

February 26, 2023 – First Sunday in Lent

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.

Liturgy and hymns are in the blue hymnal unless otherwise noted.

Gathering

**Indicates to stand if you are able*

Prelude and Bell

Welcome and Announcements

* Confession & Forgiveness *(on screen)*

* *"The Glory of These Forty Days" #657 (blue)*

* Greeting & Kyrie **pg. 28**

* Hymn of Praise **pg. 29**

* Prayer of the Day

Word

Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7 *(page 2 OT in pew Bible)*

Psalms 32 *(on screen)*

Romans 5:12-19 *(page 136 NT in pew Bible)*

Special Music:

* Gospel Acclamation **pg. 31**

* Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11 *(page 3 NT in pew Bible)*

(after announcement of Gospel: Glory to you, O Lord)

(response after reading of Gospel: Praise to you, O Christ)

Children's Message

Message

"My Song is Love Unknown" #661

* Statement of Faith: Apostles Creed **pg. 33**

* Prayers of the Church

Meal

* Sharing the Peace

* *"Let the Vineyards be Fruitful" pg. 35*

* Offertory Prayer

* The Great Thanksgiving **pg. 36**

* Proper Preface

* *"Holy, Holy, Holy" pg. 36*

* Words of Institution

* The Lord's Prayer

* *"Lamb of God" pg. 39*

Communion Distribution *You are welcome to come to the altar to receive Holy Communion. If you prefer, gluten-free wafers and grape juice are available. Just ask the server.*

* Canticle **pg. 40**

* Post Communion Prayer

Sending

Blessing

"I Want Jesus to Walk with Me" #660

Dismissal and Bell

Remember in your prayers

Braxton Beyer, Carol Voorhees, Steve Van Kempen, Carol Day, Anita Stoker, Marla Miller, Mick Rose, those affected by COVID-19, those who serve in the military, families of victims of war, natural disasters, violence, those in our nursing homes and those who are homebound. Continue to pray for the overseas missionary we support, Reverend Dr. Philip J. Knutson and Lou Knutson serving in South Africa.

upcoming events and announcements

First Lutheran Women (WELCA) will hold a planning meeting on Saturday, March 4 at 8:00am at Common Cup. All are welcome as we look forward to the year ahead. **Please note change in date and time!**

Snacks Needed! Once again, we will be collecting snacks for the elementary students at MAES. 100-120 boxes will be needed by March 31. If you can help out, please place your donation in the tote located in the Narthex. A list of suggested items is on the tote and will be in our March newsletter.

Visits at Common Cup! Pastor Dan will be at Common Cup on Friday, March 3rd from 10:00am to Noon for anyone that wants to stop by for coffee and conversation!

Reminder! If you or someone you know is hospitalized, in a nursing home, or home-bound and would like a pastoral visit or Holy Communion, please contact Pastor Dan at 320.894.3577 or the church office at 320.589.3242. Hospital and nursing home staff can not contact the Pastor or church office without permission.

Volunteers Needed! Looking for an opportunity to serve at church outside of Sunday mornings? We are looking for assistance with changing the altar paraments and baking communion bread. Paraments are changed reflecting the changing seasons of the church year. Homemade communion bread is served on the first and second Sundays of each month, plus special occasions. Training will be provided with both positions! For more information, please contact Sharon Ehlers at 320-808-4500 or the church office at 320-589-3242.

Join us for Choir! All are welcome at Choir Rehearsal each Sunday morning at 8:30am.

In Today's Service: February 26

Ushers: Dick Smith, Doug Ehlers, Michael Bjorklund, Scott Staples

Lector: Sharon Ehlers **Nursery:** Lindy Ekola

Acolytes: Giana Feuchtenberger & Dane Dybdahl

Communion: Judy Buro (wafers)

Communion Servers: Sharon Ehlers, Linda Holland, Ray Bowman

Video: Mike Odello & Kye Suess **TV slides:** Chance Buro

Next Week's Service: March 5

Ushers: Steve Just, Matt & Cowan Mortenson

Lector: Shana Ulrich **Nursery:** Vicki Dalager

Acolytes: Grant & Owen Anderson

Communion: Linda Holland (bread)

Communion Servers: Emilie Brustuen, Bob Dalager, Liz Harris

Video: Steve Wagner **TV slides:** Jennie Odello

welcome

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TODAY	8:30am	Choir Rehearsal
Sun., Feb 26	9:30am	Worship with Holy Communion
	10:30am	Coffee/Fellowship
	3:00-4:00pm	Cub Scouts
	6:30-8:00pm	Sr. Fusion at First
Mon., Feb 27	—	No events scheduled
Tues., Feb 28	11:00am	Pastor's Text Study
Wed., Mar 1	7:00pm	Midweek Lenten Worship (no Element classes during Lent)
Thurs., Mar 2	3:00pm	Pastor at West Wind Village (worship)
Fri., Mar 3	10am-Noon	Pastor at Common Cup
Sat., Mar 4	8:00am	Men's Bible Study at Faith Lutheran
	8:00am	Women of First meeting at Common Cup
Sun., Mar 5	8:30am	Choir Rehearsal
	8:30am	Sunday school
	9:30am	Worship with Holy Communion
	10:30am	Coffee/Fellowship
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