

## Today's Scripture Readings

### Old Testament

*Genesis 3:1–21*

<sup>1</sup>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?’” <sup>2</sup>And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, <sup>3</sup>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.’” <sup>4</sup>But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die. <sup>5</sup>For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” <sup>6</sup>So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight 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. <sup>7</sup>Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.

<sup>8</sup>And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. <sup>9</sup>But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, “Where are you?” <sup>10</sup>And he said, “I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself.” <sup>11</sup>He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?” <sup>12</sup>The man said, “The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate.” <sup>13</sup>Then the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this that you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”

<sup>14</sup>The LORD God said to the serpent, “Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field;

on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life.

<sup>15</sup>I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.”

<sup>16</sup>To the woman he said, “I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children. Your desire shall be for your husband, and he shall rule over you.”

<sup>17</sup>And to Adam he said, “Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you, ‘You shall not eat of it,’

cursed is the ground because of you; in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life;

<sup>18</sup>thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field.

<sup>19</sup>By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return.”

<sup>20</sup>The man called his wife's name Eve, because she was the mother of all living. <sup>21</sup>And the LORD God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them.

### Epistle

*Romans 5:12–19*

<sup>12</sup>Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned— <sup>13</sup>for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. <sup>14</sup>Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come.

<sup>15</sup>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. <sup>16</sup>And the free gift is not like the result of that one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brought justification. <sup>17</sup>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.

<sup>18</sup>Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. <sup>19</sup>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.

### Holy Gospel

*Matthew 4:1–11*

<sup>1</sup>Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. <sup>2</sup>And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. <sup>3</sup>And the tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.” <sup>4</sup>But he answered, “It is written,

“Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.”

<sup>5</sup>Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the temple <sup>6</sup>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.”

<sup>7</sup>Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.’” <sup>8</sup>Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. <sup>9</sup>And he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” <sup>10</sup>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.”

<sup>11</sup>Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him.

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

### In Our Prayers this Week—

• *February missions of the month, Anchor of Hope and Lutherans for Life.*

• *Peace among nations.*

• *The victims and families of all violence and disaster throughout the world.*

• *Jan Klug, diagnosed with cancer.*

• *Jan Kopeke, receiving treatment for cancer.*

• *Liam Reznik, grandson of Dave & Roxanne Taylor, continuing health issues.*

• *Jim Schmitz, restoration of health.*

• *Linda Luft, sister of Mark Mathe, for successful surgery.*

• *All who are battling cancer:*

- *Jessica Dolezal*

- *Debi Verhage, daughter of Ruth McKenna*

- *Dylan Martin, nephew of Chris and Mandy Neumann*

- *Jayne Cotter*

- *Rev. Brad Birtell, brother of Amy Assmann*

- *Gloria, friend of Chris Born*

*Please also keep in prayer*

—*our Seminarians Luke Konkell & Andrew Harrill;*

—*Rev. Nathan Meador, our district president;*

—*Matthew Harrison, synod president;*

—*the members, officers and auxiliaries of Emmanuel;*

—*our circuit congregation, St. Paul in Sheboygan Falls and Revs. Kyle Backhaus and Adam Wolfe;*

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

—*our Missionary Rev. Tyler McMiller and his family in Italy and Southern Europe; and*

—*our shut-in Members, Donna Bloedel and Alice Denhardt.*

# FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT



*“Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.”*

**Matthew 4:4b**

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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.*

### THE LORD JESUS CHRIST IS OUR CHAMPION AGAINST SATAN

Following His Baptism, Jesus is "led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil" (Matt. 4:1). As He takes upon Himself the curse of our sin and sets Himself against our enemy, He trusts His Father's voice and waits upon His Father's hand for all things. The devil questions His sonship, but the beloved and well-pleasing Son remains faithful and lives "by every Word that comes from the mouth of God" (Matt. 4:4). Jesus patiently suffers hunger in His mortal flesh and returns to the dust whence man was taken, and by His pain He brings forth food for all the children of men (Gen. 3:18-19). By the sweat of His brow we eat the fruit of His Cross, even as our nakedness is covered by His righteousness. Although all people live in bondage to death through the trespass of the first man, Adam, all the more "have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one Man Jesus Christ abounded for many" (Rom. 5:15). His righteous obedience "leads to justification and life for all men" (Rom. 5:18).

### THE FAMILY ALTAR

① Verse of the Week — **John 3:3b** "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God."

② Hymn of the Week — LSB #708 — "Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart"

③ 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.

④ 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

⑤ Preparing for Next Sunday — Lessons for **Lent 2** (March 1):

*Genesis 12:1-9; Romans 4:1-8, 13-17; John 3:1-17; Psalm 121*

## FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

February 22, 2026

Greeters — *Dolezal Family*

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

Altar Guild — *Pennie Scallorn*; Jr. Altar Guild — *Kari & Greta Marks*

Cantor — *Jeff Ourada*; Acolyte — *Bryce Dolezal*

Organist — *Mrs. Terry Ourada*

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*) Hebrews 12:2

[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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