

## Today's Ministers

Presider: Vicar Aaron  
Preaching: Vicar Aaron  
Assisting Minister: Mary Braudrick  
Crucifer: Steve VanAtter  
Acolyte: Carl Radke  
Reader: Jeff Henderson  
Children's Message: Steve VanAtter  
Music: Bryce Leifeste  
Audio/Streaming: Larry Mills  
& Elizabeth Schnabel

Greeters: Leiningers  
Ushers: Nancy & Jeff Henderson  
Altar Guild: Darrel & Peggy Miller  
Counters: Edith Hannett & Bryce Quarve  
Fellowship: Jacksons  
Bread: Beth Rasgorshek  
Wine: Phil Cronk  
Eternal Candle: Phil Cronk  
Flowers: Greens

## Next Week's Ministers – March 01

Presider: Vicar Aaron  
Preaching: Vicar Aaron  
Assisting Minister: Mary Braudrick  
Crucifer: Cedar Hilger  
Acolyte: Zander Radke  
Reader: Steve VanAtter  
Children's Message: Vicar Aaron  
Music: Bryce Leifeste  
Audio/Streaming: Bryce Quarve  
& Elizabeth Schnabel

Greeters: Karen Bair & Penelope Smith  
Ushers: Radke Family  
Altar Guild: Cathy Winwood  
Counters: Andrew Hanson & Lloyd Kellar  
Fellowship: **TBD**  
Bread: Beth Rasgorshek  
Wine: Julie Haugen  
Eternal Candle: Julie Haugen  
Flowers: Greens



# First Sunday in Lent

## Year A, Setting 4

### February 22, 2026

# WE GATHER TOGETHER

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

## Guide to the Bulletin

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## GATHERING HYMN

## I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

ELW #325

## 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.

## WORD

### FIRST READING: Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

*Human beings were formed with great care, to be in relationship with the creator, creation, and one another. The serpent's promise to the first couple that their eyes would be opened led, ironically, to the discovery only that they were naked.*

<sup>15</sup> The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. <sup>16</sup> And the Lord God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden, <sup>17</sup> 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 die."

<sup>3:1</sup> Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden'?" <sup>2</sup> 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 middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.' " <sup>4</sup> But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not 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 loincloths for themselves.

R: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

## IN OUR PRAYERS

**For healing:** Colton  
Monica Perez  
Alex Witherspoon  
Cody  
Addie  
Michelle Dombeck  
Shawn Houston  
Heidi Baldwin

(Fran & Elwood's grandson – brain tumor)  
(friend of Edith Hannett – in need of a kidney)  
(healing from traumatic brain injury – Amanda Hanson)  
(Youth with heart condition – Emily Bentley)  
(Teenage Crohn's disease – Cathy Winwood)  
(health concerns – Linda Dombeck)  
(upcoming surgery – Linda Dombeck)  
(health issues – Carr family)

**For Andrew & Grandpa Norm**  
**For Allissa Smiley**  
**For Mitchell family**  
**For Daughter in Iowa**  
**For Sarah Klahn-Braudrick**

(from Elizabeth Schnabel)  
(mourning loss of husband Joe – Mary Helen)  
(mourning loss father Malcom – Mary Helen)  
(searching for Nurse Practitioner job – Mary B)  
(new job)

## People in the Armed Services:

Brett Collins  
John C. Collins II  
Bill MacDonald  
Amanda Love

(grandson of Helen Collins – Marines)  
(grandson of Helen Collins – Navy SEAL)  
(Navy)  
(Cathy Winwood's Niece – Army)

*Prayer concerns will be removed after two months on the list unless you let the office know otherwise.*

## CALENDAR

### THIS WEEK

Today	9:00 am 10:00 am 11:15 am 1:00 pm	Sunday School Worship (Noisy Offering) Fellowship (Fellowship Hall) Spanish Pentecostal Service
Tuesday	12:00 pm 2 – 4 pm	Al-Anon (Sunday School room) Study Group (Koinonia Room)
Wednesday	6:15 pm 7:00 pm	Soup Supper Lenten evening service
Thursday	6:30 pm	Al-Anon (Fellowship Hall)
Friday	7:00 pm	Spanish Pentecostal Service
Saturday	10 am & 4:30 pm	2C Kitchen Meals

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## PSALM: Psalm 32

R: <sup>1</sup>Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, and whose sin is put away!  
C: <sup>2</sup>**Happy are they to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, and in whose spirit there is no guile!**

R: <sup>3</sup>While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, because of my groaning all day long.  
C: <sup>4</sup>**For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.**

**All: Mercy embraces those who trust in the Lord.**

R: <sup>5</sup>Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not conceal my guilt. I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.” Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.  
C: <sup>6</sup>**Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.**

R: <sup>7</sup>You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

C: <sup>8</sup>**“I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; I will guide you with my eye.**

**All: Mercy embraces those who trust in the Lord.**

R: <sup>9</sup>Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay near you.”

C: <sup>10</sup>**Great are the tribulations of the wicked; but mercy embraces those who trust in the Lord.**

R: <sup>11</sup>Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord; shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

**All: Mercy embraces those who trust in the Lord.**

## SECOND READING: 2 Peter 1:16-21

### Romans 5:12-19

*Through Adam's disobedience, humanity came under bondage to sin and death, from which we cannot free ourselves. In Christ's obedient death, God graciously showers on us the free gift of liberation and life.*

<sup>12</sup>Just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned <sup>13</sup>for sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law.

<sup>14</sup> Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who did not sin in the likeness of Adam, who is a pattern of the one who was to come. <sup>15</sup> But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. <sup>16</sup> And the gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the gift following many trespasses brings justification. <sup>17</sup> If, because of the one man's trespass, death reigned through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ. <sup>18</sup> Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. <sup>19</sup> For just as through the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so through the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

R: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

**Please rise as you are able.**

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 4<sup>th</sup> chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

**Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11**

*Jesus experiences anew the temptations that Israel faced in the wilderness. As the Son of God, he endures the testing of the evil one.*

<sup>1</sup> Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tested by the devil. <sup>2</sup> He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterward he was famished. <sup>3</sup> 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, 'One does 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 placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, <sup>6</sup> saying 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, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" <sup>7</sup> Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do 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, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" <sup>11</sup> Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

R: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

## HYMN OF THE DAY

## A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

ELW #504

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

A: Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

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

C: Amen.

## OFFERING SONG

## Just a Closer Walk with Thee

ELW #697

## COMMUNION HYMN (2)

## Be Thou My Vision

ELW #793

## SENDING HYMN

## Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song

ELW #808

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**FEBRUARY NOISY OFFERING** – is happening today! Donations will be given to Trinity Community Garden. This will help them to purchase seeds and other needs for their wonderful garden!

**SAVE THE DATE** – Church in Community and Thrivent are doing another meal for 2C Kitchen on Saturday 2/28/2026, so, you have another chance to volunteer.

**SOUPER BOWL** – Souper Bowl of Caring raised \$141.24 and brought in 27 cans of soup! Thank you so much to all!

**UPCOMING LENT SUPPERS** – Don't forget we are about to move into Lent! We will be doing soup suppers again this year on Wednesdays. Please bring soup and/or bread. Soup is served at 6:15 pm, and evening service will follow at 7 pm. 02/25, 03/04, 03/11, 03/18, 03/25. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex. Thank you!

**LENTEN FOOD JOURNEY** – Be on the watch in the Narthex for the Lenten Food Journey. This is a 40-day journey/opportunity to provide various food and non-food items to a family in need in our community. Pick a date(s)/item(s)—and of the 40 options—shop for it and then return it to the boxes in the Narthex by Easter. Sponsored by Church in Community.