

First Sunday in Lent

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## + HOLY COMMUNION SETTING ONE +

**ORGAN PRELUDE** “Passacaglia in e” D. Buxtehude

**GATHERING** *Invocation* Pg. 94

**CATECHETIC MOMENT**

**THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM** Pg. 97

Baptisms Celebrated this Month

Serena Crisanti, Gerry Patychuk, Vern Schnell

**GATHERING HYMN** Oh, Love, How Deep **No. 322**

**GREETING/ KYRIE** Pg. 98

**PRAYER OF THE DAY** Pg. 150

**P** We pray. Lord God, you led your people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. 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 Saviour and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

### FIRST LESSON      A Reading from the Book of Deuteronomy

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, 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. You 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." When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, you shall make this response before the Lord your 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. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. 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; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. 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. 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. (*Deuteronomy 26:1-11*)

A The word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM      *Sung*      Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40

Do not fret yourself because of | evildoers;

do not be jealous of those | who do wrong.

For they shall soon wither | like the grass,

and like the green grass | fade away.

Put your trust in the Lord | and do good;  
dwell in the land and feed | on its riches.  
Take delight | in the Lord,  
and he shall give you your | heart's desire.  
Commit your way to the Lord and put your | trust in him,  
and he will bring | it to pass.  
He will make your righteousness as clear | as the light  
and your just dealing | as the noonday.  
Be still be- | fore the Lord  
and wait patient- | ly for him.  
Do not fret yourself over the | one who prospers,  
the one who succeeds in | evil schemes.  
Refrain from anger, leave | rage alone;  
do not fret yourself; it leads on- | ly to evil.  
For evildoers shall | be cut off,  
but those who wait upon the Lord shall pos- | sess the land.  
In a little while the wicked shall | be no more;  
you shall search out their place, but they will | not be there.  
Mark those who are honest; ob- | serve the upright;  
for there is a future | for the peaceable.  
Transgressors shall be destroyed, | one and all;  
the future of the wicked | is cut off.

## **SECOND LESSON**

A Reading from the Letter to the Romans

"The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved." (*Romans 10:8b-13*)

A The word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Let your steadfast...

*Please stand as you are able.*

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

P The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke

**C Glory to you, O Lord**

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.' " Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.' " Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying 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 protect you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.' " Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.' " When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time. (*Luke 4:1-13*)

P The gospel of the Lord.

**C Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

## SERMON

**HYMN OF THE DAY** Bless Now, O God, the Journey **No. 326**

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## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Please stand as you are able.*

The response to "*Hear us, O God.*" is "**Your mercy is great.**"

A Seeking the grace, mercy, and love of almighty God, we offer our prayers for the church, for people in need, and for all of creation.

*A brief silence.*

A Holy and steadfast God, keep your word near to us, planting it in our hearts and communities. Make it blossom into proclamation for all people to receive. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

A As you give your Spirit freely, so also give bread that sustains every living thing. Graciously feed hungry souls and hungry stomachs with your bountiful provision. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

A Stir up courage among your people to resist oppressive powers and to lead people into freedom. Shine the light of your justice through their work. Bring peace to Ukraine and all that are torn apart by warfare and violence. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

A Teach us the stories of our faith by heart. As you accompanied our ancestors in their uncertainty, so guide us confidently into the future. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

A Hold tightly those who grow weary in their struggle with addiction or temptation. By your strength bear them up to live fully in your presence. Heal the sick and comfort the grieving. We pray for: Bruce Beamer, Anna Berwanger, Simret Bogale, Chrystine Cuch, Mariette Erasmus, Adeline Erick, Dolores Hollowell, Donna Harbor, Genevieve Janssen, Julie Janssen Downe, Eleanora Lahoda, Fay Larsen, Amy Lynch, Jean McCowan, Mark Mutschlechner, Bruce and Judith Nagel, Karin Olafson (Dakota, Remi and Ada), Jerry Rasmuson and family, Jim and Joyce Rasmussen, David Sr. and Joan Richardson, Ron Sauer, Vern Schnell, Rose Sinclair, John Watt, those we name aloud ... and those we carry in our hearts. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

A We pray for your holy catholic Church:

- the BC Synod, synod staff, pastors, people, and Bishop Kathy Martin
- the Southwestern Area Leadership Team, pastors, people, and Dean Rev. Dr. Tim Wray
- our Synod Campus Ministries and especially for Rev. Dr. Andrea Wilhelm, Chaplain for University of Alberta,

Augustana Campus, Camrose

- Spiritual Directors, especially Deacon Dr. Faith Nostbakken and Rev. Ron Flamand
- Saron Lutheran, Clive, and Lakeland Lutheran, Cold Lake
- Rains of Grace Mission, Ubicada en Bosa – Provenir, Bogota, Colombia
- the members of the Lutheran Deacon Community
- officers and people of the Salvation Army of Canada
- the pastors and people of the Lutheran Churches of South Africa
- the pastors and people of the Anglican, Mennonite, and Moravian Churches of Canada

For all these, Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

A We pray for the family and friends of Gerald Lockey. May God's merciful grace and the heavenly welcome of the Saints provide continued consolation as they grieve. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

A For all virtually gathered for this service, and those attending to the care of others and to beneficial endeavours that keep them away from worshipping. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

P Reveal your will as you receive our prayers, and conform our ways to your ways; through the saving work of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C Amen.**

**THE PEACE**

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P The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**C And also with you.**

**OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY** “I Want Jesus to Walk with Me” (#325)

*Setting of the altar and reception of the Offerings.*

*Please be seated.*

**OFFERTORY PRAYER** (Lent)

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**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

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**EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

**THE LORD’S PRAYER** (Version II)

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**THE FRACTION**

**P** When we eat this Bread, we share the Body of Christ;  
when we drink the Cup, we share the Blood of Christ.

**C** **Reveal yourself to us, O Lord, in the breaking of the bread,  
as once you revealed yourself to the disciples.**

**LAMB OF GOD**

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**THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE SACRAMENT**

*Please be seated.*

*Assistants and those in need commune first.*

**COMMUNION HYMNS**

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

**No. 504**

Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song

**No. 808**

**TABLE BLESSING**

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER** Lent

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*Please be seated.*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**THE SENDING FORTH OF THE COMMUNITY**

**BENEDICTION**

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**SENDING HYMN**

Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer

**No. 618**

**DISMISSAL**

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**P** Go in peace...

**C** **Thanks be to God!**

**ORGAN POSTLUDE**

"Yoruba Lament" arr. Fela Sowande



**WELCOME** to all gathered here today. Join us for refreshments and conversation downstairs after worship, Questions? Ask one of today's servants or speak with the pastor.

**WE THANK TODAY'S SERVANTS**

- Usher: Jarrod Hanson
- Lector: Jarrod Hanson
- Assistant: Walter Anderson
- Altar Guild: Helen Sandau
- Refreshments: Grace Karsten, Helen Sandau
- Zoom Host: Phil Tang, Ahmed Conteh

## OFFERING AND ATTENDANCE

|               |          |             |
|---------------|----------|-------------|
| Last week     | 2 March  | Budget 2025 |
| Current       | \$ 4,935 | \$2,911     |
| Benevolence   | \$ 20    |             |
| Building Fund | \$ 20    |             |
| Other         | \$ 165   |             |
| Attendance    | 49       |             |

## ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

|           |        |          |                             |
|-----------|--------|----------|-----------------------------|
| Today     | 9 Mar  | 11:45 PM | Fellowship and Refreshments |
|           |        | 2:00 PM  | CFMA Worship                |
| Monday    | 10 Mar | 7:00 PM  | 12 Step Program             |
| Tuesday   | 11 Mar | 1:00 PM  | HLW Bible Study             |
|           |        | 6:30 PM  | Elders                      |
|           |        | 6:30 PM  | S.A.F.E. Place Peer Support |
| Wednesday | 12 Mar | 10:00 AM | 12 Step Program             |
|           |        | 7:00 PM  | 12 Step Program             |
| Friday    | 14 Mar | 7:00 PM  | 12 Step Program             |
| Saturday  | 15 Mar | 9:00 AM  | House of Hope Worship       |
| Sunday    | 16 Mar | 10:30 AM | Second Sunday in Lent       |

**HIGHWOOD LADIES' BIBLE STUDY** for March will be this Tuesday, 11 March, at 1:00 PM. Please come, all ladies are welcome. Bring a friend if you would like.

**LUTHERAN HOSPITAL MINISTRIES** – Annual General Meeting will take place at 10 AM, Saturday 15 March 2025 at St. Matthew Lutheran Church.

**HOTSHOTS** – Join us on Tuesday 18 March at 10:00 AM for the movie “Jack the Bear” followed by a Soup and Bun lunch. All are welcome, as are friends. Sign up sheet is downstairs.

**CLEANING BEE** – Please join us as we prepare for Easter, on Tuesday 25 March at 1:00 PM to clean the church, pews and inside windows. Cleaning supplies will be provided.

**TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE** – If you need a ride to church, contact Elizabeth Anderson 587 897 0548 or Bill Strand 403 239 9894



**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS**

Jeremiah 26:8-15

Philippians 3:17-4:1

Third Sunday in Lent

Psalm 4

Luke 13:31-35