

Sunday, February 22, 2026

First Sunday in Lent, Year A



Noisy  
Offering  
Sunday

Ringing of Bell

PRELUDE *Lenten Meditation with  
'As Your Spirit in the Desert' (see Insert)*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

◆ PLEASE STAND

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures  
forever.

**C: Amen.**

L: Let us confess our sin before God, who  
removes our guilt and blots out all offenses.  
*Silence is kept for reflection.*

L: Gracious God,

**C: have mercy on us according to your  
steadfast love.**

L: For seeking worldly delights that deceive  
us and dishonor you: Gracious God,

**C: have mercy on us according to your  
steadfast love.**

L: For desiring self-reliance instead of hungering  
for your word: Gracious God,

**C: have mercy on us according to your  
steadfast love.**

L: For failing to recognize your coming reign,  
and for hindering the work of the Spirit:  
Gracious God,

**C: have mercy on us according to your  
steadfast love.**

L: For drawing from the well of self-serving  
ambition, and for disdaining the living water  
Christ offers: Gracious God,

**C: have mercy on us according to your  
steadfast love.**

L: For disregarding voices from the margin,  
and for distrusting signs of your healing and  
hope in the world: Gracious God,

**C: have mercy on us according to your  
steadfast love.**

L: For dwelling in tombs of self-pity and discontent,  
and for disregarding Christ's call to come forth  
to life: Gracious God,

**C: have mercy on us according to your  
steadfast love.**

L: God's steadfast love, grace, and forgiveness  
abound. Through faith, the free gift of God,  
you have been clothed in the righteousness  
of Christ. In the name of † Jesus Christ,  
your sins are forgiven. The Spirit of the One  
who raised Christ from the dead dwells in you,  
pours God's love into your hearts, and gives  
you life and peace.

**C: Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

ELW 326

*Bless Now O God the Journey – #1 on Insert*

PRAYER OF THE DAY *We pray together*

L: Lord God, our strength, the struggle between  
good and evil rages within and around us, and  
the devil and all the forces that defy you tempt  
us with empty promises.

**C: Keep us steadfast in your word, and when  
we fall, raise us again and restore us  
through your Son, Jesus Christ, our  
Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns  
with you and the Holy Spirit, one God,  
now and forever. Amen.**

PLEASE BE SEATED

FIRST READING: GENESIS 2:15-17; 3:1-7

*Eating of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil*

<sup>15</sup>The LORD God took the man and put him in the  
garden of Eden to till it and keep it. <sup>16</sup>And  
the LORD God commanded the man, "You may  
freely eat of every tree of the garden, <sup>17</sup>but of the  
tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not  
eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die."

<sup>3:1</sup>Now the serpent was more crafty than any  
other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He  
said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat  
from any tree in the garden?'" <sup>2</sup>The woman said to  
the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in  
the garden, <sup>3</sup>but God said, 'You shall not eat of the  
fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor  
shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" <sup>4</sup>But the serpent  
said to the woman, "You will not die, <sup>5</sup>for God knows  
that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and  
you will be like God, knowing good and evil." <sup>6</sup>So  
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. > >

<sup>7</sup> Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked, and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

WORD OF GOD. WORD OF LIFE. **THANKS BE GOD.**

PSALM 32 *We read responsively*

- L: Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, and whose sin is put away!
- C: Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no guilt, and in whose spirit there is no guile!**
- L: While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, because of my groaning all day long.
- C: For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.**
- L: Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not conceal my guilt. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.
- C: Therefore, all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.**
- L: You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with shouts of deliverance.
- C: "I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; I will guide you with my eye.**
- L: Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay near you."
- C: Great are the tribulations of the wicked; but mercy embraces those who trust in the LORD.**
- L: Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD; shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

SECOND READING: ROMANS 5:12-19

*Death came through one; life comes through one*

<sup>12</sup> Just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned <sup>13</sup> for sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. <sup>14</sup> Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who did not sin in the likeness of Adam, who is a pattern of the one who was to come.

<sup>15</sup> But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. <sup>16</sup> And the gift is not like the effect of

the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the gift following many trespasses brings justification. <sup>17</sup> If, because of the one man's trespass, death reigned through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

<sup>18</sup> Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. <sup>19</sup> For just as through the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so through the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

◆ GOSPEL: MATTHEW 4:1-11

**C: GLORY TO YOU, O LORD!**

*The temptation of Jesus in the wilderness*

<sup>1</sup> Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tested by the devil. <sup>2</sup> He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterward he was famished. <sup>3</sup> The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." <sup>4</sup> But he answered, "*It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'*"

<sup>5</sup> Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, <sup>6</sup> saying 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, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" <sup>7</sup> Jesus said to him, "*Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'*"

<sup>8</sup> Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory, <sup>9</sup> and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." <sup>10</sup> Then Jesus said to him, "*Away with you, Satan! for it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'*" <sup>11</sup> Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

L: THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD. **C: PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST!**

PLEASE BE SEATED

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON *Pastor D.J. Chatelaine*

HYMN OF THE DAY

ACS 923

*As Your Spirit in the Desert - #2 on Insert*

◆ 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

Hear us, O God, **your mercy is great**

SHARING OF PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

*PLEASE BE SEATED*

OFFERING—OFFERTORY—NOISY OFFERING

◆ OFFERING SONG

ELW 186



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right



spir-it with-in me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take



not your Ho-ly Spir-it from me. Re-store to me the joy of



your sal-va-tion, and up-hold me with your free Spi-rit.

OFFERING PRAYER

P: O God, maker of heaven and earth, your steadfast love embraces all creation. You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth and bring forth its bounty.

**C: Through these gifts of bread and wine, draw us into the death and life of your Son, who calls us to bear witness to his saving work. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING *Spoken*

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 to the Lord our God.

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

WORDS OF INSTITUTION & LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO COMMUNION:

Come to the table.

Feast on God's goodness and mercy.

*Please be seated*

DISTRIBUTION

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Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on



us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

ELW 613

*Thy Holy Wings - Insert # 4*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: God of our salvation, we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls, reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey.

**C: Through the body and blood of your Son, may we become Christ's body in the world, bearing witness to your love for all creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

BLESSING

P: Receive the blessing of the holy Trinity: God who calls all things into existence, Jesus Christ who redeems us, and the Holy Spirit whose breath sustains creation, † bless you now and always.

**C: Amen.**

◆ SENDING SONG

ELW 808

*Lord Jesus You Shall Be My Song - # 5 on Insert*

*Ring of Bell*

## DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Believe the good news.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE *LLANGLOFFAN*

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## CALENDAR

**Sun Feb 22** 9 AM WORSHIP - *1st Sun in Lent*  
10 AM Coffee  
10 AM Intergenerational Activity-**Jeopardy!**

**Mon Feb 23** 2 PM GRIEF SUPPORT  
\* Rescheduled to Mon Mar 9

**Wed Feb 25** 5:30 PM WED SUPPER  
6:30 PM WED WORSHIP

**Thu Feb 26** 1 PM LOVE DAY

**Sun Mar 1** 9 AM WORSHIP - *2nd Sun in Lent*  
10 AM Coffee  
10 AM Sunday School Class  
**Carmel Roll Fundraiser Begins**



## HELP TACKLE WORLD HUNGER!

Donations are collected in soup pots **During the Month of February!** Give Generously!  
Checks to: First Ev Lutheran for: ELCA World Hunger.

Lenten Suppers & Worship

2/25, 3/04, 3/11, 3/18, 3/25

Suppers at 5:30

Worship at 6:30

Use Sign Up Sheet in the Church Basement to offer your help with Suppers



**SATURDAY MARCH 7**  
**GARAGE SALE & Bake Sale.**

For Help or Qstns call Susan 907-854-5959  
**VOLUNTEER SIGN-UPS NEEDED for Garage & Bake Sale - Sign Up in the basement**

GARAGE & BAKE SALE | VOLUNTEER NEEDS

Wed 3-4	aftr church (7-ish)	move chairs
Thu 3-5	2- 5 pm	carry & organize sale items
Fri 3-6	9 - 11 am	carry & organize sale items
Sat 3-7 Garage Sale	7:45-Noon (2 time slots)	greet, elevator assist, cashiers, help customers, final clean up
Sat 3-7 Bake Sale	7:45-Noon (2 time slots)	package food, cashier, final clean up



**SYNOD EVENT Council as Leaders -**

**Saturday Mar 14 9 am – 3:30 pm** at St Olaf Church in Austin. Registration Fee \$20 Includes Lunch & Workshops.