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February 22nd, 2026 9:30am

First Sunday in Lent



A Lutheran Mass - Setting by Thomas Mosbo
Please leave your offering in the plate at the door
You may stand at times marked with an asterisk (*)

Opening

Prelude and Contemplation

Tena Rackow

Welcome and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

ELW page 94

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

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.

Silence for reflection

P: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

P: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

C: Amen.

* Hymn *Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word* **ELW # 517**

* Greeting *ELW page 138*

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

* Kyrie *Lord, Have Mercy*

P: Kyrie eleison. **C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: Christe eleison. **C: Christ, have mercy.**

P: Kyrie eleison. **C: Lord, have mercy.**

* Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

Lord God, our strength, the struggle between good and evil rages within and around us, and the devil and all the forces that defy you tempt us with empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your word, and when we fall, raise us again and restore us through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever .

C: Amen.

Readings

First Reading: *Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7*

L: A reading from Genesis.

15 The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to
work it and keep it. 16 And the LORD God commanded the man, saying,
"You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, 17 but of the tree of the
knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat
of it you shall surely die."

3 Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that
the LORD God had made.

He said to the woman, "Did God actually say, 'You shall not eat of any
tree in the garden'?" 2 And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat
of the fruit of the trees in the garden, 3 but God said, 'You shall not eat
of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you
touch it, lest you die.'" 4 But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not
surely die. 5 For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be
opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." 6 So when
the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a de-
light to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise,
she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband
who was with her, and he ate. 7 Then the eyes of both were opened,
and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves togeth-
er and made themselves loincloths. *[ESV]*

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm: *32*

L: Let us read responsively Psalm 32.

32 Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven,
whose sin is covered.

2 **Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity,**
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

3 For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away
through my groaning all day long.

4 **For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;**
my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.

5 I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity;
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,"
and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

6 **Therefore let everyone who is godly**
offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found;
surely in the rush of great waters, they shall not reach him.

7 You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble;
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

8 **I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go;**
I will counsel you with my eye upon you.

9 Be not like a horse or a mule, without understanding,
which must be curbed with bit and bridle,
or it will not stay near you.

10 **Many are the sorrows of the wicked,**
but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the LORD.

11 Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, O righteous,
and shout for joy, all you upright in heart! *[ESV]*

Second Reading: *Romans 5:12-19*

L: A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans.

12 Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and
death through sin, and so death spread to all people because all
sinned— 13 for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given,
but sin is not counted where there is no law. 14 Yet death reigned from
Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the trans-
gression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come.
15 But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one
man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by
the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many. 16 And the
free gift is not like the result of that one man's sin. For the judgment fol-
lowing one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following
many trespasses brought justification. 17 For if, because of one man's
trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those
who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness
reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ.
18 Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all people, so one
act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all people. 19 For
as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by
the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous. *[ESV]*

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

* Gospel Acclamation

C: Return to the Lord, your God,
for he is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love,
and abounding in steadfast love.

* Gospel: *Matthew 4:1-11*

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.
C: Glory to you, O Lord.

4 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 minister-
ing to him. *[ESV]*

P: The Gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Reflection

Sermon Pastor Thomas Mosbo

*** Hymn** ***Oh, Love, How Deep*** **ELW # 322, verses 1, 3-5, 7**

*** Nicene Creed** *ELW page 104*

P: With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father,
through whom all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Installation of the Church Council

P: The following people have been elected by the congregation to positions of leadership. We give thanks for their willingness to serve. In baptism we are welcomed into the body of Christ and sent to share in the mission of God; we rejoice now that these sisters and brothers will lead us in our common life and our mutual mission as a congregation.

*The offices and names of those who are to be installed are read.
They come forward and face the presiding minister*.

P: A reading from First Corinthians: “There are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.”

You have been *elected* to positions of leadership and trust in this congregation. You are to see that the words and deeds of this household of faith bear witness to God, who gathers us into one together with the whole church.

You are to seek to involve all members of this congregation in worship, learning, witness, service, and support, so that the mission of Christ is carried out in this congregation, in the wider church, in this community, and in the whole world.

You are to be faithful in your specific area of serving, that the Spirit who empowers you may be glorified.

You are to be examples of faith active in love, fostering peace, harmony, and mutual understanding in this congregation.

On behalf of your sisters and brothers in Christ, I ask you: Will you accept and faithfully carry out the duties of the offices to which you have been elected?

Council Members: I will, and I ask God to help me.

Those being installed face the assembly.

P: People of God, I ask you:

Will you support these, your elected leaders, and will you share in the mutual ministry that Christ has given to all who are baptized?

C: We will, and we ask God to help us.

Those being installed face the presiding minister.

P: I now declare you installed as council members of this congregation. Almighty God bless you, and direct your days and your deeds in peace, that you may be faithful servants of Christ.

C: Amen.

Choir Anthem ***Let My Prayer Come Up***

Prayer

Prayers of Intercession *ELW page 143*

L: Reconciled by God's mercy and sustained by God's presence, let us pray for the world and its needs :

Please respond to each petition with the following:

L: … Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

We lift our prayers for

Lynn Lyvers, Jerry, Denny Bergmann, Rene', Paul Fahr, Marilyn Fulfs, Gary Hudik, Virgil Martin, Caroline Jam, Darlene Aurand, Cyndy Schumacher, Virgil Gordon, Jerry Martin, Donna Christen, Richard Frietag, Waylon Andrews, Connor Stadermann, Ryse Stone, Nicole, John, Chuck, Joyce, Terri, Tina, Julie, Jamie, Crystal, Katie, Christian, Anna, Abby, Karla, Jacob and his family, Richard Gordon, Kathy, Charlie, Brad, Sue, Emma, Cindy, Lamar Hail, Connie, Rachel Collins, Pam, Caroline, Tina D., Jim DeMontigny Jr., Linda Kruger-Kleckler, Norman, Vivian, Tina Cheeney, Brenda, Kara Allen, Christine Beyer, Bob Schulz, Kenny Frie, Steve Rothschadl, Gary L. Hartwig, Josh, Hannah, Ray Phillips, Susan, Allison Biddick, Brad Rackow, Kim Choin, Jeannie, Dianne, Nancy, Pat McCluskey, Jim Briggs, Sandi, Tina, Jim, Ronald Schrader, Christine S. and Deanna Jordan. Pray for love, peace, comfort and hope of resurrection for the family and friends of Fern Harnish.

P: Receive our prayers, O God, through Jesus Christ, our strength and salvation.

C: Amen.

Lord's Prayer *ELW page 145*

P: Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave 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.

Blessing *ELW page 146*

P: The Lord bless you and keep you,
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you,
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace,
In the name of the Father, ☩ and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit..

C: Amen.

* Hymn *Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer* **ELW # 618**

* Dismissal *ELW page 146*

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude Tena Rackow

“Into the Desert”

By Joseph Kimbugwe

I go into the desert
To find my lost self.
I go to lodge with vipers
And dine with vultures.
Gladly taking up my cross
To triumph over my transgression!

Into the desert I will stay
With none but myself,
For forty days and nights
There I will be
Finding my lost self!

Into the wilderness I will wade;
Thirsting with Christ
From that world of torment and temptation,
I will come stronger and healthier
To rise with Him on the third day.

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Hannah Circle

Sunday, March 1st

After Worship Service, Sheila Keene will be Bible Study Leader.

Lent

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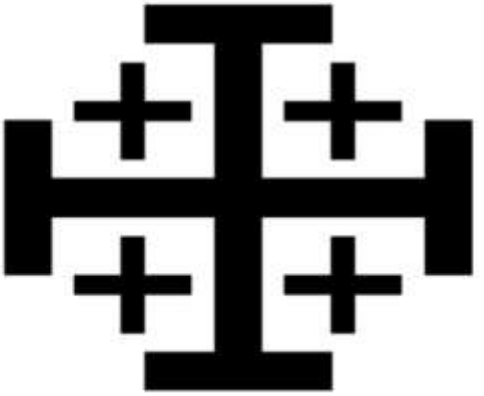

Holy Thursday
Ash Wednesday
Washing Feet
Crucifixion
Last Supper
Good Friday
Palm Sunday
forgiveness
almsgiving
forty days
Rejection
Disciples
Jerusalem
Holy Week
Betrayal
Example
penance
fasting
Arrest
Denial
Garden
desert
prayer
Cross
Peter
Ashes
Jesus

Spring Forward
Daylight Savings Time returns, March 7th.
Remember to turn your clocks forward.



Good Shepherd Council Meeting

Thursday, March 12th at 6:30pm

Piece Corps Quilting Group

Meets every Wednesday from 8-11:30am at Good Shepherd in Fellowship Hall. Everyone welcome.

PILLOWS

If you are in need of extra pillows around the house, contact a member of the Piece Corps they have pillows available.

Each year, Good Shepherd's chancel is decorated with Easter Lilies for the Easter Season. You may order the lilies in the memory of or in honor of a loved or in the celebration of the Easter Season!

Orders must be placed by March 15th.
Plants are $16.00 each.

Orders can be place by using the flower envelopes provided.

Please place them in the offering plate or you can drop them off at the church office.

Holy Week and Easter Schedule 2026

- 29 March, 9:30 am - *Palm Sunday / Sunday of the Passion* - Sunday worship with procession of palms and a reading of the Passion according to Matthew
- 2 April, 7:00 pm - *Maundy Thursday* - Communion service
- 3 April, 7:00 pm - *Good Friday* - Tenebrae service
- 5 April, 7:00 am - *Easter Morning* - Sunrise service
- 5 April, 9:30 am - *Easter Day* - Festive celebration with Holy Communion

Join us each Wednesday
At Evangelical Free Church of Lena during Lent at 1 p.m. in Fellowship Hall as we celebrate with music!

February 25th	Tyger Johnson
March 4th	Freeport Sacred Youth Choir
March 11th	Gone Fishin'
March 18th	Steve Scheffey
March 25th	Ray Nicholas
April 1st	Will Mueller

Service will be 45-60 minutes long.

Attendance February 8th
In-person 23, Online - 98