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LENT SOUP SUPPERS - Sign up to provide food or help serve at our Lenten Soup Suppers on Wednesday Nights at 5:30 pm. Followed by worship at 6:30

GET ORGAN—IZED GARAGE SALE: SATURDAY MARCH 29 - See flyer for donation details. Event Helpers Needed on event week – See sign-up link e-mailed, or use sign-up posted at church.

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THRIVENT MEMBERS: If you have a \$250 Action Team Grant available, please contact Bryana Lothert to discuss how this money could be used to support children and youth ministry here at First Lutheran.

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Sun 3-9	9 AM WORSHIP – 1ST SUN IN LENT 10 AM Sun. School 10 AM Coffee 10 AM Interest Mtg on visiting Colombia
Mo 3-10	5 Worship/Evangelism
We 3-12	1 ST WED IN LENT 5:30 Soup Supper 6:30 Worship
Thu 3-13	1 PM LOVE DAY 7 PM AA
Su 3-16	9 AM WORSHIP - TRANSFIGURATION 10 AM Sun. School; & 10 AM Coffee Intergenerational BINGO

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PRELUDE Come O Thou Traveler Unknown

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING—WELCOME TO LENT— IMPOSITION OF ASHES

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HYMN Blessed Be Your Name

CCLI

Pastor D.J. & Guitar

- v.1 Blessed be Your name: In the land that is plentiful, where Your streams of abundance flow. Blessed be Your name.
- v.2 Blessed be Your name: when I'm found in the desert place, though I walk through the wilderness. Blessed be Your name.

CHORUS

EV'RY BLESSING YOU POUR OUT; I'LL TURN BACK TO PRAISE. WHEN THE DARKNESS CLOSES IN LORD, STILL I WILL SAY: BLESSED BE THE NAME OF THE LORD. BLESSED BE YOUR NAME. BLESSED BE THE NAME OF THE LORD. BLESSED BE YOUR GLORIOUS NAME.

- v.3 Blessed be Your name: when the sun's shining down on me, when the world's all as it should be. Blessed be Your name.
- v.4 Blessed be Your name: on the road marked with suffering, though there's pain in the offering. Blessed be Your name.

BRIDGE

You give and take away, You give and take away. My heart will choose to say, Lord, blessed be Your name. Repeat bridge 1X Then sing Chorus 1 X

PRAYER OF THE DAY We pray together

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: O Lord God, you led your people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land.

C: 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.

Please be seated for the readings

FIRST READING: DEUTERONOMY 26:1-11

The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand.

¹ "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, 2 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. ³You 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.' 4When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, 5 you shall make this response before the LORD vour 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. ⁶ When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, 7 we cried the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression.

⁸ 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; ⁹ and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰ 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. ¹¹ 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."

WORD OF GOD. WORD OF LIFE. THANKS BE TO GOD.

PSALM 91:1-2, 9-16 We read responsively

You who dwell in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty—

you will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my stronghold, my God in whom I put my trust."

Because you have made the LORD your refuge, and the Most High your habitation,

no evil will befall you, nor shall affliction come near your dwelling.

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

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

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

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

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

SECOND READING: ROMANS 10:8B-13

The Word of Faith - The MESSAGE

The word that saves is right here, as near as the tongue in your mouth, as close as the heart in your chest.

It's the word of faith that welcomes God to go to work and set things right for us. This is the core of our preaching. Say the welcoming word to God—"Jesus is my Master"—embracing, body and soul, God's work of doing in us what he did in raising Jesus from the dead. That's it. You're not "doing" anything; you're simply calling out to God, trusting him to do it for you. That's salvation. With your whole being you embrace God setting things right, and then you say it, right out loud: "God has set everything right between him and me!"

Scripture reassures us, "No one who trusts God like this—heart and soul—will ever regret it." It's exactly the same no matter what a person's religious background may be: the same God for all of us, acting the same incredibly generous way to everyone who calls out for help. "Everyone who calls, 'Help, God!' gets help."

WORD OF GOD. WORD OF LIFE. THANKS BE TO GOD.

♦ THE HOLY GOSPEL: LUKE 4:1-13

C: GLORY TO YOU, O LORD.

The temptation of Jesus in the wilderness for forty days ¹ Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, ² where for forty days he was tested by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over he was famished. ³ The devil

said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." ⁴ Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'"

⁵ Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. ⁶ And the devil said to him, "To you I will give all this authority and their glory, for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. ⁷ If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." ⁸ Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'"

⁹ Then the devil led him to Jerusalem and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, ¹⁰ for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,' ¹¹ and, 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.' " ¹² Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" ¹³ When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD. PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST.

Please be seated

CHILDREN'S WORD

SERMON Pastor D.J. Chatelaine

HYMN OF THE DAY
When We Are Tested
Tune: Be Thou My Vision

1. When we are tested and wre-stle a - lone,



fam-ished for bread when the world of-fers stone,



nour-ish us, God, by your word and your way,



food that sus-tains us by night and by day.

2 When in the desert we cry for relief, pleading for paths marked by certain belief, lift us to love you beyond sign and test, trusting your presence, our only true rest. >>

- 3 When we are tempted to barter our souls, trading the truth for the pow'r to control, teach us to worship and praise only you, seeking your will in the work that we do.
- 4 When we have struggled and searched through the night, sorting and sifting the wrong from the right, Savior, surround us with circles of care, angels of healing, of hope, and of prayer.

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

God in your mercy, receive our prayer.

SHARING OF PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

OFFERTORY—OFFERING—GLOBE OFFERING Children are invited to bring an offering to the globe in the front of the church.

♦ OFFERING PRAYER

- P: Gracious Provider, you set your immense treasures among us, opening your heart to the world.
- C: As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love, deepen our commitment to sharing those treasures with others, through our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

All who are hungry, come! The feast of grace is spread.

Please be seated

DISTRIBUTION AND HYMN

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

No. 325

1 I want Jesus to walk with me; I want Jesus to walk with me; all along my pilgrim journey, Lord I want Jesus to walk with me.

- 2 In my tri-als, Lord walk with me; in my tri-als, Lord walk with me; when my heart is almost breaking, Lord I want Jesus to walk with me.
- 3 When I'm in trouble, Lord walk with me; when I'm in trouble, Lord walk with me; when my head is bowed in sorrow, Lord I want Jesus to walk with me.

TABLE BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- P: Generous Host, you have shared your feast with us and made us new.
- C: Send us now to set tables of love and grace in our communities, that your liberating love might nourish the world into freedom, in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

BENEDICTION

forever.

C: Amen.

HYMN No. 774
What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine

1 What a fellowship, what a joy divine, leaning on the everlasting arms; what a blessedness, what a peace is mine, leaning on the everlasting arms.

REFRAIN:

Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms; Leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.

- 2 Oh, how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way, leaning on the everlasting arms; oh, how bright the path grows from day to day, leaning on the everlasting arms.
- 3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, leaning on the everlasting arms? I have blessed peace with my Lord so near, leaning on the everlasting arms.

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DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Live in hope. Care for others as God cares for you.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE Blessed Be Your Name