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Sunday
in
Lent

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Sunday Morning Worship
10:00 a.m.
March 6, 2022

First Sunday in Lent

Prayer Before Worship: Bring your word near to us, O God. May it rest not only on our lips, but also reside in our hearts. By the power of your Holy Spirit, help us to respond to your word with our whole lives until you become our dwelling place; through Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

(In preparation for our worship together, you are invited to take a moment of silence to offer your own prayers of worship and praise.)

KEY: ELW and any page number = Worship hymnal (cranberry),
OSB = Other Song Book (red), W&P = Worship & Praise (purple).

* Indicates please stand if able. Congregational responses are printed in **BOLD** type.

A Warm Welcome to all as we gather as God's people to worship our Lord. We pray our worship together would strengthen your faith and desire to know and serve the One who loves us with an everlasting love as made known to us in Jesus Christ.

Visitors, *if you are worshipping with us in person or online today,*
we are glad to have you with us.

Prelude Music

Welcome and Announcements

✠WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS✠

*Confession of Sins/Assurance of Forgiveness

(All may make the sign of the cross ✠ the sign marked at baptism, as we begin)

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(Silence for reflection and self-examination)

Most merciful God,

We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

***Glory to God:**

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Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.
**Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ,
only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. 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.

***Prayer of the Day**

God Most High,

thank you for signs of your power and grace, shown to us even in the wilderness. Give us courage to stand firm in your Word in every time of trial and testing, that we may enter the land of your freedom and receive the salvation you so generously give; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

‡GOD'S WORD SPEAKS TO US‡

First Reading: Deuteronomy 26:1-11

¹When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, ²you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. ³You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us." ⁴When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, ⁵you shall make this response before the LORD your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. ⁶When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, ⁷we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. ⁸The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; ⁹and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me." You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. ¹¹Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

¹You who dwell in the shelter of the Most High,
who abide in the shadow of the Almighty—

²**you will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my stronghold,
my God in whom I put my trust."**

⁹Because you have made the LORD your refuge,
and the Most High your habitation,

¹⁰**no evil will befall you,
nor shall affliction come near your dwelling.**

¹¹For God will give the angels charge over you,
to guard you in all your ways.

¹²**Upon their hands they will bear you up,
lest you strike your foot against a stone.**

¹³You will tread upon the lion cub and viper;
you will trample down the lion and the serpent.

¹⁴**I will deliver those who cling to me;
I will uphold them, because they know my name.**

¹⁵They will call me, and I will answer them;
I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue and honor them.

¹⁶**With long life will I satisfy them,
and show them my salvation.**

Epistle Reading: Romans 10:8b-13

⁸But what does it say?

"The word is near you,
on your lips and in your heart"

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. ¹¹The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." ¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

***Lenten Verse:**

"Let Your Steadfast Love..."

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**Let your steadfast love come to us, O Lord.
Let your steadfast love come to us, O Lord.
Save us as you promised; we will trust your word.
Let your steadfast love come to us, O Lord.**

***Gospel: Luke 4:1-13**

Response after the announcement of the gospel:
Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, ²where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. ³The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." ⁴Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'"

⁵Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. ⁶And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. ⁷If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." ⁸Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'"

⁹Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, ¹⁰for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,'

¹¹and

'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'"

¹²Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" ¹³When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

Response after the gospel reading:
Praise to you, O Christ.

Kids Sermon:

Pastor Chris

Sermon:

Pastor Jon Mapa

(Silence for Reflection and Meditation.)

‡WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD‡

****Hymn of the Day: “Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word”**

ELW #517

**1. Lord, keep us steadfast in your word;
curb those who by deceit or sword
would wrest the kingdom from your Son
and bring to naught all he has done.**

**2. Lord Jesus Christ, your pow'r make known,
for you are Lord of lords alone;
defend your holy church, that we
may sing your praise eternally.**

**3. O Comforter of priceless worth,
send peace and unity on earth;
support us in our final strife
and lead us out of death to life.**

***Profession of Faith: 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 the Church:**

Each petition ends with:

Generous God....**hear our prayer.**

The prayers conclude with:

...who gave everything for us. **Amen.**

***Exchange of Peace**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

“The Potter’s Hand”

Choir

***Offertory Prayer**

Gracious and Generous God,

we are amazed by the good gifts you bestow in abundance. Thank you for food that sustains us on our journey. Thank you for the company of saints to whom we are joined. Thank you for giving us your work to do on earth. We offer back to you a portion of all that we have received, setting down our baskets in celebration of your greatest gift, Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

†HOLY COMMUNION†

Here our Lord gives to us His own Body and Blood for the forgiveness of all our sins.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Words of Institution

The Lord’s Prayer

**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.**

Invitation to Communion

There is bread enough, there is wine enough for all,
Come, brothers and sisters, to the feast where all are welcome!

Distribution of Communion:

Christ is truly present in the Lord's Supper with gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation.

All are welcome and invited to receive Holy Communion.

(Communion will be served continuously at two stations in the front of the church.

WHITE GRAPE JUICE and GLUTEN FREE WAFERS are available. Just ask the server.

Children who are not yet communicants are invited to come forward for a blessing.)

Distribution Music

Rhonda Boettcher

*Post-Communion Blessing

*Post-Communion Prayer

Blessed Jesus,
in this rich meal of grace,
you have fed us with your body, the bread of life.
Now send us forth to bear your life-giving hope
to a world in need. **Amen.**

✠WE DEPART TO SERVE✠

*Benediction

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.
Amen.

*Sending Hymn:

“Bless Now, O God, the Journey”

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**1. Bless now, O God, the journey
that all your people make,
the path through noise and silence,
the way of give and take.**

The trail is found in desert
and winds the mountain round,
then leads beside still waters,
the road where faith is found.

2. Bless sojourners and pilgrims
who share this winding way;
your hope burns through the terrors,
your love sustains the day.
We yearn for holy freedom
while often we are bound;
together we are seeking
the road where faith is found.

3. Divine eternal lover,
you meet us on the road.
We wait for land of promise
where milk and honey flow,
but waiting not for places,
you meet us all around.
Our covenant is written
on roads, as faith is found.

***Dismissal**

Go in peace. Jesus meets you on the way.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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✝️ In Our Thoughts and Prayers ✝️

Prayers for healing: **Allie Meyers** (friend of Marissa Wright), **Larry Stahla** (lung cancer—brother of Virginia Pickett), **Mabel Dedlow** (recovering from hip surgery), **Shirlie Schuldies** (eye & heart procedures), **Dick Heidingsfelder** (recovering from hip surgery), **Jude Walker** (recovering from a fall), **Andrew Miller**, **Jean Collins** (recovery from hip surgery), **Kathy Pickett** (cancer—Virginia Pickett's niece), **Maeve Singer** (medical issues), **Kathy Johnson** (back issues), **Kathy Rahrs** (recovering from back surgery—Val Rahrs' mother), **Mark** (Jean Collins & Kathy Johnson's cousin's husband), **LaDonna Schmidt** (chemotherapy), **Greta Mehling** (Health Issues), **Gloria Gorr** (health issues), **Julie** (cancer treatment—Travis Miller family), **Joan** (cancer—niece of Marj Nikont), **Patty** (cancer—Jim Dorn's sister-in-law).

Prayers for comfort and peace for: Family and friends of **Reuben Gorr** and **Juanita Gibbs**.

Prayers for: **B.J. Carr** (deployed to Poland—Dee Brady's son-in-law), the people of Ukraine, for peace and the end of war.



Prayer Requests

If you have a prayer request you would like added to the prayers of the people on Sunday morning, you may notify Christy in the church office during the week or during worship use the Attendance and Prayer Request card and pass them towards the center aisle to be picked up by the ushers (for those worshipping with us online you will find the form under the worship tab on our website and prayer requests will be added to the prayer list in the bulletin the following weekend.)



Jennifer Schafer, 3/6; Elizabeth Buckley, 3/6; Joe Lentz, 3/7; Melissa Guerrero, 3/7; Caleb Payne, 3/8; Neal Blomenkamp, 3/11; Marv Braaten, 3/12

If we have missed your birthday, please let the office know. Thanks.



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MARCH FOOD DONATIONS REQUESTED

FOOD PANTRY: Sauces

BACKPACKS: Fruit Cups

Containers are located outside Fellowship Hall.

Thanks for your generosity.



WOMEN OF THE ELCA MARCH MISSION PROJECT:

Food for meals at the Lakota Center

Cash donations will be used to help supplement the food ministry at the Lakota Center. Meals are an important part of community at the center and reach a large number of people. Make donations in the tan “designated giving” envelopes and mark them for WELCA.



Coffee and Fellowship

Coffee and fellowship has started back up. We would like to invite people to stay after worship for a time of fellowship. The coffee pot will be on, but if you would like to provide treats, please sign up on the sheet outside the office.

Do you like a treat with your coffee, but you would rather not bake or buy something? **Donate** to the treat fund by dropping dollars or coins in the mug and when no one signs up, there will be treats purchased to enjoy!



March 9th, the meal is @ 5:30 pm with worship to follow @ 6:30 pm. This week is Scalloped Potatoes & Ham sponsored by the CLCW.

Laundry Love



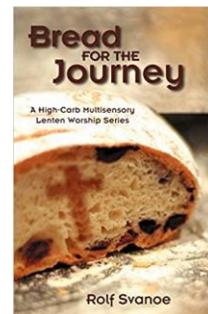
Calvary has partnered with St. Francis Episcopal Church and First Presbyterian Church to provide a monthly Laundry Love Event in our community. Calvary will host Laundry Love every 3rd month; our next event is April 16th. In preparation for that day, we will need quarters as well as dryer sheets or softener. Laundry detergent has already been donated. So, save your quarters and drop them in the Laundry Bottle outside the pastor's offices.

“I am the Bread of Life”

---Jesus

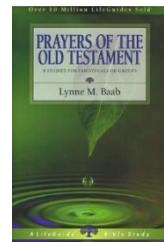
Bread for the Journey is the theme for our Wednesday night Lenten services this year. Bread is present throughout the pages of the Bible, but especially at key times in Israel’s salvation history. This series will give us an opportunity to reflect on those ‘bread’ stories in ways that are particularly appropriate for Lent. As well, each week we will sample different breads as we explore together themes of hospitality, generosity, sufficiency, and trust which are like slices in the loaf of bread being served each week.

Join us at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday nights starting on March 2nd, Ash Wednesday for a high-carb, multi-sensory Lenten Worship Experience!



Prayers of the OLD Testament NEW Tuesday Evening Study @ 7 p.m. (8-week study starting March 16th)

Having just finished up a study on the prayers of the New Testament, we will now turn our attention to some of the “Prayers of the Old Testament.” Join Pastors Sheryl and Chris as we study eight different prayers from the Old Testament (prayers from Moses, Hannah, Samuel, Solomon, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Jonah and Habakuk). You need not have attended the New Testament study to benefit from this new study. Everyone is welcome.



We’re updating our church directory!!! (Dates for getting your picture taken are listed below)

It’s been 4 years since we put together our last church directory and in that time the makeup of our congregation has changed. The Outreach Committee would like to give everyone the opportunity to have their picture taken (for those who are new to Calvary or perhaps didn’t get their picture taken the last time around) or updated if you did have your picture and you or your family look different now!). In order to be as inclusive and accommodating as possible we have come with the following options:

1) Wednesday, March 16th and the following Wednesdays of Lent, during the Lenten Meal hour, a member of the Outreach Committee will be available to take your picture for the directory using the church camera. **2)** For those who would like a more professional photo taken, Brooke Samuelson has again agreed to take photos for us on **Saturday, April 2nd from 4:30 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.** before the Saturday night service and then again on **Sunday, April 3rd after worship from 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.** Additional times will be added if needed. Sign-up sheets will be placed outside the church office for those who wish to sign up for the ‘professional pictures’. **3)** OR, if those two options don’t work, you may submit a photo of your own choosing to be included in the directory.

Any questions, talk to Pastor Sheryl or a member of the Outreach Committee: Becca Pierce, Dawn Holub, Deb Brown, Tracy Steele or Tammy Lutz.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Pastors Chris and Sheryl Kester Beyer

This Sunday – March 6

USHERS: Deb Brown & Vicki Howell

LAY READER: Marissa Wright

COMMUNION ASST: Dennis Gorr

POWERPOINT: Andi Dorn

ACOLYTES: Allie Baer, Clare Schlothauer

MEDIA: Maunette Loeks-Van Patten

AUDIO: Jim Dorn

ALTAR GUILD: Abby Newsom, Maunette Loeks-Van Patten, Barb Jensen, Nannie Walsh

ORGANIST: Rhonda Boettcher

COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP: Please Sign Up!

Lenten Wednesday – March 9

LAY READER: Marissa Wright

POWERPOINT: Angela Bonow

ACOLYTE: Allie Baer

MEDIA: Chris Jensen

AUDIO: Val Rahrs

Next Sunday – March 13

USHERS: Monty & Shari Copsey

LAY READER: Angie Hinze

COMMUNION ASST: Barb Jensen

POWERPOINT: Matt Payne

ACOLYTES: Ayden Tompkins, DaKota Newsom

MEDIA: Chris Jensen

AUDIO: Trea Hess

ALTAR GUILD: Deb Brown, Vicki Howell, Tracy Steele, Shari Copsey

PIANIST: Dee Brady

COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP: Please Sign Up!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, March 6

10 a.m. – Worship

11 a.m. – Coffee & Fellowship in Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, March 8

8:30 a.m. – Men's Study @ Calvary

9 a.m. – Esther Circle

12 p.m. – Women's Study @ Calvary

1 p.m. – Quilting

7 p.m. – Pastor's Bible Study

Wednesday, March 9

5:15 p.m. – Outreach

5:30 p.m. – Lenten Meal

6:30 p.m. – Worship

7 p.m. – Choir Practice

Saturday, March 12

5:30 p.m. – Worship

Sunday, March 13

Daylight Savings Time – Spring Ahead

10 a.m. – Worship

11 a.m. – Coffee & Fellowship in Fellowship Hall

MARCH 6, 2022
FIRST SUNDAY
IN LENT



Jesus conquers evil in the wilderness.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	Luke 4:1-13	The temptation of Jesus
Monday	Deuteronomy 26:1-11	A confession of faith
Tuesday	Romans 10:8b-13	Salvation is for all
Wednesday	1 Peter 3:8-22	Suffering for doing right
Thursday	1 Samuel 12:14-25	Samuel's farewell address
Friday	Romans 12:14-21	Marks of a Christian
Saturday	Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16	The Lord is my fortress
Sunday	Luke 13:31-35	Jesus' sorrow over Jerusalem

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble, I will rescue them and honor them. Psalm 91:15 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Almighty God, give us courage to trust in your power over all things that seek to destroy goodness and mercy, through Jesus, the Son of God. Amen.

Meatime Prayer:

Dear God, we thank you for this food and for being with us during happy and sad times in our lives, through Christ Jesus, the Son of God. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the goodness of God guard you all the days of your life.



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MARCH 6, 2022

HYMN OF THE WEEK
O Lord, Hear My Prayer



WEEKLY MILESTONES

Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- What is something happening in the world that makes you sad?
- What is something happening in the world that makes you thankful?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Luke 4:1-13.

The first Sunday in Lent always includes the temptation of Jesus. The challenge is to resist the temptation to make this biblical story about us. When we do, we vow to resist our own temptations, weaknesses, and shortcomings. It is not at all about us resisting temptations in life. The story is about Jesus and his identity as the one *“full of the Holy Spirit.”* It is about a testing of what it means for Jesus to be the Son of God. The good news is that in Jesus there is a power present willing to oppose evil, greed, selfishness, and misuse of power at all costs.

That power is full of goodness, mercy, and God's saving presence. The devil loses to Jesus in the temptation story only to return at *“an opportune time,”* that is, at Jesus' betrayal, suffering, and death. One final time, the devil will lose again.

Discuss: What evil do you see or read about happening in the world that will not last forever? **Pray:** God of power and might, by the power of the Holy Spirit, give us the strength to trust in the one who conquers sin, death, and evil through Christ our Lord. Amen

SERVICE

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, what actions can you take to help someone when there has been wrongdoing?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Lent is a time to focus on prayer. Think about times during the day you can pray while doing daily activities. This week talk to God in prayer while washing the dishes or doing household chores. Set aside another time during the day or evening to light a candle and say: **Jesus Christ is the light of the world. The light no darkness can overcome.** Close with the Lord's Prayer.



In addition to *Taking Faith Home*, celebrate milestones in your daily life as an effective faith formation tool. Go to: www.milestonesministry.org