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God, tell this stone to become bread."*

Jesus answered,

"It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone.'"

Luke 4:1, 4-3

First Lutheran Church

03/09/2025

The First Sunday of Lent

These forty days called Lent are like no other. It is our opportune time to return to the God who rescues, to receive the gifts of God's grace, to believe with the heart and confess with the mouth the wonder of God's love in Jesus, and to resist temptation at every turn. This is no small pilgrimage on which we have just embarked. It is a struggle Jesus knew. It is a struggle Jesus shares. The nearness of the Lord, in bread and wine, water and word, will uphold and sustain us.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

SOJOURNER

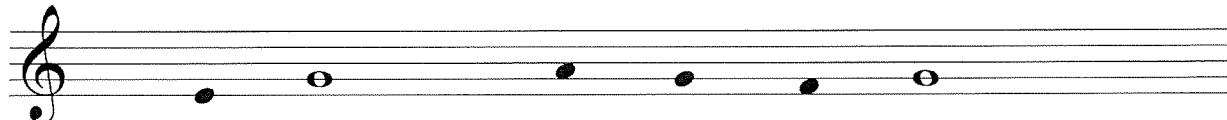
Doug McConnell

*Prelude on SOJOURNER
I Want Jesus, to Walk with Me*

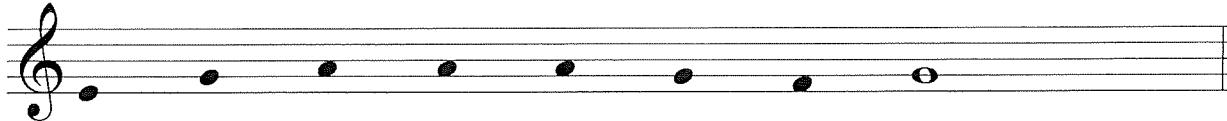
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MORNING PRAYER

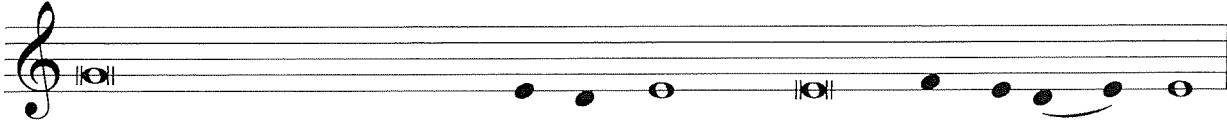
OPENING DIALOGUE AND DOXOLOGY



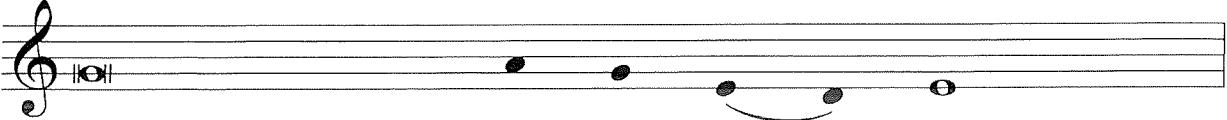
Leader: O Lord, o - pen my lips,



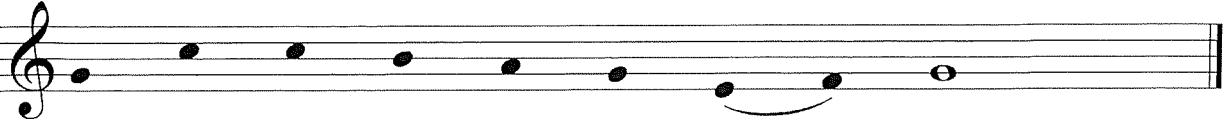
and my mouth shall pro - claim your praise.



Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it:



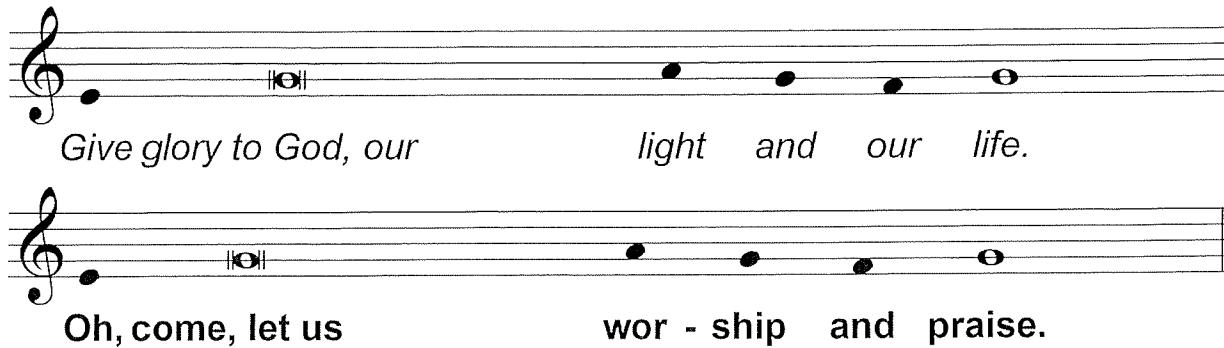
as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now,



and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

PSALMODY

INVITATORY



Give glory to God, our light and our life.

Oh, come, let us worship and praise.

MORNING PSALM OF PRAISE

PSALM 95:1-7



Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.

repeat the invitatory above

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: O 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 Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

(Please be seated)

FIRST READING

DEUTERONOMY 26:1-11

R: A reading from Deuteronomy, the twenty-sixth chapter.

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.³ 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."⁴ When 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 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.⁶ When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us,⁷ we cried to 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.

R: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

ROMANS 10:8B-13

R: A reading from Romans, the tenth chapter.

^{8b} "The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim);⁹ 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.¹⁰ For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved.¹¹ The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame."¹² 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.¹³ For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

R: The word of the Lord.

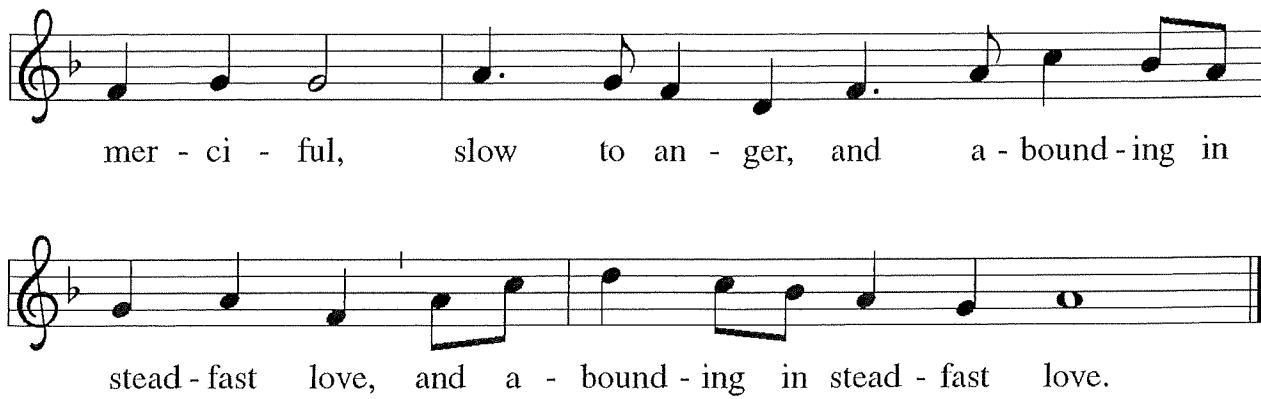
C: Thanks be to God.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



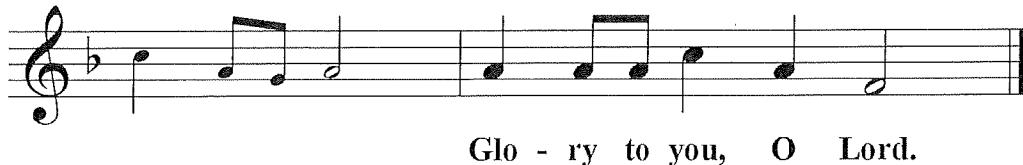
Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and



GOSPEL

LUKE 4:1-13

P: A reading from Luke, the fourth chapter.



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 tempted 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 their glory and all this authority; 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 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, 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.’”

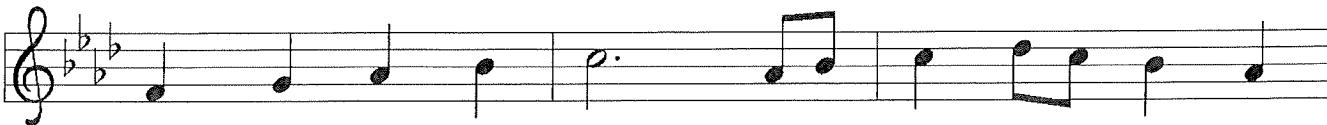
¹² Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’” ¹³ When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

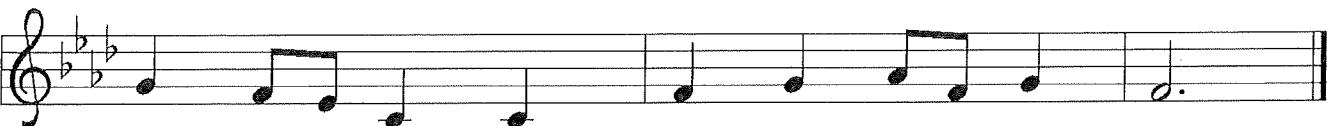


HYMN OF THE DAY**O Lord, throughout These Forty Days**

1 O Lord, through - out these for - ty days you
 2 You strove with Sa - tan, and you won; your
 3 Though parched and hun - gry, yet you prayed and
 4 Be with us through this sea - son, Lord, and



prayed and kept the fast; in - spire re - pen - tance
 faith - ful - ness en - dured; lend us your nerve, your
 fixed your mind a - bove; so teach us to de -
 all our earth - ly days, that when the fi - nal



for our sin, and free us from our past.
 skill and trust in God's e - ter - nal word.
 ny our - selves that we may know God's love.
 Eas - ter dawns, we join in heav - en's praise.

Text: based on Claudia F. Hernaman, 1838–1898; para. Gilbert E. Doan Jr., b. 1930

Music: CONSOLATION, A. Davisson, *Kentucky Harmony*, 1816

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SERMON

REVEREND MARK SCHURING

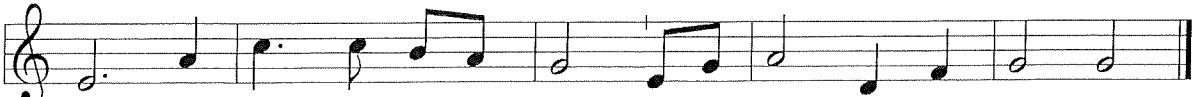
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CANTICLE FOR LENT

Refrain



Keep in mind that Je - sus Christ has died for us and is ris - en from the



dead. He is our sav - ing Lord; he is joy for all a - ges.

APOSTLES' CREED

P: Living together in trust and hope, we profess our faith as expressed in the words of the 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.**

(Please be seated)

OFFERING AND ORGAN MEDITATION

WEARY LAND

Ronald A. Nelson

Jesus Is a Rock in a Weary Land

(Please stand)

OFFERING SONG

JESUS IS A ROCK IN A WEARY LAND

Refrain - All

OFFERING PRAYER

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

C: Amen.

(Please kneel)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: Led by the Spirit, let us turn to God in prayer for the church, the world, and all those in need.

Each petition concludes:

P: God, in your mercy,

C: receive our prayer.

P: Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love, in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life.

C: Amen.

(Please stand)

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

C: Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

SENDING

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

C: Oh God,
your everlasting love for us is always trustworthy and sure.
We are grateful for the goodness you have shown us through the years,
and we ask now for confidence to go forward into the future.
Bless our community of faith, bless our healing,
bless the changes that are before us,
bless our call process and the pastoral leaders
who will shepherd us through this time of transition.
We thank you now for the wisdom you will show us
as we align with your will, and servant or servants
you are already preparing to send us in your blessed time.
Help us to keep looking to you to define our ministry and our future.
In his name and for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, Amen.

BLESSING

Let us bless the Lord. Thanks be to God.

God our tender parent, God the crucified one, God the reconciling Spirit, + bless you

now and for ev er:

A - men. A - men. A - men.

SENDING SONG

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

1 I want Je - sus to walk with me;
2 In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me;
3 When I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;

I want Je - sus to walk with me;
in my tri - als, Lord, walk with me;
when I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;

all a - long my pil - grim jour - ney,
when my heart is al - most break - ing,
when my head is bowed in sor - row,

Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.
Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.
Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.

Text: African American spiritual

Music: SOJOURNER, African American spiritual

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace.

P: Care for others as God cares for you.

C: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

CONSOLATION

O Lord, throughout These Forty Days

Michael Burkhardt

This Week's Calendar

Sunday	March 9
10:00AM	Church Service
Monday	March 10
10:00AM	Bible Study @Willows
5:15PM	Bells of Praise
Wednesday	March 12
9am	Piece Corp
5-5:45pm	Lenton Supper
7pm	Lent Service
Sunday	March 16
10:00AM	Church Service
After service	Meet & Greet Pastor Schuring
	Instillation of Council Members
Wednesday	March 12
5-5:45pm	Lenton Supper
7pm	Lent Service



QUILTING GROUP

The Piece Corp will be meeting Wednesday, March 12 at 9:00 am

Events for Lent Celebration

Mid-Week Lenten Service

Need volunteers to provide
The Lent Meal soup, bread
and dessert.
Sign up sheets

On the Dietz Windows.

Easter Lily/Daffodil order forms are

Also located on the table in the hallway

Cookie Sign up sheets are located on the Dietz Room wall. Fellowship time is before and after Church Service. Approximately 4 dozen cookies are needed each week.



Altar Flowers

Altar flowers were given today in memory of

Ray Wise



ALTAR FLOWERS



WOFB

March 27th
starting at 1 pm

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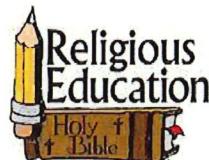
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Worship Assistant:	Jonathan Nominee
Director of Music:	Curtis L. King
Pastor:	Pastor Mark Schuring

Catechism Classes

Rick Greene and Mike Porter will be hosting Catechism Classes. If anyone is interested



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Our Mission Statement

“God is among us!”

“We are called to go out, care for all, share the gospel, forgive, reconcile and trust God for all that we need.”