

First Sunday in Lent

February 26, 2023

Evangelical Lutheran Worship

Setting 8



Introduction to the Day:

Today's gospel tells of Jesus' temptation in the desert. His forty-day fast becomes the basis of our Lenten pilgrimage. In the early church Lent was a time of intense preparation for those to be baptized at the Easter Vigil. This catechetical focus on the meaning of faith is at the heart of our Lenten journey to the baptismal waters of Easter. Hungry for God's mercy, we receive the bread of life to nourish us for the days ahead

Prayer Requests

*Congregation participation in **bold print**.*

Please stand as you are able.

GATHERING - The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the ✝ holy Trinity,
the one who fashions us,
the one who heals us,
the one who reforms us again and again.
Amen.

Let us confess our sin, calling for God's transforming power.
Silence is kept for reflection.

Source of all life,
we confess that we have not allowed your grace to set us free.
We fear that we are not good enough.
We hear your word of love freely given to us, yet we expect others to earn it.
We turn the church inward, rather than moving it outward.
Forgive us. Stir us.
Reform us to be a church powered by love, willing to speak for what is right,
act for what is just, and seek the healing of your whole creation.
Amen.

God hears our cry and sends the Spirit to change us and to empower our lives in the world. Our sins are forgiven, ✝ God's love is unconditional, and we are raised up as God's people who will always be made new, in the name of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together.

Lord God,

our strength, the struggle between good and evil rages within and around us, and the devil and all the forces that defy you tempt us with empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your word, and when we fall, raise us again and restore us through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever Amen

Please be seated.

WORD - God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING: Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

Human beings were formed with great care, to be in relationship with the creator, creation, and one another. The serpent's promise to the first couple that their eyes would be opened led, ironically, to the discovery only that they were naked.

¹⁵The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. ¹⁶And the LORD God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; ¹⁷but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die."

^{3:1}Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden'?" ²The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; ³but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" ⁴But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; ⁵for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." ⁶So 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, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. ⁷Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 32

¹Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven,
 and whose sin is put away!

²**Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no guilt,
 and in whose spirit there is no guile!**

³While I held my tongue, my bones withered away,
 because of my groaning all day long.

- ⁴**For your hand was heavy upon me day and night;
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.**
- ⁵Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not conceal my guilt.
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.
- ⁶**Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble;
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.**
- ⁷You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble;
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.
- ⁸**"I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go;
I will guide you with my eye.**
- ⁹Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding;
who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay near you."
- ¹⁰**Great are the tribulations of the wicked;
but mercy embraces those who trust in the LORD.**
- ¹¹Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD;
shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

SECOND READING: Romans 5:12-19

Through Adam's disobedience, humanity came under bondage to sin and death, from which we cannot free ourselves. In Christ's obedient death, God graciously showers on us the free gift of liberation and life.

¹²Just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned—¹³sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. ¹⁴Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come.

¹⁵But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. ¹⁶And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. ¹⁷If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

¹⁸Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. ¹⁹For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Please stand as you are able.

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GOSPEL: Matthew 4:1-11

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

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

¹Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ²He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. ³The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." ⁴But he answered, "It is written,

'One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'

⁵Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, ⁶saying 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.'

⁷Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

⁸Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; ⁹and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." ¹⁰Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

'Worship the Lord your God,
and serve only him.'"

¹¹Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

Jay Carroll

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY

"On Eagle's Wings"

ELW Hymn 787

APOSTLES' CREED

With the whole church, let us confess our faith using the Apostles' Creed:

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

After each petition, the Worship Assistant will say, "Merciful God", the congregation will respond, "receive our prayer."

Sustained by God's abundant mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your steadfast love and your promise to renew your whole creation; through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Please take a few moments to greet those around you as you feel comfortable, keeping in mind that not everyone is comfortable shaking hands or hugging.

MEAL - God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING

OFFERING SONG

“Just As I Am”

ELW Hymn 592

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together,

God of life,

You give us these gifts of the earth, these resources of our life and our labor. Take them, offered in great thanksgiving, and use them to set a table that will heal the whole creation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Light.

Amen .

GREAT THANKSGIVING

DIALOGUE

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Preface

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD’S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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 today 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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Please be seated.

We believe that Christ is truly present in, with, and under the bread and wine. All those who are baptized and have received formal teaching about The Lord’s Supper are invited forward to commune. If you desire a blessing, come forward and keep hands folded together. Come forward at the direction of the usher. Pick up a clean cup from the right side of the altar. The empty cups can be placed in the tray on the left side of the altar.

COMMUNION SONG

“Lamb of God”

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SONGS DURING COMMUNION

“It Is Well With My Soul”

ELW Hymn 785

“Spirit of the Living God”

Song Sheet Attached

“Eat This Bread”

ELW Hymn 472

Please stand as you are able.

TABLE BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen

SONG AFTER COMMUNION

“Go My Children, With My Blessing”

ELW Hymn 543

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

Holy and compassionate God,

in bread and wine you give us gifts that form us to be humble and courageous. May your words come to life in our serving and in our witness, that we might speak a living voice of healing and justice to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our rock and our redeemer.

Amen.

SENDING - God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE COMING WEEK:

Monday: “Before the Throne” Book Study, Week 4, Day 5 & Week 5, Day 1

Wednesday: “The Way” Mid-Week Lenten Study, 12:00

Saturday: AARP Tax Sessions 9:00-3:00

Counters for February: Jim Sund & Sue Stewart

Sunday, March 5th: Special Congregational Meeting, 11:00— The Council and the Call Committee will be placing before you the name of Reverend Christopher Peterson as a candidate for call as the next Minister of Word and Sacrament of Christ Lutheran Church. Your presence and vote are important.

BLESSING

God, creator of all things, speaking reformation into being;
Jesus Christ, savior of the world, raising the dead;
Holy Spirit, living voice, calling and enlightening the church:

Almighty God, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.

Amen.

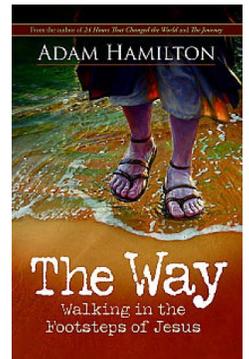
DISMISSAL

Go in peace.
Serve the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

Please keep the following people in your prayers this week: Kodi, Don and Sandy, Jackie Larson, Linda Uecker, Rita, Laurie Wilson, and Jean Koch .

Travel to the Holy Land in this inspiring volume of Adam Hamilton’s Bible study on the life of Jesus. Using historical background, archaeological findings, and stories of the faith, Hamilton retraces the footsteps of Jesus from his baptism to the temptations to the heart of his ministry, including the people he loved, the enemies he made, the parables he taught, and the roads he traveled.



Our mid-week Lenten services will be on the Wednesdays in Lent beginning at noon. We will be watching a short video that will take us on the roads of the Holy Land. We will also have books available to accompany each video. Please join us.



Our Lenten offering will be designated to Ysleta Lutheran Mission, Refugee Care Ministry. This ministry partners with other organizations such as the Rescue Mission of El Paso and the Opportunity Center of El Paso. These organizations are working side by side with other El Paso shelters, helping to relocate these refugees within 48-72 hours. Through our prayers and support, YLM can continue to be a source of encouragement and practical acts of kindness to the displaced who are seeking to find a better future in the United States

Reminder of the Cub Scouts Pet Care Drive going through the 28th. Grab a list from the table in the narthex for needed items.

Thanks. Laura



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Spirit of the living God

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F Gm⁷/B^b D/A Gm F/C C⁷ F

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall fresh on me,

Detailed description: This system shows the first six measures of the song. The treble clef staff has a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody starts on a quarter rest, then moves to G4, A4, Bb4, and C5. The bass clef staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords: F major (F2, A2, C3), Gm7/Bb (Bb2, D3, F3, Ab3), D/A (A2, C3, F3), Gm (Bb2, D3, F3), F/C (C2, F3), C7 (F3, Ab3, C4, Eb4), and F (F2, A2, C3). The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

F Gm⁷/B^b D/A Gm F/C C⁷ F

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall fresh on me.

Detailed description: This system shows the next six measures. The melody continues from the previous system, ending on a quarter rest. The bass clef staff continues with the same chord progression: F, Gm7/Bb, D/A, Gm, F/C, C7, and F. The lyrics are: "Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall fresh on me."

B^b F G⁷ C F/C C⁷

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

Detailed description: This system shows the next six measures. The treble clef staff has a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody starts on a quarter rest, then moves to Bb4, C5, Bb4, and A4. The bass clef staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords: Bb (Bb2, D3, F3), F (F2, A2, C3), G7 (Bb2, D3, F3, Ab3), C (C2, E3, G3), F/C (C2, F3), and C7 (F3, Ab3, C4, Eb4). The lyrics are: "Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me."

F Gm⁷/B^b D/A Gm F/C C⁷ F

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall fresh on me.

Detailed description: This system shows the final six measures of the song. The melody continues from the previous system, ending on a quarter rest. The bass clef staff continues with the same chord progression: F, Gm7/Bb, D/A, Gm, F/C, C7, and F. The lyrics are: "Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall fresh on me."

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

1. I have de-cid-ed to fol-low Je-sus, I have de-
2. The world be-hind me, the cross be-fore me, the world be-
3. Though none go with me, I still will fol-low, though none go
4. Will you de-cide now to fol-low Je-sus? Will you de-

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cid-ed to fol-low Je-sus, I have de-cid-ed to fol-low
hind me, the cross be-fore me, the world be-hind me, the cross be-
with me, I still will fol-low, though none go with me, I still will
cide now to fol-low Je-sus? Will you de-cide now to fol-low

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Je - sus— no turn-ing back, no turn-ing back.
fore me— no turn-ing back, no turn-ing back.
fol - low— no turn-ing back, no turn-ing back.
Je - sus?— no turn-ing back, no turn-ing back.