Holy Cross Lutheran Church

(Lutheran Church Missouri Synod)

Divine Service Four

The First Sunday in Lent March 6, 2022





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8:00 and 10:30 AM

Prayer for the First Sunday in Lent

Gracious God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ and also our dear Father, we thank You that You have permitted us to see another Lenten season, during which we are privileged to again meditate on the cross of Christ with its many spiritual blessings. Cause the message of the slain Lamb of God to impress upon our hearts and minds the awfulness of our sins so that we are led to the cross of Calvary for pardon and peace. Lead us to see that our sins caused His great agony in the garden; that our sins nailed Him to the cross of Calvary; that He was forsaken by His own that we might not be forsaken by You; and that He died so that we might not die eternally. We ask this in His name, the sinless Lamb of God. Amen.



The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body

and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust in His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm (1 Cor. 11:17-34), and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are asked to speak with the Pastor prior to communing with us for the first time. We thank you for respecting our belief and practice regarding the Lord's Supper.



Confession and Absolution

418 O Lord, throughout These Forty Days

Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation

Matthew 28:19b; 18:20

- P In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Exhortation

Psalm 124:8; Psalm 130:3-4; Luke 18:13

- P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- **©** who made heaven and earth.
- P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
- But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.
- P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

Confession of Sins

Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen. Absolution [John 20:19–23]

Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

G Amen.



Service of the 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- | gainst 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.

With long life I will sat- | isfy him* and show him my sal- | vation.

Kyrie Mark 10:47

Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

Hymn of Praise

During Lent the Hymn of Praise is omitted.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P The Lord be with you.
- And also with you.
- P 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

C Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading: Deuteronomy 26:1-11

"When you come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you for an inheritance and have taken possession of it and live in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from your land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket, and you shall go to the place that the LORD your God will choose, to make his name to dwell there. And you shall go to the priest who is in office at that time

and say to him, 'I declare today to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our fathers to give us.' Then the priest shall take the basket from your hand and set it down before the altar of the LORD your God.

"And you shall make response before the LORD your God, 'A wandering Aramean was my father. And he went down into Egypt and sojourned there, few in number, and there he became a nation, great, mighty, and populous. And the Egyptians treated us harshly and humiliated us and laid on us hard labor. Then we cried to the LORD, the God of our fathers, and the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. And the LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with great deeds of terror, with signs and wonders. And he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. And behold, now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground, which you, O LORD, have given me.' And you shall set it down before the LORD your God and worship before the LORD your God. And you shall rejoice in all the good that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house, you, and the Levite, and the sojourner who is among you."

- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hebrews 12:2



[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, despis- | ing the shame,*
and is seated at the right hand of the | throne of God.

Epistle: Romans 10:8b-13

"The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one

believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. For the Scripture says, "Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

Stand

Holy Gospel: Luke 4:1–13

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fourth chapter.
- Glory to You, O Lord.

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness for forty days, being tempted by the devil. And he ate nothing during those days. And when they were ended, he was hungry. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread." And Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone.'" And the devil took him up and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time, and said to him, "To you I will give all this authority and their glory, for it has been delivered to me, and I give it to whom I will. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." And Jesus answered him, "It is written,

"You shall worship the Lord your God, and him only shall you serve."

And he took him to Jerusalem and set him on the pinnacle of the temple and said 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 guard you,'

And

"'On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone." And Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.'" And when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from him until an opportune time.

- P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- Praise to You, O Christ.



Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ. the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man: and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the **Scriptures** and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped
and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life

of the world to come. Amen.

Sit

424 O Christ, You Walked the Road

Sermon

"Tempted by the Devil"

Text: Luke 4:1-13

Stand

Prayer of the Church

After each portion of the prayer:

P Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

Sit

Offering





Service of the Sacrament

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Please read our Statement on Holy Communion on the inside cover of the bulletin before communing with us.

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Preface

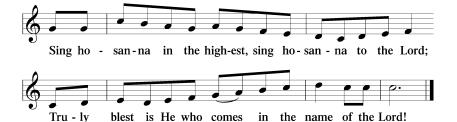
2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]

- P The Lord be with you.
- And also with you.
- P Lift up your hearts.
- **W**e lift them to the Lord.
- **P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
- It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9





Text: Stephen P. Starke

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

At Your command, Abraham prepared to offer his son Isaac as a sacrifice on the mountain; yet, in mercy You provided a ram as a substitute. We give You thanks that on Calvary You spared not Your only Son but sent Him to offer His life as a ransom for many.

As we eat and drink His body and blood, grant us, like Abraham our father, to trust in Your promise now fulfilled in Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9–13

C 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.

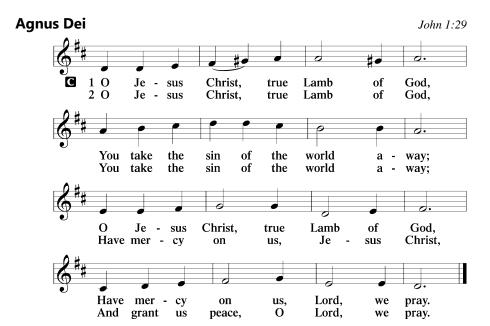
P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ⅓ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."



Pax Domini

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C Amen.





Personal prayer before Communing

Dear Savior, at Your gracious invitation I come to Your table to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Let me find favor in Your eyes to receive this holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen



Distribution

Personal prayer of thanksgiving after receiving the Sacrament

Almighty and everlasting God, I thank and praise You for feeding me the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send Your Holy Spirit that, having with my mouth received the holy Sacrament, I may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

666 O Little Flock, Fear Not the Foe

718 Jesus, Lead Thou On

Stand



Nunc Dimittis

Luke 2:29–32



Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benedicamus Psalm 103:1

- P Let us bless the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Benediction Numbers 6:24-26

Amen.

657 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God



Soli Deo Gloria!

(To God alone be the glory.)

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Lent

The season of Lent began Wednesday, March 2, 2022, with the celebration of Ash Wednesday. The season of Lent continues until the eve of Palm Sunday. In the Middle Ages the penitential nature of Lent was emphasized and the observance of the season was often rigorous and austere. Lent gradually became a period of general devotional preparation where the repentance theme is balanced more with reflection and renewal in faith and life. The color of the paraments for Lent is purple, symbolizing our repentance and sorrow and Jesus' royal status. Because the mood of Lent is subdued, flowers are really not suitable as they are an expression of joy and beauty.

Announcements



Assisting Elders:

8 a.m. – Scott Schlapkohl 10:30 a.m. – Curt Oliver



Please join us this Wednesday, March 9, 2022 for Lenten Worship. At 6 p.m. we will have a Potluck Supper downstairs followed by a Midweek Lenten Worship Service. For the Potluck Supper we ask that you bring a main dish and a side or desert. Drinks will be provided.

We look forward to coming together as we prepare and reflect on our Lord's suffering and death and what it means for us.

Lent Devotions



In Suffering Servant, (Lutheran Hour Lent Devotions) we encounter Jesus the Man sent to redeem a lost world. Born in the flesh, Jesus became like us. Taking the form of a Servant, He emptied Himself. Bearing

our sins to the cross, He gives us newness of life through His victory over death won for us by His resurrection from the dead.

Pick up your copy on the table by the family picture board or go to LHM.org to subscribe or find the podcasts.



Set your Clocks 1 hour ahead this Saturday, March 12 before you go to bed!

Blessed be the Lord! For he has heard the voice of my pleas for mercy.

Psalm 28:6



The Church Council and the Board of Trustees are happy to announce that we have reached a 3 year lease agreement with the Arma Dei

Academy and they will be occupying our lower lever beginning May of this year. A special "Thank you" goes to Randy Shelton, Brandon Ceglian, and Chris Heger for their hard work and long hours in making this happen. Once again, happy young voices and Christian education will be filling our preschool area!

Thank You

Thank you to those who provided food and items for Pastor's Ordination Anniversary Celebration.

A special thanks to Lynne Rodefeld and Barbara Schlapkohl for organizing, advertising, and providing food, utensils, and plates.

A New Worship Service



For the past 15 years Holy Cross has sponsored a Bible Study at Wind Crest (a local retirement community). Beginning Sunday March 6, Holy Cross Lutheran Church will begin to offer a weekly Sunday worship service there in the Town Center music room at 4:00PM. Pastor Skelton will be officiating. If

you know anyone who is a resident at Wind Crest please let them know about this new opportunity to attend a Lutheran worship service. Thank you for your support!





As a global organization, Lutheran Hour Ministries is committed to sharing the Good News of the Gospel around the

world with all who need to hear it. This message is especially critical during a situation like we are witnessing in Ukraine. We know that God serves as a refuge during uncertain times, and we continue working through our staff and volunteers throughout the region in countries like Kazakhstan, Latvia, and Russia, to help individuals find hope, comfort, and relief in the Gospel.

As the situation continues to unfold in Ukraine, we ask you to lift up in prayer the people living throughout eastern Europe.

Gracious and merciful God, we pray today for the people of Ukraine and ask for Your protection of those seeking a means of escaping the country during this troubling time. We pray for peace, hope, mercy, and healing throughout this region. We pray for Christians seeking comfort in Your Word, and those who have not yet heard the Gospel. We

pray for our staff and volunteers in Kazakhstan, Latvia, and Russia who continue sharing Your messages of hope and love without interruption. We ask all these things in Your Name. Amen.



Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.

10 REASONS to bring your child to Sunday School

Have you considered the benefits of Sunday school attendance for your child? Here are 10 reasons to make it a priority in your family.

- **1. Age Targeted Teaching**: Where else can your kids get Biblical instruction that's focused toward their developmental abilities?
- **2. Friends:** In Sunday school, your child will build positive friendships with their peers by discovering God's Word together.
- **3. It's Fun**: Sunday school is not Disney Land, but our teachers do work hard to teach the Bible in ways that are relevant and fun for kids.
- **4.** It Helps Kids Want to Come to Church: There is nothing wrong with having a program that appeals to the interests of children, especially when it brings more children to hear the Gospel.
- **5. Spiritual Mentors**: A dedicated teacher can be a Christian role model who supports you and helps inspire the faith of your child.
- **6. Systematic Bible Learning:** Our curriculum is designed to give a broad foundation, so children will understand how all the parts of Scripture point to Christ.
- **7. Praying Teachers**: Our teachers consistently pray for your child's faith to grow. Coming to Sunday school gives another occasion for God to answer those requests.
- **8. Big Reward for a Small Investment**: If you're already coming to church, have your kids attend Sunday school. That one change will equal over 800 hours of additional Christian teaching before your child graduates.
- **9. It Can Help Counterbalance Worldly Influences:** Everyone knows the harmful influences present in our society. Kids need positive influences to tip the scale.
- **10. It's Their Best Opportunity to Believe in Christ**: Research shows kids tend to be more receptive to the Gospel than any other age group.



Reminder – LWML Greenback Sunday Next Week! Bring Your Mites (greenbacks)

All about LWML mites



Mite money is used to further God's kingdom through the mission projects selected by delegates at district and national conventions.

Mite Boxes ™ are used to collect money for missions. 75% of the Mite offering is used for

Rocky Mountain District mission projects and 25% is sent to national LWML for national mission projects.

Place your Mite Box $^{\text{TM}}$ wherever you can feed it: dressing table, office desk, laundry room, car, kitchen counter, etc. You "mite" want to give a Mite Box $^{\text{TM}}$ to family members and friends.

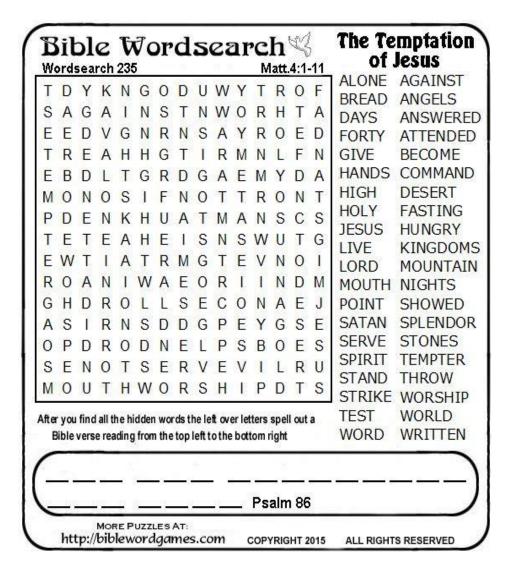
Bring the contents in your Mite Box the second Sunday of every month and deposit it in the large Mite Box that will be on the table in the narthex.

The Temptation of Jesus

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the desert, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. Luke 4:1-2a (NIV) Enter the correct words in the boxes based on the shape



of the letters.		
1.	5.	
2.	6.	desert hungry bread world
3.	7.	tempted stone worship
4.	8.	angels



For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present not things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8:38-39

The Lutheran Chorale presents:

St. John Passion

by Bob Chilcott



Sunday March 13, 2022 2:30pm

Concordia Lutheran Church 13371 W. Alameda Pkwy. Lakewood, CO

Sunday March 13, 2022 6:30pm

Mount Olive Lutheran Church 11435 E. Wesley Ave. Aurora, CO

No tickets required but we appreciate and ask for your generous support of free will offerings.



Petitions and Prayers: Knowing that the Spirit Himself helps us to pray, we have the assurance that for those who love God "all things work together for good, for those who are called according to His purpose."



Health concerns:

Heavenly Father, as You sent Your Son to be with us in times of illness and pain, we beseech You to bring healing to those who are ill as best suits Your will. Bless the efforts of their doctors, surgeons, and health care workers to facilitate their return to health. Keep Your holy angels around them in their times of worry and pain. Amen.

Please keep the following in your prayers:

- Angela (single mother in Illinois) friend of Helen Tabris who is waiting to get on the heart transplant list.
- Jamie and young daughter Jade (Jamie is missing and has mental health issues)
- Sonja Bowles Cancer
- Julié Ann Zamora on-going health issues
- Gary Fuller former Orphan Grain Train Coordinator has liver cancer

Prayer of intercession:

A Prayer for the First Sunday in Lent

Heavenly Father, as our Lenten pilgrimage begins, help us ponder anew Your great love for us as demonstrated by the suffering and death of Your Son on our behalf. By Your Word, You revealed the great depth of our sin and the tremendous cost of our redemption. Confessing our sins, we ask Your mercy: it was our transgressions that Jesus carried to the cross. Help us remember that we are dust and to dust we will return. Grant that we always rejoice in the life You give us in Jesus our Savior. Amen.

"Life Quotes" from Lutherans for Life March 6, 2022

"Just as God personally created your body, so too He continually designs His body, the Church, bringing together people from all walks of life, all nations, and all abilities, in service to the world. And while it may be true that the world does not appreciate the gifts you have to offer, the body of Christ most certainly needs you."

Michelle Bauman, director of Y4Life
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The Lord is near to the broken hearted and saves the crushed in spirit.

Psalm 34:18

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Bible Classes and Sunday School	9:25 a.m.
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Nourishing and equipping the saints for life and ministry!



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