the day where we get to see His finished product." *Rev. Adam Osier, Dean, Free Lutheran Bible College, Plymouth, Minnesota – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

## Faith Lutheran Youth



**Bible Bowl 2025** We received word from the South Dakota LCMS district on the 2025 Bible Bowl. The books of the Bible are Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, and Philemon. Students from sixth grade to seniors are eligible to participate. The statewide competition is before Palm Sunday. **The Bible Bowl is set for March 29, 2025.** Registration can be done via mail or email. If by email, please send a digital copy of the form or type out the information in an email to [revmring@gmail.com](mailto:revmring@gmail.com).

**Camp Minneboji** It's freezing today - but a great time to think about summer and the upcoming 2025 Camp Minneboji. Camp Minneboji 2025 will take place from June 15–21. It is a Lutheran camp for students in grades 4–9, primarily from South Dakota and southwestern Minnesota. "Hidden and Revealed" is the theme for Camp Minneboji 2025! This camp for 4th-8th graders is very popular and spots fill quickly! Take the time now to reserve a spot for your child(ren). Check out the Camp Minneboji website for more details.





**LCMS Youth Gathering** The LCMS Youth Gathering will be July 19-23, 2025, in New Orleans, Louisiana. LCMS youth and adult leaders will visit the city under the theme Endure based on Hebrews 12:1-3. Held every three years, LCMS Youth Gatherings provide young people an opportunity to learn more about Jesus Christ, the Christian faith and their Lutheran identity. During the five-days of the Gathering youth spend time together in worship, God’s Word, prayer, song and service. This event is organized by LCMS Youth Ministry in Saint Louis, Missouri.

### ***This Week at Faith Lutheran***

**Today: Mar. 9**

8:30 am Worship  
 9:45 am Sunday School/*Luke* Study  
 11:00 am Worship  
 11:00 pm Board of Missions & Evang.  
 2-5:30 pm Softball

**Mon: Mar. 10**

5:30 pm Bd. of Early Education  
 7:00 pm LWML

**Tues: Mar. 11**

8:00 am Staff Devotions  
 10:30 am Women’s Bible Study  
 5:30 pm Board of Early Education  
 5:00-7:00 pm SC Youth BB  
 6:15 pm Bd. of Property Management

**Wed: Mar. 12**

11:00 am Lenten Worship  
 5:30 pm Lenten Meal  
 6:00 pm Midweek/Catechism

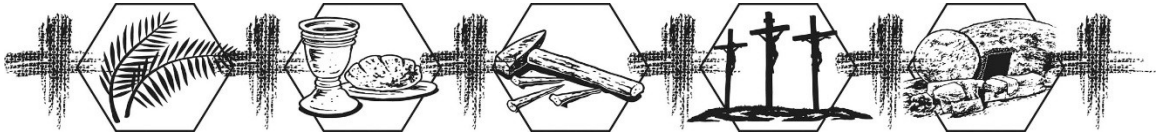
6:00 pm *Luke* Bible Study  
 6:00 pm *Jeremiah/Lamentations* Study  
 6:30 pm *Jesus* (in homes)  
 7:00 pm Lenten Worship  
 8:00 pm LYF

**Thurs: Mar. 13**

8:00 am Staff Devotions  
 11:30 am Ministerium  
 6-9 pm Softball  
 7:00 pm Faith Circle

**Sun: Mar. 16**

8:30 am Worship  
 9:45 am Sunday School/*Luke* Study  
 11:00 am Worship  
 12:00 Corned Beef/Cabbage Meal  
 1:00 pm Bd. of Stewardship/Endow.  
 2-5:00 pm Softball  
 3:00 pm Board of Education



**Midweek**  
**“Savior, Servant, Friend”**

**March 12, 2025**  
11:00 am & 7:00 pm  
“Healer”

**March 19, 2025**  
11:00 am & 7:00 pm  
“Listener”

**March 26, 2025**  
11:00 am & 7:00 pm  
“Encourager”

**April 2, 2025**  
7:00 pm  
“Protector”

**April 9, 2025**  
11:00 am & 7:00 pm  
“Comforter”

**April 17, 2025**  
11:00 am & 7:00 pm  
Maundy Thursday  
“Servant”

**April 18, 2025**  
7:00 pm only  
Good Friday  
“Savior”



## **Jesus Heals Peter's Mother-in-Law**