



A reading from Genesis.

(Not Printed)

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 32

A reading from Romans.

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—sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come. 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 free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ. 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. For just 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.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

***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.***

The gospel according to Matthew.

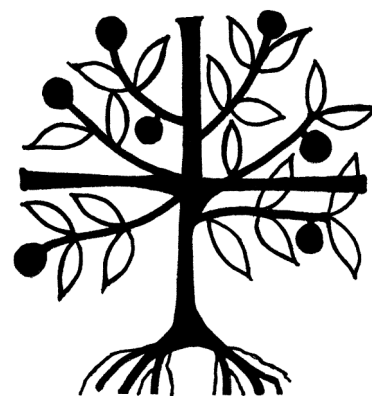
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, 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.'" Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT



Come and gather  
beneath the tree of life.



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*Sunday*  
**March 1, 2020**  
**8:00 + 9:30 am**

## GATHERED TO WORSHIP

### GATHERING

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*"Beneath the Tree of Life"*

### Greeting

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### Prayer of the Day

Children's Sermon 9:30 am

### WORD

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

Psalm 32

Romans 5:12-19

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*"Return to the Lord"*

### Gospel

Matthew 4:1-11

### Sermon

**Hymn of the Day No. 334**

*"Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery"*

**Apostles' Creed (Back of Hymnal)**

### Prayers of Intercession

### Peace

### MEAL

### Offering

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*"Here I Am Lord"*

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### SENDING

### Blessing

**Sending Song No. 618**

*"Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer"*

### Dismissal

✠ Indicates Liturgy from *"Tree of Life"*

## SENT TO SERVE

## WELCOME

### Visiting Today

If you are visiting today, thank you. If you wish, please fill out a "Visitor Card" located in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate.

### The Worship Service

The bold "No." on the front of your bulletin are hymn numbers. The page numbers marked with a "p." are at the bottom of the page at the front of the hymnal. The Psalm can be found by turning the hymnal to the side and looking for the stripe.

### Holy Communion

All are welcome. Distribution is by intinction, taking a piece of bread, dip it in the wine, and receive both elements at once. There is a gluten-free/grape juice option available near the baptismal font.

### Offerings

Thank you for all who contribute and share in the work of Christ's church. Offerings can be placed in the offering plate.

### Altar Flowers

The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given to the glory of God in memory of Peggy Reno by Dennis Reno, Kerry Winget and Keith Reno.

### Pretzel Sunday Fellowship Today

Enjoy a soft, warm pretzel during Fellowship as we begin our Lenten journey.



### Dartball Team Needs Players

Enjoy fun and fellowship with people from other local churches. The team plays 11 churches two times per year each: Mondays, 7-9 pm, September-April. Practice sessions are held a few times in the summer before games begin in September. Please call Henry Jennejohn if you are interested, 715-680-0916.

### Zeerust Visit Planning Session

**March 10, 6:30 pm**

You are invited to attend this session as the process begins for Saint Andrew to receive visitors from our companion congregation in Zeerust, South Africa **June 18-30.**

### God Our Guide-Inukshuk DIY Project Wednesdays March 11 and 18, 5-6 pm

Inukshuks are carefully balanced rock structures used by Inuit people to guide and navigate. Come to the Fellowship Hall to create your own inukshuk. Open to all ages at no cost.



### OWLS-Older Wiser Lutherans!

The OWLS group will take a break in March. Please watch future bulletins and next month's Network for details on their next gathering.

### 2020 Youth Summer Trip Meeting

An informational meeting is scheduled for those interested on **March 11 at 7:15 pm.** **Completed forms and initial deposit are due March 15.** There is still space for this backpacking trip through Christikon Lutheran Church Camp in Montana scheduled for **July 17-26.** This is an exciting opportunity for students that have completed grades 9-12. Pick up a registration form on the Information Desk.

### Hygiene Drive During Lent

Help support area homeless residents through local agencies by donating personal care and cleaning products. A display is available in the Fellowship Hall **through April 5.** Thank you for your support!

### 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Worship

**Sunday, April 26, 8:00 & 9:30 am**

Celebrate the anniversary of Saint Andrew's very first service and the recognition of Pastor John Roseth and charter members.

## THIS WEEK AT SALC

### Sunday, March 1

8:00 am **WORSHIP**  
9:30 am **WORSHIP**  
9:30 am Adult Bible Study  
9:45 am Sunday School

### Monday, March 2

7:00 pm AA, Alanon & Alateen  
7:00 pm Dartball at St. Paul

### Tuesday, March 3

9:00 am Reading Reflections

### Wednesday, March 4

6:45 am Son Riser's Bible Study  
9:30 am Wonder? Women  
Lectionary Bible Study  
10:00 am Men's Bible Study  
1:00 pm Art Devo  
12:15 pm **LENTEN WORSHIP**  
5:15 pm Handbell Reh.  
6:15 pm **LENTEN WORSHIP**  
7:00 pm Chancel Choir

### Thursday, March 5

12:15 pm **WORSHIP**  
6:15 pm **WORSHIP**

*Lent 2020*

*Life in the Wilderness*

### MIDWEEK LENTEN WORSHIP

*Wednesdays through April 1*

*12:15 pm & 6:15 pm*

### Soup & Sandwich Fellowship

*Wednesdays through April 1*

*After 12:15 pm worship and  
before & after 6:15 pm worship*

### Soup Menu - March 4

Turkey Noodle - Taco - Portuguese Bean

Soup pre-order forms for soup-to-go are available on the Information Desk.

## WORSHIP WORD

We know firsthand about the sin that caused, causes, and will cause suffering to us, our loved ones, our neighbors, our global communities, and creation itself. Sin is real. This oppressive, tangible reality is as real as the air we breathe—felt but not always seen. Greed, envy, rage, hatred, war, discrimination, and apathy are just some of the ways evil enters into our lives. These forces have one goal and one goal only: to turn us away from the will of God.

In the wilderness Jesus encounters an evil as real as its opposite, resurrection. The great tempter seeks to undermine Jesus' mission before he even begins; testimony that evil has much to fear of our Jesus! Nonetheless, Jesus will not be dissuaded. "Away with you, Satan!" proclaims the redeemer of the cosmos. Thus, the Lenten journey begins—a journey that takes us to the cross, where the devil is named and crushed underfoot.

## SERVING IN WORSHIP

Pastors	Jenn Collins Justin Smoot
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Ushers	Weidman
Lectors	Dick Jarvis Laura Seanor
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MARCH 1, 2020  
FIRST SUNDAY  
IN LENT



*Wanting to be like God.*

### DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	Matthew 4:1-11	Temptation of Jesus
Monday	Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7	First sin and its punishment
Tuesday	Romans 5:12-19	Adam and Christ
Wednesday	1 Corinthians 15:1-11	Christ was raised to life
Thursday	1 Peter 4:7-11	Love wipes away many sins
Friday	Galatians 6:1-10	Bear one another's burdens
Saturday	Psalms 32	The joy of forgiveness
Sunday	John 3:1-17	For God so loved the world

### SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." **Genesis 3:4-5 (NRSV)**

### PRAYERS AND BLESSING

#### A Prayer for the Week:

Dear God, help us to trust in our Lord Jesus Christ, to know him as your Son, that we may live in the protection of your care, keeping us from all harm. Amen.

#### Mealtime Prayer:

Dear Lord, just as you freely fed Adam and Eve in the garden, we thank you for providing us with the fruit of the earth today. Amen.

#### A Blessing to Give:

May the Lord be your hiding place; may God preserve you from all trouble and give you peace. (Psalm 32:7)



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MARCH 1, 2020

### HYMN OF THE WEEK

By Gracious Powers



### WEEKLY MILESTONES

Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

### CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- Is it easy or difficult to talk about sin? Explain.
- Why do you think sin is not a popular word in today's culture?
- Sin is often seen as rebellion. It is also about being deceived. Give examples of how people deceive themselves in today's world.

### DEVOTIONS

Read: Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7.

The snake, part of God's own creation, was the first to create the temptation to move away from a trusting relationship with God. The world of sin is greater than what is experienced by humans. The snake gave a half-truth. Adam and Eve would learn the difference between good and evil; they just couldn't choose the good. The story of the "fall" is less about a fall from perfection and grace and more about a rebellion that wants to be like God. At some level, we may all want to be like God and to know the difference between good and evil. We tend to turn to our own prejudices, the preferred thinking that makes us most comfortable and most empowered. There are a lot of half-truths in our conversations, both public and private. A half-truth can be worse than a flat-out lie. Because it has the appearance of truth, it is more deceptive. We need a Savior who can turn us from our half-truth worlds that deceive and destroy life and relationships. We need Jesus. Can you think of a time when you heard a half-truth that deceived you? Explain.

Pray: **God of truth and grace, cleanse us from our sinful lives; give us glad hearts that know we have received grace upon grace, through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### SERVICE

When Jesus was tempted in the wilderness, he responded with words from Scripture, "Away with you, Satan! For it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him'" (Matthew 4:10). One way of serving God is to care for your neighbor. How do you worship and serve God by caring for your neighbor?

### RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

To establish a ritual during Lent, make a Lenten Candle Cross. Place six purple tea-light or votive candles in the shape of a cross, using a white seventh candle for the center. Each week, a candle will be lit during prayer time in your home. The acronym **ACTS** (Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving, Supplication) will be introduced as a way to pray. This first week in Lent represents "**A**" for Adoration, meaning love, respect, and worship. [Light a purple candle]  
Pray: **Dear God, we praise your name and worship you. I praise you for . . . , in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, amen.**



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