

Today's Scripture Readings

Old Testament *Deuteronomy 26:1-11*

¹“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.

⁵“And 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.”

Epistle *Romans 10:8b-13*

“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; 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.”

Holy 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.

Scripture quotations are from The Holy Bible, English Standard Version®.

In Our Prayers this Week—

- *March missions of the month, Concordia Seminary in St. Louis and Seminarian Luke Konkkel.*
- *Peace among nations.*
- *The victims and families of all violence and disaster throughout the world.*
- *Phyllis Conrad, recovering from a fall.*
- *Jim Schmitz, health issues.*
- *Ruth McKenna, health issues.*
- *Jim Knepprath, recovering from surgery.*
- *Michelle Popp and all expectant mothers.*

All who are battling cancer:

- *Jayne Cotter*
- *Ed Friede*
- *Cindi Arnold, sister of Debi Taylor*
- *Rev. Brad Birtell, brother of Amy Assmann*
- *Jennifer Harrill, mother of Andrew Harrill*
- *Randy Heidemann, brother of Sandy Korb*

Please also keep in prayer

—our Seminarian, Vicar Luke

Konkel;

—Rev. Eric Skovgaard, our district president;

—Matthew Harrison, synod president;

—the members, officers and auxiliaries of Emmanuel;

—our circuit congregation, Zion in Glenbeulah and Rev. Don Johnson;

—our Missionary Rev. James May and his family in Africa; and

—our shut-in Members, Donna Bloedel, Bob & Alice Denhardt, Ed Friede, Virginia Dowty and Bob Navis.

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT



*“It is said, ‘You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.’
And when the devil had ended every temptation, he
departed from him until an opportune time.”*

Luke 9:35

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WE WELCOME all who gather with us around the Altar and Pulpit to hear the Word of God.

IF YOU ARE VISITING this morning, we are happy that you could join us today. *Please sign our guest book in the narthex.*

IF YOU DESIRE TO COMMUNE, please speak to the pastor before the service. Our altar is open to those who confess oneness with us in doctrine and are members in good standing of our congregation or sister congregations of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.

YOUNG CHILDREN are always welcome in our service. Jesus said, *“Let the little children come to me...”* Activity bags are available in the narthex.

NEED ASSISTANCE with anything? Please speak to the pastor or the usher.

RESTROOMS are available in the back of the church or in the education wing.

We pray that you feel welcome in our congregation, that you are blessed by the service, and that you will come again.

JESUS CHRIST IS OUR CHAMPION AGAINST THE DEVIL

Jesus Christ, our Champion against the devil, endures and overcomes *“every temptation”* (Luke 4:13) on our behalf. He worships the Lord, His God, and serves Him only by trusting the Word of His Father: *“You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased”* (Luke 3:22). Jesus’ victory is now ours through His gracious Word, which is not far away but near us — in our mouth and in our heart, in the proclamation of repentance and faith. For *“with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved”* (Rom. 10:10). Our confession of Christ includes the prayer of faith, which is not disappointed, *“for ‘everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved’”* (Rom. 10:13). The Lord is not oblivious to *“our affliction, our toil, and our oppression”* (Deut. 26:7), but has mercy upon us. He has brought us out of bondage through the *“signs and wonders”* of Holy Baptism, *“with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm”* (Deut. 26:8), and now He leads us by His Spirit even in the wilderness.

THE FAMILY ALTAR

❶ **Verse of the Week** — *Luke 13:34* *“O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing!”*

❷ **Hymn of the Week** — LSB #708 — *“Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart”*

❸ **Collect of the Week** — *O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

❹ **Daily Bible Readings** — *M: Gen. 18:1-15; Mark 6:14-34 T: Gen. 21:1-21; Mark 6:35-56 W: Gen. 22:1-19; Mark 7:1-23 Th: Gen. 24:1-31; Mark 7:24-37 F: Gen. 24:32-52, 61-67; Mark 8:1-21 Sat: Gen. 27:1-29; Mark 8:22-38 Sun: Gen. 27:30-45, 28:10-22; Mark 9:1-13*

❺ **Preparing for Next Sunday** — *Lessons for Lent 2* (March 16, 2025):

Jeremiah 26:8-15; Philippians 3:17—4:1; Luke 13:31-35; Psalm 4

❻ **Devotions** — *Daily Lenten devotions are found in The Hand of the Lord devotional.*

First Sunday in Lent

MARCH 9, 2025

Greeters — *Andrew & Lorraine Harrill*

Elder — *Andy Schmitt*; Usher — *Ted Westerman*

Altar Guild — *Pennie Scallorn*; Jr. Altar Guild — *Sarah Mitchell*

Cantors — *Andrew and Lorraine Harrill*; Acolyte — *Levi Schommer*

Organist — *Lois Marks*

Pastor — *Rev. Paul W. Marks*

Introit (*sung responsively after confession & absolution*) Psalm 91:9-13; antiphon: vv. 15-16



When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in | trouble;*

I will rescue him and | honor him.

With long life I will sat- | isfy him*

and show him my sal- | vation.

Because you have made the Lord your | dwelling place—*

the Most High, who is my | refuge—

no evil shall be allowed to be- | fall you,*

no plague come | near your tent.

For he will command his angels con- | cerning you*

to guard you in | all your ways.

On their hands they will | bear you up,*

lest you strike your foot a- | gainst a stone.

You will tread on the lion and the | adder;*

the young lion and the serpent you will trample | underfoot.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*

and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in | trouble;*

I will rescue him and | honor him.

With long life I will sat- | isfy him*

and show him my sal- | vation.

Collect (*spoken by pastor*)

O Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide the people of Your Church that following our Savior we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Gradual (*sung responsively*) Psalm 117:1-2a, 9:8

[O come, let us fix our eyes on] | Jesus,*

the founder and perfecter | of our faith,

who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despis- | ing the shame,*

and is seated at the right hand of the | throne of God.

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