

AUGUSTANA LUTHERAN CHURCH



FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

ELW - *Setting 6*

10:30 AM February 26, 2023

GATHERING

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Jesus began his ministry to the world,
led by the Spirit into the wilderness.

**All: As we begin our Lenten journey, let us be led
by the Spirit, even into the uncomfortable places.**

In those forty days, and in that place, Jesus was faced
with hunger, doubt and temptation.

**All: As we seek to follow Jesus, we would be led,
even into the uncomfortable choices.**

Jesus left the wilderness, faithful and obedient to God,
rejoicing in the One in whom he trusted.

**All: As we continue on our path to faithfulness, we will be
led by our Christ, rejoicing in the Lord our God.**

~ written by Thom Shuman, and posted on Lectionary Liturgies.
<http://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.ca/>

GATHERING HYMN: "Bless Now, O God, the Journey" #326

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.

Holy God,

All: 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.

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WORD

FIRST READING: Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

CHOIR ANTHEM: *Keep me Faithfully in thy Paths*

PSALM 32

¹Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven,
and whose sin is put away!

²**Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no guilt,
and in whose spirit there is no guile!**

³While I held my tongue, my bones withered away,
because of my groaning all day long.

⁴**For your hand was heavy upon me day and night;
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.**

⁵Then 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.

⁶**Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in
time of trouble; when the great waters overflow, they shall not
reach them.**

⁷You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble;
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

⁸**"I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should
go; I will guide you with my eye.**

⁹Do 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."

¹⁰**Great are the tribulations of the wicked;
but mercy embraces those who trust in the LORD.**

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

SECOND READING: Romans 5:12-19

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *Let your steadfast love*, p. 171

GOSPEL: Matthew 4:1-11

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: "When We Are Tested"

ACS #922

1) When we are tested and wrestle alone,
famished for bread when the world offers stone,
nourish us, God, by your word and your way,
food that sustains 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 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, p. 105

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: "Merciful God – receive our prayer"

SHARING OF THE PEACE, P. 172

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD, p. 220

Let us pray.

Praise and thanks to you, holy God, for by your Word you made
all things: you spoke light into darkness, called forth beauty from
chaos, and brought life into being. For your Word of life, O God,
we give you thanks and praise.

By your Word you called your people Israel to tell of your
wonderful gifts: freedom from captivity, water on the desert
journey, a pathway home from exile, wisdom for life with you.

For your Word of life, O God,

we give you thanks and praise.

Through Jesus, your Word made flesh, you speak to us and call us
to witness: forgiveness through the cross, life to those entombed
by death, the way of your self-giving love. For your Word of life,
O God,

we give you thanks and praise.

Send your Spirit of truth, O God; rekindle your gifts within us:
renew our faith, increase our hope, and deepen our love, for the
sake of a world in need. Faithful to your Word, O God, draw near
to all who call on you; through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory
forever.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER, p. 173

SENDING

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN: "Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer" #618

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Thank you to our lector Chris Martin, musician Anna-Marie Skogsrud, choir director Deborah Buck, ushers Gloria and Melissa Rowan, and technical support Karen Wallace for assisting in worship today. Thank you also to our choir for today's music.

Last Sunday's in-person attendance: 38

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Offering & Income for February to date: \$12,330
February Expenses to date: \$17,496

First Reading

Genesis 2:15-17: 3:1-7

¹⁵THE LORD GOD TOOK THE MAN AND PUT HIM IN THE GARDEN OF EDEN to till it and keep it. ¹⁶And the LORD God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; ¹⁷but 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."

^{3:1}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?'" ²The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; ³but 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.'" ⁴But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; ⁵for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." ⁶So 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. ⁷Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

Second Reading

Romans 5:12-19

¹²JUST AS SIN CAME INTO THE WORLD THROUGH ONE MAN, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned—¹³sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. ¹⁴Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come.

¹⁵But 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 free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. ¹⁶And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. ¹⁷If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

¹⁸Therefore 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. ¹⁹For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

Gospel

Matthew 4:1-11

¹JESUS WAS LED UP BY THE SPIRIT INTO THE WILDERNESS TO BE TEMPTED by the devil. ²He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. ³The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." ⁴But he answered, "It is written,

'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

⁵Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, ⁶saying 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.'"

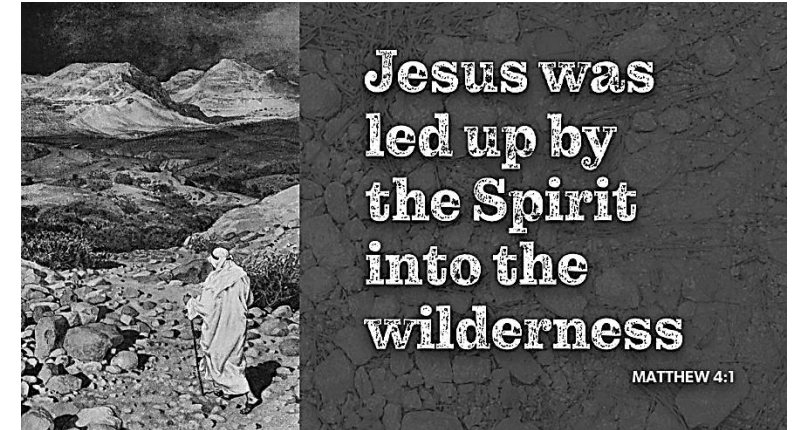
⁷Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

⁸Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; ⁹and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." ¹⁰Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'"

¹¹Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

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