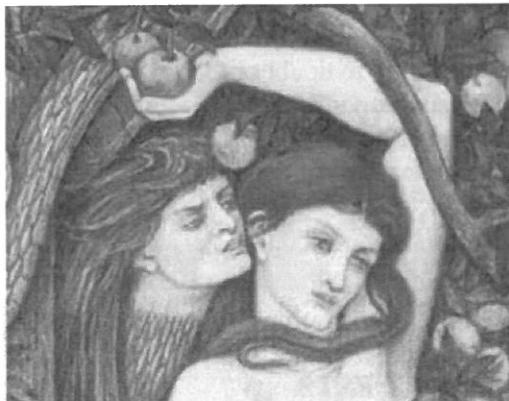


St. Johns Lutheran Church

Through one...all will die



Through one...a gift of Life

Today is the First Sunday in Lent. The color has changed to purple, signifying sorrow and repentance. Our focus is on the cross, where our Lenten journey will lead us. From Genesis we hear how sin entered the world and took us captive to death. Paul describes the consequences of the fall and the reign of sin since Adam in the Epistle from Romans. In the Gospel, we hear how Jesus was tempted by Satan in the wilderness.

AS WE GATHER

Today is the First Sunday in Lent as we make our annual journey with Christ to the cross. Though the Sundays in Lent are not technically part of this somber season, they do reflect the same penitential theme that characterizes our forty days of prayerful devotion and repentance. Today we watch as Jesus faces the slick lies of the tempter. He does not face them on His own but in the strength and power of God's Word and truth. When the devil hands Jesus the opportunity to doubt or fear or deny Himself and His Father in heaven, Jesus responds with the stronger Word. He does this not to prove Himself, but for us, that we who live in Him by Baptism and faith may also be made strong in the Word of the Lord before the devil's wiles and lies.

RINGING OF THE BELLS WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME GUESTS

We're glad you are here! Make it a point to introduce yourself to the pastor. Please take time to fill out an attendance card and drop it in the basket during the offering.

PREPARATION

HYMN Jesus, Lead Thou On LSB 718

**Jesus, lead Thou on
Till our rest is won;
And although the way be cheerless,
We will follow calm and fearless.
Guide us by Thy hand
To our fatherland.**

**If the way be drear,
If the foe be near,
Let not faithless fears o'ertake us;
Let not faith and hope forsake us;
For through many a woe
To our home we go.**

**When we seek relief
From a long-felt grief,
When temptations come alluring,
Make us patient and enduring.
Show us that bright shore
Where we weep no more.**

**Jesus, lead Thou on
Till our rest is won.
Heav'nly leader, still direct us,
Still support, console, protect us,
Till we safely stand
In our fatherland.**

INVOCATION

In the name of the Father and of the **✚** Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

CONFESSiON AND ABSOLUTION

I acknowledged my sin to You,
and I did not cover my iniquity;
I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,”
and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Silence for meditation and reflection

O almighty God, merciful Father:
I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment.

But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being. Forgive me all my sins and grant me the power of Your Holy Spirit that I may amend my sinful life.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ is given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen.

WORD

INTROIT Psalm 91:9–13; antiphon: vv. 15–16

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 sat * isfy him

and show him my sal * vation.

Because you have made the Lord your * dwelling place—

the Most High, who is my * refuge—

no evil shall be allowed to be * fall you,

no plague come * near your tent.

For he will command his angels con * cerning you

to guard you in * all your ways.

On their hands they will * bear you up,

lest you strike your foot a * against a stone.

You will tread on the lion and the * adder;

the young lion and the serpent

you will trample * underfoot.

Glory be to the Father and * to the Son

and to the * Holy Spirit;

as it was in the be * ginning,
is now, and will be forever. * Amen.
When he calls to me, I will answer him;
I will be with him in * trouble;
I will rescue him and * honor him.
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and show him my sal * vation.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.

Amen.

MEMORIZED WORD

22 put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, **23** be renewed in the spirit of your minds, **24** and put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.

Ephesians 4:22-24

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Genesis 3:1–21*

¹Now 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 shall not eat of any tree in the garden?’” ²And the 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 midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.’” ⁴But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely 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 themselves loincloths. ⁸And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. ⁹But the Lord God called to the man and said to him, “Where are you?” ¹⁰And he said, “I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself.” ¹¹He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?” ¹²The man said, “The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate.” ¹³Then the Lord God said to the woman, “What is this that you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.” ¹⁴The Lord God said to the serpent, “Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. ¹⁵I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.” ¹⁶To the woman he said, “I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children. Your desire shall be for your husband, and he shall rule over you.” ¹⁷And to Adam he said, “Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you, ‘You shall not eat of it,’ cursed is the ground because of you; in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life; ¹⁸thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field. ¹⁹By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return.” ²⁰The man called his wife’s name Eve, because she was the mother of all living. ²¹And the Lord God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

[O come, let us fix our eyes on] * Jesus,
the founder and perfecter * of our faith,
who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross,
despise * ing the shame,
and is seated at the right hand of the * throne of God.

EPISTLE *Romans 5:12-19*

¹²Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned— ¹³for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. ¹⁴Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come. ¹⁵But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many. ¹⁶And the free gift is not like the result of that one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brought justification. ¹⁷If, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ. ¹⁸Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. ¹⁹For 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.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

VERSE *Ephesians 6:11*

Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil.

HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 4:1–11*

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fourth chapter.
Glory to You, O Lord.

¹Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ²And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. ³And the 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, “‘Man shall 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 set him on the pinnacle of the temple ⁶and said 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, lest you strike your foot against a stone.’” ⁷Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘You shall 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 glory. ⁹And he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” ¹⁰Then Jesus said to him, “Be gone, Satan! For it is written, “‘You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve.’” ¹¹Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

HYMN

A Mighty Fortress is Our God LSB 656

**A mighty fortress is our God,
A trusty shield and weapon;
He helps us free from ev'ry need
That hath us now o'ertaken.
The old evil foe**

Now means deadly woe;
Deep guile and great might
Are his dread arms in fight;
On earth is not his equal.

With might of ours can naught be done,
Soon were our loss effected;
But for us fights the Valiant One,
Whom God Himself elected.
Ask ye, Who is this?
Jesus Christ it is.
Of Sabaoth Lord,
And there's none other God;
He holds the field forever.

Though devils all the world should fill,
All eager to devour us.
We tremble not, we fear no ill;
They shall not overpow'r us.
This world's prince may still
Scowl fierce as he will,
He can harm us none,
He's judged; the deed is done;
One little word can fell him.

The Word they still shall let remain
Nor any thanks have for it;
He's by our side upon the plain
With His good gifts and Spirit.
And take they our life,
Goods, fame, child, and wife,
Though these all be gone,
Our vict'ry has been won;
The Kingdom ours remaineth.

SERMON

APOSTLE'S CREED *See back cover of Hymnbook*

OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Hear Your people, O Lord, That in the face of temptation and trial, we stand firm in the strength of the Lord, who was tempted like us, yet did not sin, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

That we not be distracted by the voice of the devil and the allure of the world, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

That all who suffer be relieved, those who are sick be healed, the dying be comforted, and the grieving endure in hope through the resurrection of our Lord, [*especially . . .*], let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

That we be a people of generous hearts, sharing what we have with those in need and supporting the work of the Kingdom near and far, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

That we be slow to judge others and quick to forgive in Christ's name, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

That the Lord grant to us peace and a quieted heart, released from the fears that would deprive us of His joy, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves, those on whose behalf we have prayed, and for all those in any need, through Jesus Christ.

Lord, have mercy. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER *See back cover of Hymnbook*

BENEDICAMUS

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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.

HYMN O Lord, throughout These Forty Days *LSB 418*

**O Lord, throughout these forty days
You prayed and kept the fast;
Inspire repentance for our sin,
And free us from our past.**

**You strove with Satan, and You won;
Your faithfulness endured;
Lend us Your nerve, Your skill and trust
In God's eternal Word.**

**Through parched and hungry, yet You prayed
And fixed Your mind above;
So teach us to deny ourselves,
Since we have known God's love.**

**Be with us through this season,
Lord, And all our earthly days,
That when the final Easter dawns,
We join in heaven's praise.**

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Liturgist	Daniel Reh
Elders	Al Bohannon, Ban Le
Organist	Suzanne Manelli
Ushers	Melba Fanger, Ray Gluesenkamp, Roger Schmidt
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Greeter	Sandy Gerber
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Opportunities to Love and Serve Christ this Week
March 1-March 9

Sunday	8:00am Vietnamese Worship 9:00am Worship 10:30am Bible Study 10:30am Nepalese Worship
Monday	3:30 pm Compass 7:00pm Elders
Tuesday	3:30 pm Compass Chapel 7:00pm Confirmation
Wednesday	5:30pm ESL 6:30pm Lent Midweek Service
Thursday	2:00pm Ridgewood Bible Study 3:30pm Compass
Friday	8:00am Bible Study
Saturday	8:00am Social Ministry 8:30am Food Pantry
Next Sunday	8:00am Vietnamese Worship 9:00am Worship w/ Communion 10:30am Bible Study 10:30am Nepalese Worship

Announcements

Saved to Share Called to Care

Our Response to God's Love Last Week

Attendance Sunday: 70

Communion: 58

Ash Wednesday: 36

Offering : \$1,601.00

CFNA SEWING AND SOWING St. Louis businesses are searching for people with sewing skills. Refugees are calling for classes. Would you like to share Christ's love with a refugee, build a friendship and help someone learn a job skill? Your helping hands are needed for our sewing program. There are many ways to help. Call Carol (314) 517-8513

BOYSCOUT CEREMONY Jayvon Evers would like to extend an invitation to you for his Boy Scout crossover ceremony on Monday March 2 at the Gardenville Masonic Temple 8230 Gravois 63123. It begins at 630 pm. He would also like to thank you for your continuing support and prayers.

LUSO CHOIR CONCERT The choirs of Lutheran High School South invite you to enjoy their "Sacred Concert" on Sunday evening, March 8, at 7:00 pm. The concert is hosted by St. John's Lutheran Church on Jeffco Blvd in Arnold. Come enjoy sacred song presented by the Lancer Singers, the Junior Singers, and the Concert Choir. The offering will support the upcoming choir tour to Nebraska.

BETRAYING EYES In this weeks Lenten Service, we examine the motives and means of Judas's betrayal of Jesus. Why and how have we done the same? And how does our Lord look upon us? Although we have betrayed and handed over our Lord, God has caused Holy Scripture to be handed over to us, wherein we know all our sins are forgiven, for Jesus' life was given over to death for us.

Prayers

Special Prayer Petitions – Dennis Solomon healing from gum disease; Gerry Engert who recovering in rehab; Don Osiek who is at Delmar Gardens; Me Nguyen as she goes through therapy from knee surgery; Carmen Hobson who is having back surgery; Man Magar who is in therapy; Mabel Wilke thanks as she celebrated her 97th birthday on the 17th; Nepali and Vietnamese Communities worshipping here; EAGLE and Compass as they look for more staff. For those infected by the corona virus.

Shut Ins – Jeanette Creamer, Gerry Engert, Carmen Hobson, Bobbie Kepford, Me Nguyen, Dennis Solomon, Jerry Schmaltz, Mabel Wilke, Carol Carr, Trinh Nguyen

MUSIC IN A SACRED SPACE On Sunday, March 22th, Hope Ev. Lutheran Church will host Laudamus touring choir from Concordia Seminary in their home tour performance at 4pm. The guest organist for this service will be Matthew Gerhardt.. Visit hopelutheranstl.org for more information

MISSOURI ASSOCIATION FOR CREATION welcomes Zak Klein at The Rock Church, 15101 Manchester Rd., Ballwin, MO 63011. MAC is hosting Marv Schaefer on Monday, March 9 @ 7:00pm as he talks about Biblical History. There is no cost.

SAUSAGE DINNER On Sunday, March 1st, Immanuel Lutheran Church-Olivette will hold a sausage dinner from 12pm-4pm with carry-out available from 11:30am-5pm. Adults are \$12, Children are \$5, and Children 5 and under are free.

THE WIND SYMPHONY of Concordia University Chicago will be at Immanuel Lutheran Church and School in St. Charles on Saturday, March 14th at 7pm.

CREATION MOVIE The Missouri Association for Creation will be hosting a screening of the creation movie “Water”. This will be hosted on Friday, March 6th at 7:00pm @ Brookes Bible College in St. Ann, MO. Suggested donation is \$2 and there will be food and drink available for purchase.