



Faith Lutheran Church

Faithfully Growing, Welcoming, and Caring through Christ

**The First Sunday of Lent
Sunday, March 10, 2019**



PRELUDE

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity,
✠ one God, who gathers us in the
wilderness to redeem us, anoint us,
and make us new.

C: **Amen.**

P: In these forty days, let us be honest,
confess our sin, and receive God's
promise of mercy. *(A brief silence.)*
Gracious God,

C: **we have wandered far from your home;
again and again, we lose our way.**

We turn inward, afraid of the world around us. We forget that you have saved your people before and promise to do so again. Do not remember the deeds of our past, but turn our faces toward the future, where your forgiveness is sure, your welcome is clear, and your love overflows. Amen.

P: Like a hen who gathers her chicks, God embraces you in tender care. Like manna in the desert, God feeds you with surprising mercy. Like a loving parent, God runs to meet you again this day, forgiving your sins for the sake of † Christ, leading you from death into life.

C: Amen.

OPENING HYMN

“In the Cross of Christ I Glory”

**In the cross of Christ I glory,
tow'ring o'er the wrecks of time.
All the light of sacred story
gathers round its head sublime.**

**When the woes of life o'ertake me,
hopes deceive, and fears annoy,
never shall the cross forsake me;
lo, it glows with peace and joy.**

**When the sun of bliss is beaming
light and love upon my way,
from the cross the radiance streaming
adds more luster to the day.**

**Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure,
by the cross are sanctified;
peace is there that knows no measure,
joys that through all time abide.**

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

C: Amen.

INTRODUCTION

P: These forty days called Lent are like no other. It is our opportune time to return to the God who rescues; to receive the gifts of God's grace; to believe with the heart and confess with the mouth the wonder of God's love in Jesus; and to resist temptation at every turn.

This is no small pilgrimage on which we have just embarked. It is a struggle Jesus knew. It is a struggle Jesus shares. The nearness of the Lord, in bread and wine, water and word, will uphold and sustain us.

C: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. (A brief silence.) O Lord God,

C: you led your people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land.

**Guide us now, so that, following your Son,
we may walk safely through the wilderness
of this world toward the life you alone can
give, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and
Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the
Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.**

Children's Church

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 26:1-11

A reading from Deuteronomy, the 26th chapter.

When 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, you 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.

You 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.” When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, you 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. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The 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; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey.

So 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. Then 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.

R: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

A Responsive Reading From Psalm 91

R: You who dwell in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty -

C: **you will say to the LORD, “My refuge and my stronghold, my God in whom I put my trust.”**

R: Because you have made the LORD your
refuge, and the Most High your habitation,
**C: no evil will befall you, nor shall
affliction come near your dwelling.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

SECOND READING: Romans 10:8b-13

A reading from Romans, the 10th chapter.

“The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart” that is, the word of faith that we proclaim; because 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.

For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

R: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and

mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in

stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

GOSPEL: Luke 4:1-13

P: The holy gospel according to Luke,
the 4th chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where 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.

The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.” Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone.’” Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And 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. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.”

Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.’” Then 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, for it is written, ‘He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,’ and ‘On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’”

Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’” When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

“How to Deal with the Devil”

HYMN OF THE DAY

“The Glory Of These Forty Days”

**The glory of these forty days
we celebrate with songs of praise;
for Christ, through whom
 all things were made,
himself has fasted and has prayed.**

**Alone and fasting Moses saw
the loving God who gave the law;
and to Elijah, fasting, came
the steeds and chariots of flame.**

**So Daniel trained his mystic sight,
delivered from the lions' might;
and John, the Bridegroom's friend, became
the herald of Messiah's name.**

**Then grant, O God, that we may, too,
return in fast and prayer to you.
Our spirits strengthen with your grace,
and give us joy to see your face.**

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

P: Seeking the grace, mercy, and love of almighty God, we offer our prayers for the church, for people in need, and for all of creation. *(A brief silence.)* Holy and steadfast God, keep your word near to us, planting it in our hearts and communities. Make it blossom into proclamation for all people to receive. Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**

P: As you give your Spirit freely, so also give bread that sustains every living thing. Graciously feed hungry souls and hungry stomachs with your bountiful provision. Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**

P: Stir up courage among your people to resist oppressive powers and to lead people into freedom. Shine the light of your justice through their work.
Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**

P: Hold tightly those who grow weary in their struggle with addiction or temptation (especially). By your strength bear them up to live fully in your presence.
Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**

P: Teach us the stories of our faith by heart.
As you accompanied our ancestors in
their uncertainty, so guide us confidently
into the future. Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**

P: When we struggle and are tested,
redeem us by the endurance of Christ.
Give us steadfast faith to strive for your
glory until we witness its fullness.
Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**

P: Reveal your will as you receive our prayers, and conform our ways to your ways; through the saving work of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

SHARING THE PEACE

P: The Peace of Christ be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

OFFERING

~VIDEO DURING OFFERING ~

**“Symphony”
By Newsboys**

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

**We give thee but thine own,
whatever the gift may be,
All that we have is thine alone,
a trust, O Lord, from thee.**

**May we though bounties thus,
as stewards true receive,
And gladly as though blessed us,
to thee our first fruits give.**

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Generous God, you feed us with the harvest of the land, and you provide for our every need. Receive our gifts of money, imagination, and labor, and transform them into a feast that welcomes all, in Jesus Christ, our host and our guest.

C: Amen.

DIALOGUE

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks and praise to the
Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give God thanks and
praise.**

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.

COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Tender and merciful one, at your feast, you fed us who brought nothing, turning our emptiness into joy. Filled with your abundant grace, send us now to be ministers of reconciliation, mending broken hearts, working for justice, and striving for peace among all people, in the name of Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

P: God, who fills the creations with abundance, Christ, who spreads his arms in forgiveness, Holy Spirit, who draws ever near to us, ✠ bless you and bring you to life everlasting.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

“Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer”

**Guide me ever, great Redeemer,
pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but you are mighty;
hold me with your pow'rful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me now and evermore,
feed me now and evermore.**

**Open now the crystal fountain
where the healing waters flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliv'rer, strong deliv'rer,
shield me with your mighty arm,
shield me with your mighty arm.**

**When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs and praises, songs and praises,
I will raise forevermore,
I will raise forevermore.**

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Remember the poor.

C: **Thanks be to God.**







































OPENING HYMN “*Lead Me To Calvary*”

**King of my life, I crown Thee now,
Thine shall the glory be;
Lest I forget Thy thorn crowned brow,
lead me to Calvary.**

Chorus:

***Lest I forget Gethsemane,
Lest I forget Thine agony;
Lest I forget Thy love for me,
Lead me to Calvary.***

**Show me the tomb where Thou wast laid,
tenderly mourned and wept;
Angels in robes of light arrayed
Guarded Thee whilst Thou slept.**

Chorus:

***Lest I forget Gethsemane,
Lest I forget Thine agony;
Lest I forget Thy love for me,
Lead me to Calvary.***

**Let me like Mary, through the gloom,
Come with a gift to Thee;
Show to me now the empty tomb,
lead me to Calvary.**

Chorus:

***Lest I forget Gethsemane,
Lest I forget Thine agony;
Lest I forget Thy love for me,
Lead me to Calvary.***

**May I be willing, Lord, to bear
daily my cross for Thee;
Even Thy cup of grief to share,
Thou hast borne all for me.**

Chorus:

***Lest I forget Gethsemane,
Lest I forget Thine agony;
Lest I forget Thy love for me,
Lead me to Calvary.***

CLOSING HYMN

“The Church's One Foundation”

**The church's one foundation
is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
she is his new creation
by water and the word.**

**From heav'n he came and sought her
to be his holy bride;
with his own blood he bought her,
and for her life he died.**

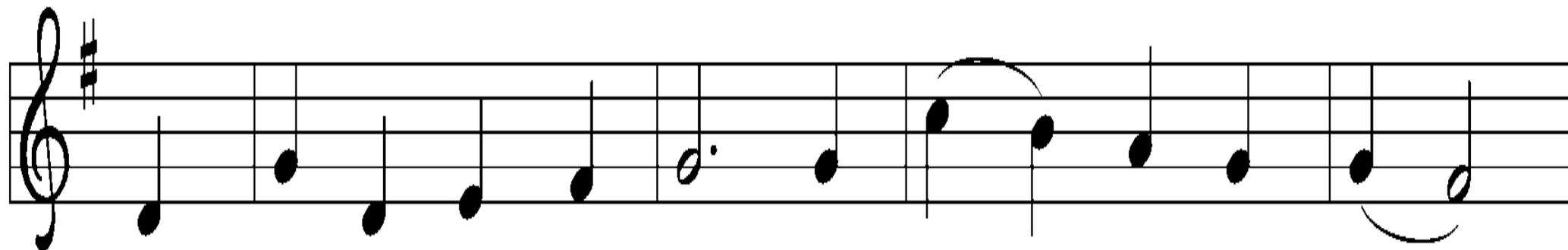
**Elect from ev'ry nation,
yet one o'er all the earth,
her charter of salvation
one Lord, one faith, one birth:
one holy name she blesses,
partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses,
with ev'ry grace endued.**

**Though with a scornful wonder
this world sees her oppressed,
by schisms rent asunder,
by heresies distressed,
yet saints their watch are keeping;
their cry goes up: "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping
shall be the morn of song.**

**Through toil and tribulation
and tumult of her war,
she waits the consummation
of peace forevermore;
till with the vision glorious
her longing eyes are blest,
and the great church victorious
shall be the church at rest.**

**Yet she on earth has union
with God, the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion
with those whose rest is won.
Oh, blessed heav'nly chorus!
Lord, save us by your grace,
that we, like saints before us,
may see you face to face.**

Offertory Response



1 We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;
2 May we thy boun - ties thus as stew - ards true re - ceive,



all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.
and glad - ly, as thou bless - est us, to thee our first - fruits give.

**To God all glory, praise, and love
be now and ever giv'n
by saints below and saints above,
the church in earth and heav'n.**

**Look unto him, your Savior own,
O fallen human race!
Look and be saved through faith alone,
be justified by grace!**