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March 9th, 2025 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

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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 \oplus Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

C: Amen.

* **Hymn** *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say* **ELW # 611**

* **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.**

* **Canticle** *Glory to God*

P: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his 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

P: Let us pray.

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.

C: Amen.

Readings

First Reading: *Deuteronomy 26:1-11*

L: A reading from Deuteronomy.

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.

⁸ And the LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with great deeds of terror, 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 And 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. ¹¹ And 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. [ESV]

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm: 91:1-2, 9-16

L: Let us read responsively from Psalm 91.

¹ He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High
will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.

² **I will say to the LORD, “My refuge and my fortress,
my God, in whom I trust.”**

⁹ Because you have made the LORD your dwelling place—
the Most High, who is my refuge—

¹⁰ **no evil shall be allowed to befall you,
no plague come near your tent.**

¹¹ For he will command his angels concerning you
to guard you in all your ways.

¹² **On their hands they will bear you up,
lest you strike your foot against a stone.**

¹³ You will tread on the lion and the adder;
the young lion and the serpent you will trample underfoot.

¹⁴ **“Because he holds fast to me in love, I will deliver him;
I will protect him, because he knows my name.**

¹⁵ When he calls to me, I will answer him;
I will be with him in trouble; I will rescue him and honor him.

¹⁶ **With long life I will satisfy him
and show him my salvation.” [ESV]**

Second Reading: *Romans 10:8b-13*

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

⁸ “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 with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. ¹¹ For the Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.” ¹² For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. ¹³ For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”
[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: *Luke 4:1-13***

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ And Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness ² for forty days, being tempted by the devil. And he ate nothing during those days. And when they were ended, he was hungry. ³ The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread.” ⁴ And Jesus answered him, “It is written,

‘Man shall not live by bread alone.’”

⁵ And the devil took him up and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time, ⁶ and 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. ⁷ If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.” ⁸ And Jesus answered him, “It is written,

“‘You shall worship the Lord your God,
and him only shall you serve.’”

⁹ And 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, ¹⁰ for it is written,

‘He will command his angels concerning you,
to guard you,’

¹¹ and

‘On their hands they will bear you up,
lest you strike your foot against a stone.’”

¹² And Jesus answered him, “It is said,

‘You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.’”

¹³ And when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from him until an opportune time. *[ESV]*

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Reflection

Sermon

Pastor Thomas Mosbo

* **Hymn**

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

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* **Nicene Creed**

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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.**

Choir Anthem

Hope for the World

Prayer

Prayers of Intercession

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Please respond to each petition with the following:

L: ... God, in your mercy,

C: **receive our prayer.**

We lift our prayers for

Lynn Lyvers, Jerry, Fern Harnish, Denny Bergmann, Rene', Paul Fahr, Gary Hudik, Virgil Martin, Marilyn Fulfs, Caroline Jam, Curt Diddens, Cyndy Schumacher, Duane Tessendorf, Connor Stadermann, Brooke, Diane, Randy, Brian, Paul Heller, Janet, Ryse Stone, Nicole, Meghan and her baby, John, Chuck, Joyce, Terri, Tina, Julie, Jamie, Crystal, Katie, Christian, Anna, Abby, Karla, Jacob and his family, Richard Gordon, Kay, Kathy, Charlie, Brad, Jack, Tina, Joe, Sue, Emma, Cindy, Lamar Hail, Connie, Rachel Collins, Hanna, Mr. & Mrs. Ron Heckman, Bruce Stewart, Pam, Caroline, Tina D., Howard D., Jim DeMontigny Jr., Linda Kruger-Kleckler, Norman, Vivian, Tina Cheeney, Dennis Bokemeier, Susan Anderson, Brenda, Madilyn Yeager, Kara Allen, Christine Beyer, Judy, Bob Schulz, prayers for stroke patients, Kenny Frie, Pete Grandstad, Steve Rothschadl, Nathan Lott, Gary L. Hartwig Josh and *Ellie* Joy, Hannah, Ray Phillips Bob Stufflebeam, Carlee R. and Allison Biddick.

P: Father, receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love, in the name of Jesus, your Son, who leads us from death to life.

C: Amen.

Lord's Prayer

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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

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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**

On Eagle's Wings

WOV # 779

*** Dismissal**

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P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Tena Rackow

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

March 12 Tyger Johnson

March 19 Deb Leininger

March 26 Freeport Sacred Youth Choir

April 2 Glenda Linneman

April 9 Brian/Sharon Lieb/Gone Fishin'

April 16 DELTA II

Service will be 45-60 minutes long.

Good Shepherd Council Meeting

Good Shepherd's Council Meeting

Thursday, March 13th at 6:30pm.

Piece Corps Quilting Group

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

Everyone welcome.

Men's Group

Saturday, March 26th

4:30pm

Holy Week and Easter Schedule 2025

- 13 April, 9:30 am - *Palm Sunday / Sunday of the Passion* - Sunday worship with procession of palms and a reading of the Passion according to Luke
- 17 April, 7:00 pm - *Maundy Thursday* - Communion service
- 18 April, 7:00 pm - *Good Friday* - Tenebrae service
- 20 April, 7:00 am - *Easter Morning* - Sunrise service
- 20 April, 9:30 am - *Easter Day* - Festive celebration with Holy Communion

A Lenten Reflection...

Give up complaining; focus on gratitude

Give up harsh judgments; think kindly thoughts

Give up worry; trust divine Providence

Give up discouragement; be full of hope

Give up bitterness; turn to forgiveness

Give up hatred; return good for evil

Give up negativism; be positive

Give up pettiness; become mature

Give up jealousy; pray for trust



Source: Peakpx.com Lenten Reflection.

Attendance February 23rd
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