



# Christ the King Lutheran Church

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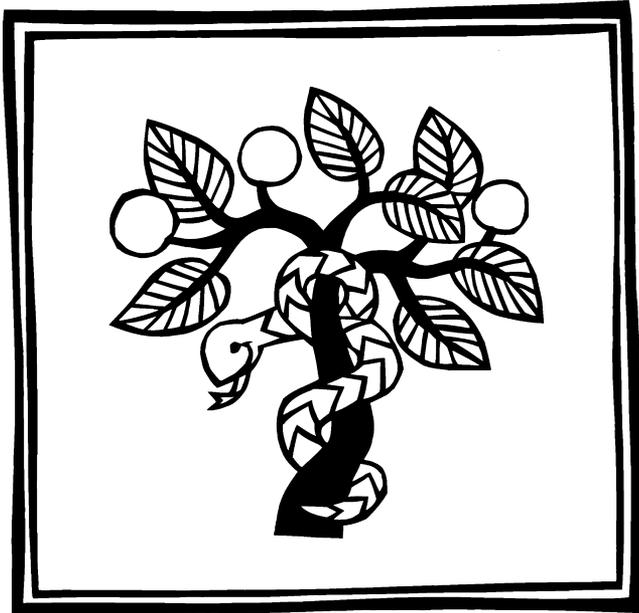
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First Sunday of Lent

February 26, 2023

9:30am



† Celebrating God's grace through acts of love and service †

To Our Guests,

- The type in **bold** is for the congregation to say.
- The \* Indicates "Stand if you are able".
- Visitor sheets are located in the red folders in front of you.

## Introduction

Today's gospel tells of Jesus' temptation in the desert. His forty-day fast becomes the basis of our Lenten pilgrimage. In the early church Lent was a time of intense preparation for those to be baptized at the Easter Vigil. This catechetical focus on the meaning of faith is at the heart of our Lenten journey to the baptismal waters of Easter. Hungry for God's mercy, we receive the bread of life to nourish us for the days ahead.

## Welcome

## Prelude

## Meditation

Psalm 32

*Mercy embraces those who trust in the LORD. (Ps. 32:10)*

- <sup>1</sup>Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven,  
and whose sin is put away!
- <sup>2</sup>Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no guilt,  
and in whose spirit there is no guile!
- <sup>3</sup>While I held my tongue, my bones withered away,  
because of my groaning all day long.
- <sup>4</sup>For your hand was heavy upon me day and night;  
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.
- <sup>5</sup>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.
- <sup>6</sup>Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to  
you in time of trouble; when the great waters overflow,  
they shall not reach them.
- <sup>7</sup>You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble;  
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

<sup>8</sup>“I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; I will guide you with my eye.

<sup>9</sup>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.”

<sup>10</sup>Great are the tribulations of the wicked; but mercy embraces those who trust in the LORD.

<sup>11</sup>Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD; shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

### **\*Confession and Forgiveness**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
who journeys with us these forty days,  
and sustains us with the gift of grace.

**Amen.**

Let us acknowledge before God and one another  
our need for repentance and God’s mercy.

*Silence is kept for reflection*

Holy God, **we confess to you our faults and failings.  
Too often we neglect and do not trust your holy word;  
we take for ourselves instead of giving to others;  
we spoil rather than steward your creation; we cause hurt  
though you call us to heal; we choose fear over compassion.  
Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, as we seek to follow in  
your way of life.**

**Amen.**

Hear the good news: God so loved the world that  
God gave the only Son, so that all may receive life.  
This promise is for you! God embraces you with  
divine mercy, † forgives you in Christ’s name,  
and revives you in the Spirit’s power.

**Amen.**

## **\*Greeting**

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

**\*Hymn of Praise:**     *O, Love, How Deep*           **ELW 322 vs 1&7**

## **\*Prayer of the Day**    *(AM)*

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. 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.**

## **First Reading**    *(AM)*

**GENESIS 2:15-17; 3:1-7**

*Human beings were formed with great care, to be in relationship with the creator, creation, and one another. The serpent's promise to the first couple that their eyes would be opened led, ironically, to the discovery only that they were naked.*

<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 to God**

**\*Gospel Acclamation**



We are turn - ing, Lord, to hear you; you are mer - ci - ful and kind -



slow to an - ger, rich in bless - ing, and with love to us in - clined.

**\*Gospel:** The gospel according to Matthew 4: 1-11

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Jesus experiences anew the temptations that Israel faced in the wilderness. As the Son of God, he endures the testing of the evil one.*

<sup>1</sup>Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. <sup>2</sup>He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards 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 splendor; <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> 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.

The good news of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ**

**Children's Song** *Lord, Listen to your Children Praying*

**ELW 752**

**Lord, listen to your children praying,  
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;  
Lord, listen to your children praying,  
send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.**

**Children's Sermon**

**Sermon**

**Hymn of the Day** *I Want Jesus to walk with me* **ELW 325**

**Prayers of Intercession** *(AM)*

Sustained by God's abundant mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

*Brief Silence*

Merciful God, **receive our prayer**

We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your steadfast love and your promise to renew your whole creation; through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

**Peace** (AM)

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

## **Offering Message**

**\*Offering Prayer** (AM)

God of good gifts, receive these and all our offerings as we present them in faithful service for the sake of your gospel. Prepare our hearts to receive you in this meal as you pour out your very presence through Christ Jesus, the wellspring of eternal life.

**Amen.**

**\*Thanksgiving for the Word**

Holy God,  
our living Water, our faithful Companion, our true Guide,  
by your Word you created a world with rivers and seas, wells  
and springs, and in mercy you provided water for your people  
in the wilderness. For your Word with the water of baptism,  
we thank you, O God.

**We thank you, O God.**

We praise you for Christ, who joined us in our desert,  
calling us to righteousness, granting forgiveness,  
and walking with us into newness of life. For Jesus, your  
gracious Word, we glorify you, O God.

**We glorify you, O God.**

Through these days of Lent we plead for your Spirit,  
that strengthened by your Word,  
we may care for others and for the world you made,  
and work for justice and peace for all.

For your Word in our hearts and minds, we praise you, O God.

**We praise you, O God.**

Receive our thanksgiving, and grant us your blessing,  
Holy God, now and forever.

**Amen**

**\*Lord's Prayer**

Gathered by the holy spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

**Announcements**

**\*Blessing**

God, the giver of love,  
† Christ, the resurrection and the life,  
and the Holy Spirit of rebirth  
bless you in this Lenten journey.

**Amen.**

**\*Sending Hymn**     *Bless Now, O God, the Journey*     **ELW 326**

**\*Dismissal (AM)**

Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus

**We go, celebrating God's grace through acts of love and  
service.**

**Thanks be to God!**



## **OUR PRAYER LIST:**



**Joe D.** for a kidney to become available (that is a match) & continued successful dialysis.

**Don A.** for strength and healing for his health issues.

**Mem** for strength and healing for her health issues.

**Joan O** (Lori's Mom) for strength and comfort for her health issues.

**John O** (Lori's Dad) for strength and comfort as he enters hospice.

**Katie H.** (friend of Fenske's) for strength and healing for her health issues.

**Heather H** (granddaughter of Bill & Donna M) for strength and comfort with health issues.

**The Family of Joel L.** (Friend of Carl S) for comfort And peace as they mourn his passing.

**The Family of Mosier/Salda** (Kari D's. Son-in-law) for comfort and peace as they grieve the passing of his grandfather.

**Grace Lutheran Church** our prayer partners.

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## SUNDAY COFFEE TIME

**March 5 - Kids Bake**

**March 12—OPEN**

You will find the Sign-up sheet on the Kitchen door.

## **\*UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS\***

**Monday, Feb 27, 9am-11am- Food donation drop-off at WSC**

**Monday, Feb 27, 6:30— Zoom Bible Study—True Inclusion**

**Wednesday, Mar 1, 12:30 pm—Westside Cares Pantry**

**Wednesday, Mar 1, 6:00 pm - Soup/Vespers Service**

**Wednesday, Mar 1, 7:30 pm—Bible Study—Chronicles 1 & 2**

**Saturday, Mar 4, 9-12pm—Kids Bake**

**Sunday, Mar 5, 9:30 am—Worship Service**

**Welcome our Seminarian-** Sunday, **February 26**, Anna Garcia-Lucas will lead the worship and preach. While Anna already has earned a Master of Divinity, she is in her second year of completing seminary requirements to be a Lutheran Deacon.

**Continuing in the Covenant of Baptism:** This is the theme of our Soup and Vespers Wednesdays during Lent. There will be special offerings taken at the tables and the Vespers will cover the 5 promises we make at baptism. Confirmands will eat together at 6pm and then assist with the Lenten services for the 5 Wednesdays. Others may assist with the services as well. Sign up with Pastor.

**Vespers during lent and Soup suppers** begin Wednesday, **March 1 at 6:00 pm**. We'll serve a vegetarian soup, and a gluten-free bread each week. Sign up on our kitchen door.

**Devotionals for Lent** are available at church for each household. Starting Sunday, you can pick up your copy to use as a daily devotion up until Easter Sunday. Called Water and Spirit,

they are designed to take only a few minutes of your day and to help you reflect on the ways our baptism continues to give us new life. If you would like to make a donation the cost \$2.25.

**Kids Bake** -Saturday, **March 4th from 9:00-12:00**. We'll bake pudding pies and cherry strudel. Small craft project. Snack and lunch provided. To sign up elementary kiddos, or help with our craft project, contact Debra. 719.930.1248

**Lent Food Drive for WSC** - Fun fact #1 540 peanuts to make a 12oz. jar of peanut butter! Please support west Side Cares Pantry by donation a jar or two or more during Lent!

**Congregational Care Meeting** for all...Sunday, **March 5<sup>th</sup>** after service. Bring ideas, questions, enthusiasm! Kathleen Fulton,

**Pikes Peak Interfaith Coalition-** Dialogue on Islam. On **March 5, 2-5pm**, the final dialogue of our series on Religious Celebration, Holy Days and Observances will take place. Go to [bit.ly/interfaithpickespeak](http://bit.ly/interfaithpickespeak) for more information or ask Pastor Paula.

**International Women Leaders March 8-** The IWL desk of Global Mission is asking for special donations on International Women's Day this year. Gifts up to \$50,000 will be matched by a special donor. You can go to <https://elca.org/IWL> to view videos and learn more about the program.

**Calling all cooks!** Lori's mom, Joan, is back home but still could use some help with meals. Please talk (or text 719-439-8941 or email [ja1937cy@hotmail.com](mailto:ja1937cy@hotmail.com)) with Joan Corder who has graciously offered to organize this with Lori .

**Mayoral Forum** at the ENT Center, **February at 28 5:30-9PM.**  
Meet and greet candidates with forum on housing to follow.  
To register, contact Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity at  
<https://tickets.entcenterforthearts.org/4248>

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Christ the King is located on the original and ancestral homelands of the Cheyenne and Ute tribal nations. We give thanks for their presence here since time immemorial. We recognize and honor all our Indigenous siblings who have and continue to call this land their home.



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