

Character of
a Disciple:
Belief

A Lenten
Series

First Lutheran Church - Putting Christ First
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Sunday, March 6, 2022
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A WARM WELCOME TO ALL who are worshipping with us today! We hope that the service will be a joy and blessing to you.



Today we celebrate the Lord's Supper. All who believe that Christ is present in this Sacrament are invited to share in His supper. The inner glasses on the tray are grape juice, the rest of the glasses are wine. Children who have not received Communion instruction should kneel at the altar with their arms crossed upon their chest to receive a Baptismal blessing.

LBW – green hymnal *Please stand as able.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

- *Brief Order for Public Confession P. 98
- *Opening Hymn: "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" **LBW 439**
- *Apostolic Greeting and Kyrie P. 99
- *Glory to God in the Highest P. 100
- *Prayer of the Day

Holy God, you journey with your people through the wilderness days of our lives. Guide us by your Spirit that we might repent and return to you; believe with our hearts and confess with our mouths that Jesus Christ is Lord. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.

Children's Sermon (Children attend Sunday School after this.)

First Reading

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

¹{Moses said to the Israelites,} "When you come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you for an inheritance and have taken possession of it and live in it, ²you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from your land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket, and you shall go to the place that the Lord your God will choose, to make his name to dwell there. ³And you shall go to the priest who is in office at that time and say to him, 'I

declare today to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our fathers to give us.' ⁴Then the priest shall take the basket from your hand and set it down before the altar of the Lord your God. ⁵And you shall make response before the Lord your God, 'A wandering Aramean was my father. And he went down into Egypt and sojourned there, few in number, and there he became a nation, great, mighty, and populous. ⁶And the Egyptians treated us harshly and humiliated us and laid on us hard labor. ⁷Then we cried to the Lord, the God of our fathers, and the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. ⁸And the Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with great deeds of terror, with signs and wonders. ⁹And he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰And behold, now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground, which you, O Lord, have given me.' And you shall set it down before the Lord your God and worship before the Lord your God. ¹¹And you shall rejoice in all the good that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house, you, and the Levite, and the sojourner who is among you."

Psalm 91:1-13 (*read responsively by half verse*)

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Second Reading:

Romans 10:8b-13

^{8b}"The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. ¹¹For the Scripture says, "Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame." ¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. ¹³For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

Lenten Sentence

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*Gospel:

Luke 4:1-13

¹Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness ²for forty days, being tempted by the devil. And he ate nothing during those days. And when they were ended, he was hungry. ³The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread." ⁴And Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone.'" ⁵And the devil took him up and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time, ⁶and said to him, "To you I will give all this authority and their glory, for it has been delivered to me, and I give it to whom I will. ⁷If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." ⁸And Jesus answered him, "It is written, "'You shall worship the Lord your God, and him only shall you serve.'" ⁹And he took him to Jerusalem and set him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, ¹⁰for it is written, "'He will command his angels concerning you, to guard you,' ¹¹and "'On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.'" ¹²And Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.'" ¹³And when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from him until an opportune time.

Sermon:

"CHARACTER OF A DISCIPLE: BELIEF"

*Hymn of the Day: "Jesus, Still Lead On"

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*Nicene Creed

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*Prayers of Church

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Gracious heavenly Father, strengthen us through the power of your Holy Spirit that we might be faithful to your Word in all times. As we daily face temptations to turn away from you and your will, redirect our lives that we might show ourselves to be faithful flowers of Jesus. *Lord in your mercy ... hear our prayer.*

Almighty Lord, in this season of repentance and renewal, remind us of our need for your never-failing grace. Keep your word near

to us; may it ever be on our lips and in our hearts. *Lord in your mercy ... hear our prayer.*

Sovereign God, in you we find our fortress and our sanctuary. Guide world leaders to rule with justice and equity. In the face of all trials, danger, and oppression help us to find our sanctuary in you and your covenantal promise of life eternal. *Lord, in your mercy ... hear our prayer.*

Compassionate God, you pour out your mercy and love with unrestrained generosity. Teach us to give thanks to you in all circumstances. Bring your healing mercy to those who suffer in body, mind, and spirit. [We pray particularly for ...] *Lord, in your mercy ... hear our prayer.*

***Sharing of the Peace**

Offering

- *Create in Me (Back Hymnal Cover)
- *Offertory Prayer P. 108
- *Great Thanksgiving P. 109
- *Words of Institution P. 110
- *The Lord's Prayer P. 113
- Lamb of God P. 114
- Communion Distribution
- *Lord, Now You Let Your Servant P. 116
- *Benediction P. 117
- *Threefold Amen
- *Closing Hymn: "Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer" **LBW 343**
- *Pastor: Go in Peace, Serve the Lord!
- *Congregation: Thanks be to God!**

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Attendance Last Saturday, 2/26; 12

Ash Wednesday, 3/2: 46

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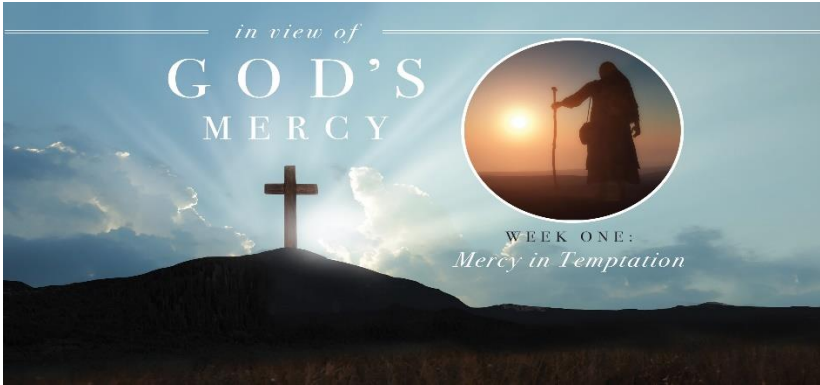
Attendance Sunday, 2/27; 37

LENTEN SCHEDULE

This Lenten schedule runs each Wednesday, March 9 through April 6.

5:45pm – Lenten Supper

6:30pm –Lenten Vespers Service



This year's mid-week Lenten theme will be **God's Mercy**

	3/23	Mercy in Betrayal
3/9		Mercy in Temptation
3/16		Mercy in Suffering
	3/30	Mercy in Relationships
	4/6	Mercy in Service

LENTEN SUPPER

Date	Hosts	(meal served)
3/9	Chef Mielke & Bauer	Soup
3/16	Church Council	Chili
3/23	Sunday School	Sloppy Joe's
3/30	Wittwer's	Italian Beef
4/6	Men	Pork Chops

Confirmation class will continue to be on Thursdays at 5:30pm.

Today 3/6: Join us in Fellowship Hall for coffee after the service!

Tuesday 3/8: Food Pantry set-up, 9:30-11am; distribution 12-2pm.

Wednesday 3/9: Lenten Supper, 5:45pm.

Lenten Vespers Service, 6:30pm: "Mercy in Temptation".

Thursday 3/10: Confirmation Class, 5:30pm; Church Council, 7pm.

Saturday 3/12: Worship Service, 5:30pm.



Sunday 3/13: Worship Service, 9am.

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS!!!

Cindy Stoll 3/4

Onie Luepkes 3/5

Peggy Veach 3/11

Russ Lacefield 3/12

ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS!!!

Vernon & Jane Johnson 3/7/1964



PERSONAL CARE KITS

Personal Care items are being collected until **TODAY**. We are always in need of BATH TOWELS, dark colors please. In 2019, our care kits went to Tanzania.

PARISH CONCERNS

We pray for the family of Jim Sheehan, whose funeral was held in Sycamore on Friday. May the promise of God's resurrection, bring Jim's family peace.

Please keep in your daily prayers all people in need, including those mentioned here:

- Sally Coyle, Bob's mom is home after having a heart valve replacement surgery on March 1st.
- Lisa Coyle will be having an atrial ablation on March 16th. This will hopefully curtail, the atrial fibrillation (heart flutters), that she is having.
- Jason Gorski, Dan & Janelle Pahnke's nephew is fighting cancer.
- Pray for pregnant women and the babies they are carrying, especially Abby (Pahnke) Bohn, Jamie Wittwer and Laura Block.
- All those who are not able to worship with us because they are in health care facilities or homebound: Betty Paulsen, Ina Koehler, Nancy Bakanas and George Vodden.
- All those who are suffering physical or mental illness, and their families, caregivers, and medical teams.
- Our church and its activities.
- Situations in Ukraine and Myanmar and all effected by this.
- All elected leaders, police officers, first responders, and military personnel, that they hear and receive God's guidance and protection.
- Persecuted Christians throughout the world.
- All NALC churches that are searching for a Pastor.
- The NALC, NALS, the Great Rivers Mission District, all Christian churches, and our partners in SC and PA.