

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 all this authority and their glory, 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 led him to Jerusalem and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple and said 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.

(Response after the conclusion: *Praise to you, O Christ.*)

Children’s Message	Sue Johannsen
Sermon	Interim Pastor John Dalen
Hymn of the Day:	<i>O Lord, throughout These Forty Days</i> ELW #319
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.	
Prayers of Intercession	
Sharing Peace	
Offering	
Special Music	Susan Kruse and Will Kruse
Prayer & The Lord’s Prayer	
Benediction & Threefold Amen	
Closing Hymn:	<i>Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing</i> ELW #545
Dismissal:	P: Go in Peace, Serve the Lord! C: Thanks be to God!

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Welcome! We are glad you are with us today!
“If you do not have a church home, you are welcome here. If you would like to become a member, contact any member or the church office.”

Sunday, March 9th, 2025; 9:30 am

First Sunday in Lent

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. So let us confess...

Compassionate One,

C: You are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, but our lives do not always reflect you and your love for the world. We do not show others the tender compassion you have shown to us. We do not welcome others with the radical hospitality you grant to all people. We oppress others, even though you have set us free again and again. We squander the abundant gifts of the earth. Transform our lives and guide us again in the way of the cross. Amen.

(Silence for private confession)

P: Beloved in Christ, God’s arms are always stretched open wide to welcome the wandering ones home. In Christ your sins are forgiven. You have a place in God’s house forever.

C: Amen.

Opening Hymn:

What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine

ELW #774

Apostolic Greeting

Kyrie (setting 3, p. 138)

P: In peace, Let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.
P: For this holy house, and for all who offer their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.
C: Lord, have mercy.
P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
C: Amen.

Hymn of Praise: *Glory to God* (setting 3, p. 139)
P: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God’s people on earth.
C: Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Prayer of the Day
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. Amen.

Special Music: *Resting Place* BVLC Adult Choir

Scripture Reading: **Deuteronomy 26:1-11** Gary Parker
(The annual harvest festival, called the Feast of Weeks, provides the setting for this reading. This festival celebrates the first fruits of the produce of the land offered back to God in thanks. In this text, worshipers announce God’s gracious acts on behalf of Israel.)

“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.”

Responsive Reading: Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16
L: You who dwell in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty—
C: You will say to the Lord, “My refuge and my stronghold, my God in whom I put my trust.”
L: Because you have made the Lord your refuge, and the Most High your habitation, no evil will befall you,
C: Nor shall affliction come near your dwelling.
L: For God will give the angels charge over you, to guard you in all your ways.
C: Upon their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.
L: You will tread upon the lion cub and viper; you will trample down the lion and the serpent.
C: I will deliver those who cling to me; I will uphold them, because they know my name.
L: They will call me, and I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue and honor them.
C: With long life will I satisfy them, and show them my salvation.

Scripture Reading: **Romans 10:8b-13**
(Paul reminds the Christians at Rome of the foundation of their creed, the confession of faith in the risen Christ as Lord.)

“The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim), ⁹ because 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. ¹⁰ For one believes with the heart, leading to righteousness, and one confesses with the mouth, leading to salvation. 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.”

Gospel Acclamation: *Change My Heart, O God* ELW #801

Gospel Reading: **Luke 4:1-13**
*(Response after the announcement: **Glory to you, O Lord.**)*

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 tested by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those