

1 O Christ, You walked the road Our wan-d'ring feet must go.
 2 No bread of earth a - lone Can fill our hun-g'ring hearts.
 3 No blind-ing sign we ask, No won - der from a - bove.
 4 When lures of eas - y gain With prom - ise bright - ly shine,
 5 O Christ, You walked the road Our wan-d'ring feet must go.

You faced with us temp - ta - tion's pow'r And fought our an - cient foe.
 Lord, help us seek Your liv - ing Word, The food Your grace im-parts.
 Lord, help us place our trust a - lone In Your un - swerv-ing love.
 Lord, help us seek Your king-dom first; Our wills with Yours a - lign.
 Stay with us through temp - ta - tion's hour To fight our an - cient foe.

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Matt. 4:1-11; Heb. 2:18; 4:15



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**

3/16 Mercy in Suffering 3/30 Mercy in Relationships

3/23 Mercy in Betrayal 4/6 Mercy in Service

LENTEN SUPPER

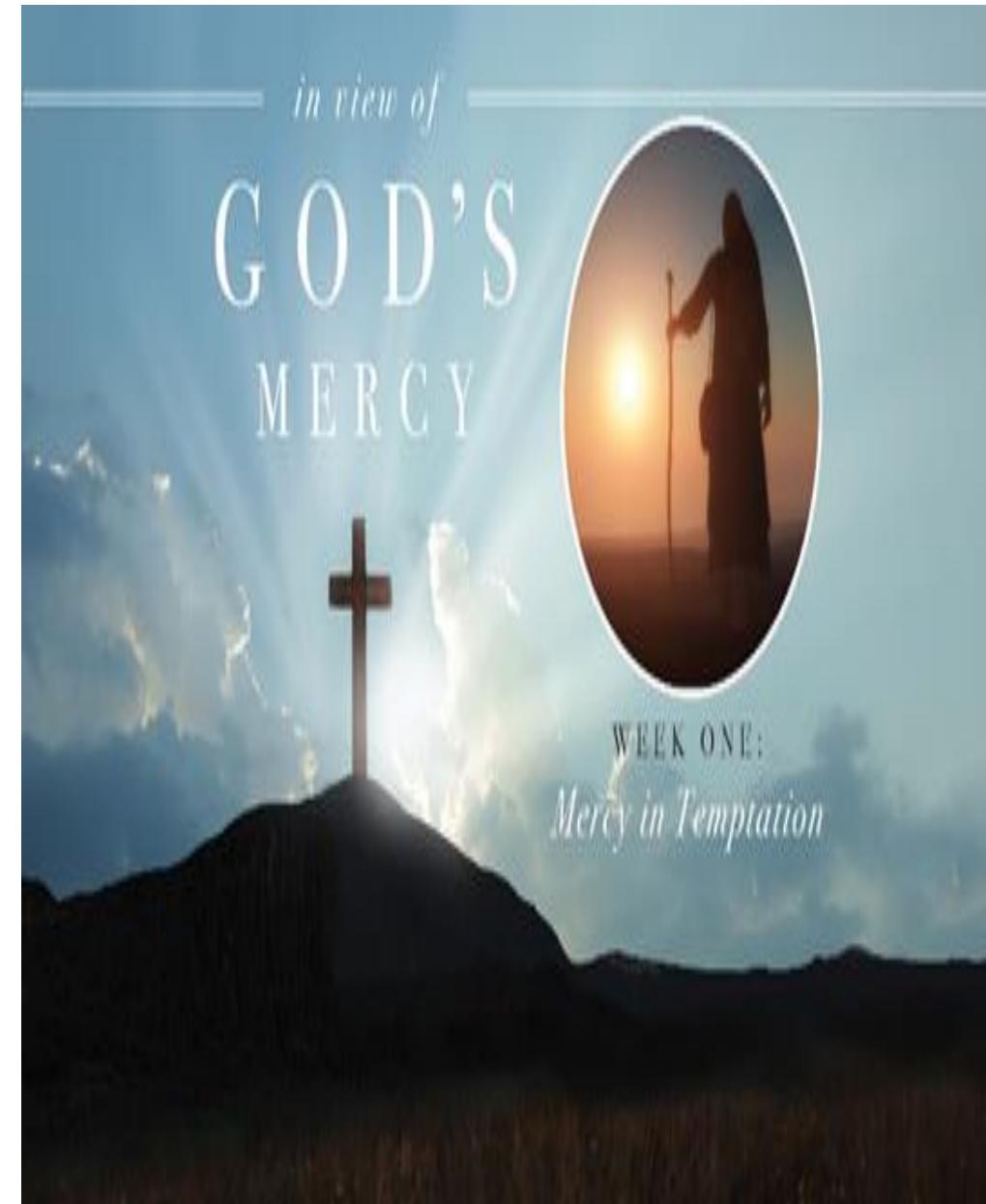
Date	Hosts	(meal served)
3/16	Church Council	Chili
3/23	Sunday School	Sloppy Joe's
3/30	Wittwer's	Italian Beef
4/6	Men	Pork Chops

Thank you to all the hands that prepared the meal this evening. The meal offering will go to Lutheran World Relief.

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

PERSONAL CARE KITS – More towels and combs are needed by Sunday 3/13.

Please place in the box in the narthex or give to Jean Bauer.



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 Lenten Vespers Service*

First Lutheran Church - Putting Christ First

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"GOD'S MERCY"

Once again, we begin our Lenten journey – a journey of worship, repentance, discipleship, and cross-bearing. As Christians, this is truly our whole life's journey. It is intensified during Lent. May the midweek evening services of this season inspire and strengthen you in following the One who leads his Church in mission: Jesus, our Savior.

*SERVICE OF LIGHT

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*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Gracious Lord, as we continue our Lenten pilgrimage, we do so in view of your mercy. We are surrounded by all kinds of temptations to sin. Strengthen us by your Holy Spirit so that we resist temptation and instead do what pleases you. We pray through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*THE THANKSGIVING

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THE PSALMODY

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PSALM 27 (responsively by whole verse) 1-10

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HYMN: "Go to Dark Gethsemane"

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SCRIPTURE READINGS

Deuteronomy 6:4–6 ESV

1 Corinthians 10:6–13 ESV

Matthew 4:1–11 ESV

GOSPEL:

SERMON: "MERCY IN TEMPTATION"

HYMN OF THE DAY: "O Christ, You Walked the Road" Printed on back
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*THE LORD'S PRAYER

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THE OFFERING

*CLOSING HYMN: "Jesus, Still Lead On"

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*CLOSING PRAYER

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*THE BENEDICTION

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THE POSTLUDE

*Please stand as able.

First Lesson:

Deuteronomy 6:4–6 ESV

⁴ "Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. ⁵ You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. ⁶ And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart.

Second Lesson:

1 Corinthians 10:6–13 ESV

⁶ Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did. ⁷ Do not be idolaters as some of them were; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play." ⁸ We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. ⁹ We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did and were destroyed by serpents, ¹⁰ nor grumble, as some of them did and were destroyed by the Destroyer. ¹¹ Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come. ¹² Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. ¹³ No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

Gospel Lesson:

Matthew 4:1–11 ESV

¹ Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ² And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. ³ And the tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." ⁴ But he answered, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.' " ⁵ Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the temple ⁶ and said 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, lest you strike your foot against a stone.' " ⁷ Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.' " ⁸ Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. ⁹ And he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to him, "Be gone, Satan! For it is written, "'You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve.' " ¹¹ Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him.