



St. Luke Lutheran Church and Lutheran Campus Ministry

Holy Communion

The First Sunday in Lent
Sunday, February 26, 2023
10:00 AM

YOU are welcome here! As a Reconciling in Christ Congregation, the people of St. Luke Lutheran Church are called by God to be a community...because we believe we are one in God's eyes, we welcome the mix of ages, races, gender identities, physical and mental capabilities, and sexual orientations with which God's children are blessed. Everyone is invited to share in God's grace. We rejoice in the knowledge that nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus--not our wealth, nor our poverty, nor our nationality, nor our political convictions, nor whom we love, nor anything else in all creation.

For more information, check out www.stlutkeithaca.org

Our theme for this first Sunday in Lent:

Today's gospel tells of Jesus' temptation in the desert. His forty-day fast becomes the basis of our Lenten pilgrimage. In the early church Lent was a time of intense preparation for those to be baptized at the Easter Vigil. This catechetical focus on the meaning of faith is at the heart of our Lenten journey to the baptismal waters of Easter. Hungry for God's mercy, we receive the bread of life to nourish us for the days ahead.

Today we draw our attention toward our neglect of God's holy word and our need to trust God in all things.



Everything you need for worship today is contained in this bulletin.

*All are invited to stand as able / Items in **bold** are spoken or sung by the assembly.

GATHERING

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

PRELUDE

Five brief settings on “Slane”

David Lasky

WORD OF WELCOME

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be and sustains us with the gift of grace.

Amen.

Almighty God, ...through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us acknowledge before God and one another our need for repentance and God’s mercy.

An extended silence is kept for reflection: how have you neglected the holy word of God? How might you allow the word of God to speak to you today and throughout the season of Lent? God speaks to us in unique ways, sometimes through scripture, sometimes through music, but God is speaking and yearning for us to listen.

Holy God,

we confess to you our faults and failings.

Too often we neglect and do not trust your holy word;

we take for ourselves instead of giving to others;

we spoil rather than steward your creation;

we cause hurt though you call us to heal;

we choose fear over compassion.

Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,

as we seek to follow in your way of life.

Amen.

*The presiding minister proclaims absolution from sin, and the assembly responds: **Amen.***

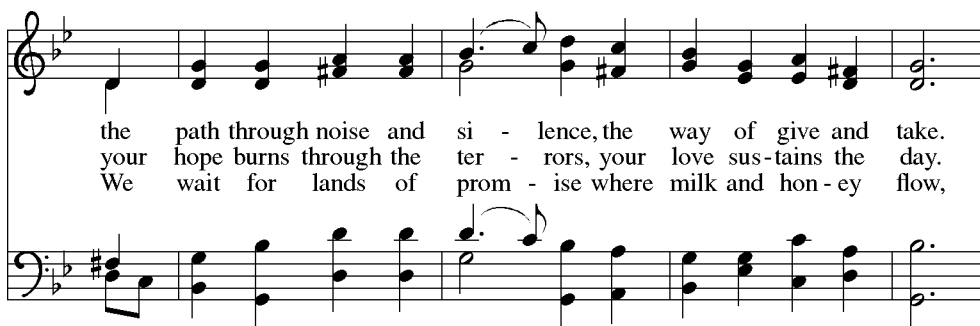
*PEACE

The presiding minister will offer a word of peace and the assembly responds:

And also with you.




1 Bless now, O God, the jour - ney that all your peo - ple make,
 2 Bless so - journ-ers and pil - grims who share this wind-ing way;
 3 Di - vine e - ter - nal lov - er, you meet us on the road.



the path through noise and si - lence, the way of give and take.
 your hope burns through the ter - rors, your love sus-tains the day.
 We wait for lands of prom - ise where milk and hon - ey flow,



The trail is found in des - ert and winds the moun-tain round,
 We yearn for ho - ly free - dom while of - ten we are bound;
 but wait-ing not for plac - es, you meet us all a - round.



then leads be-side still wa - ters, the road where faith is found.
 to - geth-er we are seek - ing the road where faith is found.
 Our cov - e - nant is writ - ten on roads, as faith is found.

*GREETING

The presiding minister will greet the assembly and the assembly responds:

And also with you.

*KYRIE

Setting Five



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



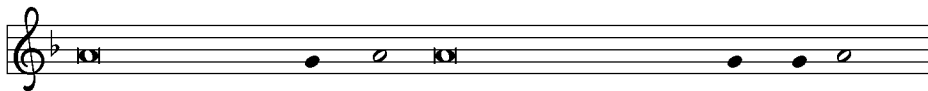
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - va - tion, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well - being of the church of God,



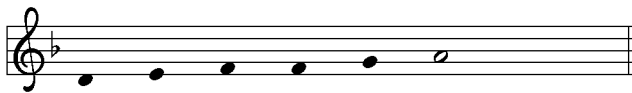
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



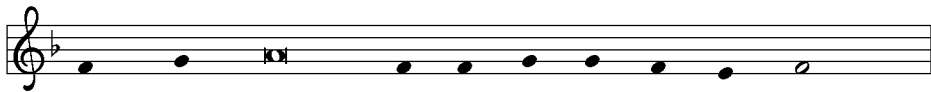
For this ho - ly house, and for all who of - fer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

*A pastor will lead the prayer of the day and the assembly responds: **Amen.***

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING

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

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, “You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; 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.”

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?’” The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; 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.’” 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.” 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. 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.

PSALM 32

The psalm is sung responsively.

¹Happy are they whose transgressions | are forgiven,
and whose sin is | put away!

²**Happy are they to whom the Lord im- | putes no guilt,
and in whose spirit there | is no guile!**

³While I held my tongue, my bones with- | ered away,
because of my groaning | all day long.

⁴**For your hand was heavy upon me | day and night;
my moisture was dried up as in the | heat of summer.**

⁵Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not con- | ceal my guilt.
I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.”

Then you forgave me the guilt | of my sin.

⁶**Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to
you in | time of trouble;
when the great waters overflow, they | shall not reach them.**

⁷You are my hiding-place; you preserve | me from trouble;
you surround me with shouts | of deliverance.

⁸**“I will instruct you and teach you in the way that | you should go;
I will guide you | with my eye.**

⁹Do 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.”

¹⁰Great are the tribulations | of the wicked;
but mercy embraces those who trust | in the Lord.

¹¹Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice | in the Lord;
shout for joy, all who are | true of heart.

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son
and to the | Holy Spirit.**

**As it was in | the beginning,
is now, and will be for- | ever. Amen**

SECOND READING

Romans 5:12-19

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.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The assembly is invited to sing the acclamation, and repeat it after the choir has proclaimed the verse of the day.



*GOSPEL

Matthew 4:1-11

The holy gospel according to Matthew, the seventeenth chapter.

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.

CHILDREN’S SERMON

SERMON

*HYMN OF THE DAY 922 When We Are Tested

SLANE



1 When we are test - ed and wres - tle a - lone,
 2 When in the des - ert we cry for re - lief,
 3 When we are tempt - ed to bar - ter our souls,
 4 When we have strug - gled and searched through the night,



fam - ished for bread when the world of - fers stone,
 plead - ing for paths marked by cer - tain be - lief,
 trad - ing the truth for the pow'r to con - trol,
 sort - ing and sift - ing the wrong from the right,



nour - ish us, God, by your word and your way,
 lift us to love you be - yond sign and test,
 teach us to wor - ship and praise on - ly you,
 Sav - ior, sur - round us with cir - cles of care,



food that sus - tains us by night and by day.
 trust - ing your pres - ence, our on - ly true rest.
 seek - ing your will in the work that we do.
 an - gels of heal - ing, of hope, and of prayer.



PRE-READER

Lent 1

- Today is the **1st Sunday** in **Lent**.
- During Lent we **learn** about the **life of Jesus**.
- The symbol we see for Lent is a **road** to a **cross**.
- A **road** reminds us of a **journey**.

Color the road to the cross.



Where Did It Go?

There's something you won't hear this Sunday during worship: the word *Alleluia*! Lent is a serious, sometimes sad, time. You will hear *Alleluia* again on Easter Sunday.

Alleluia is a word used for praise and celebration. In the word search below, find some other words that celebrate God. Words are forward, backward, up, down, and diagonal. Hint: Every word ends in the letter E.

AWE

LOVE

ADORE

SERVE

PRAISE

BELIEVE

REJOICE

CELEBRATE

A	R	B	W	I	L	J	O	E	V	D	O	M
S	O	Q	E	F	C	N	H	S	I	W	C	F
T	H	A	A	L	R	I	E	S	B	X	E	A
C	N	S	G	O	I	V	K	E	N	E	D	Y
H	I	J	O	P	U	E	R	R	A	O	D	E
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C	E	L	E	B	R	A	T	E	V	O	L	M
U	A	R	S	T	U	B	S	C	W	Z	E	B
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***APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.*
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*The response to the petitions, which all end “Merciful God” is **receive our prayer.***

The prayers conclude: We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your steadfast love and your promise to renew your whole creation; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING

An offering supports the mission of the church, and the care of those in need.

Offerings can be given online at <https://www.givelify.com>



OFFERTORY

Since by Man Came Death

G. F. Handel

*Since by man came death,
By man came also the resurrection of the dead.*

*For as in Adam all die,
Even so in Christ shall all be made alive.
Even so in Christ shall all, shall all be made alive.*

***CONGREGATIONAL OFFERTORY** Come to the Table of Mercy



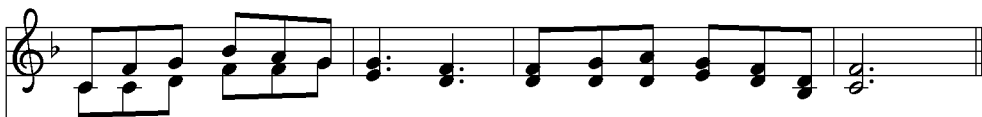
Come to the ta - ble of mer - cy, pre - pared with the wine and the bread.



All who are hun - gry and thirst - y, come, and your souls will be fed.



Come at the Lord's in - vi - ta - tion; re - ceive from his nail - scarred hand.



Eat of the bread of sal - va - tion; drink of the blood of the Lamb.



*OFFERING PRAYER

*The assisting minister will lead an offering prayer and the assembly responds: **Amen.***

*GREAT THANKSGIVING

At St. Luke, all are welcome to this table of Christ without exception. Please make your way forward as directed by an usher toward the pastor. Bread is received in your hand and wine or juice is poured in a small compostable cup. You may pick your cup up from the table in front of the pastor. Please dispose of your cup in a trash can by the doors. All bread is gluten free, please indicate if you prefer wine or juice.

*DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*PREFACE

*HOLY HOLY, HOLY

Setting Five



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na in the high - est.

***THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

***LORD'S PRAYER**

**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.**

***INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

LAMB OF GOD

Setting Five

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace. A - men.

We commune in silence today.

***TABLE BLESSING**

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

*The assisting minister will lead the prayer after Communion and the assembly responds: **Amen.***

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING** *The assembly responds: **Amen.

SENDING HYMN 618 Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer

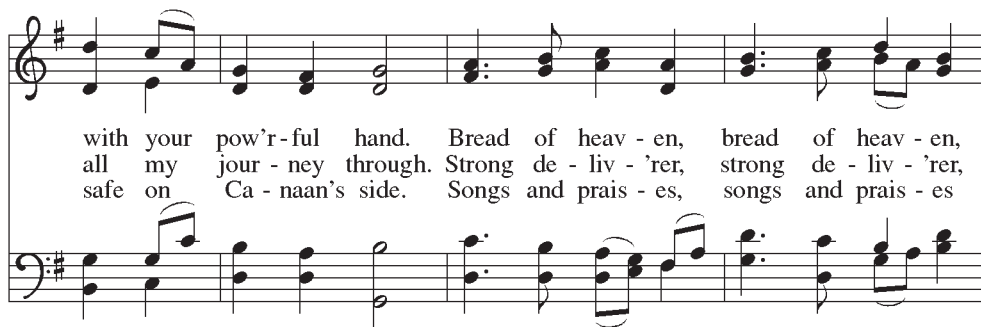
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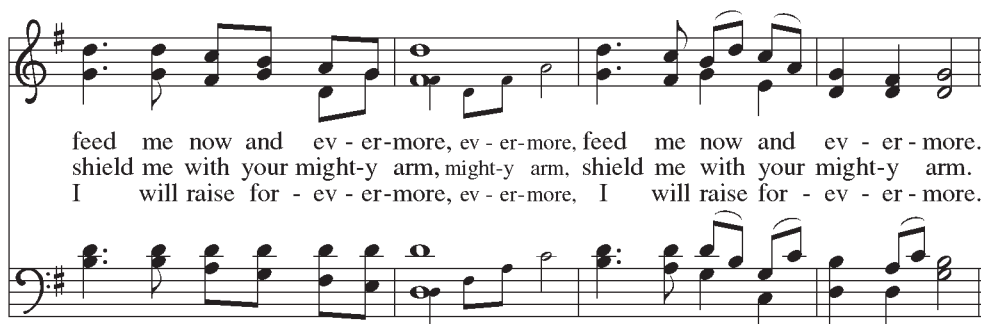
1 Guide me ev - er, great Re - deem - er, pil - grim through this
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain where the heal - ing
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land. I am weak, but you are might - y; hold me
 wa - ters flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me
 fears sub - side; death of death and hell's de - struc - tion, land me



with your pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,
 all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'rer, strong de - liv - 'rer,
 safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs and prais - es, songs and prais - es



feed me now and ev - er - more, ev - er - more, feed me now and ev - er - more.
 shield me with your might - y arm, might - y arm, shield me with your might - y arm.
 I will raise for - ev - er - more, ev - er - more, I will raise for - ev - er - more.

***DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Llangloffan

Walter Pelz

PARTICIPATING IN WORSHIP TODAY

St. Luke Ministers:	All the people of this Community
Assisting Minister:	Sophie Sparrow
Reader:	Sasha Thompson
Trombone:	Sophie Sparrow
Music Director:	Erik Kibelsbeck
Presider and Preacher:	The Rev. Jason R. Churchill

Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God by Laura Gathagan.

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UPCOMING READINGS

The foundational premise of this set of daily readings is their relationship to the Sunday lectionary. The readings are chosen so that the days leading up to Sunday (Thursday through Saturday) prepare for the Sunday readings. The days flowing out from Sunday (Monday through Wednesday) reflect upon the Sunday readings.

Upcoming Readings

Monday

Psalm 32

1 Kings 19:1-8

Hebrews 2:10-18

Tuesday

Psalm 32

Genesis 4:1-16

Hebrews 4:14—5:10

Wednesday

Psalm 32

Exodus 34:1-9, 27-28

Matthew 18:10-14

Thursday

Psalm 121

Isaiah 51:1-3

2 Timothy 1:3-7

Friday

Psalm 121

Micah 7:18-20

Romans 3:21-31

Saturday

Psalm 121

Isaiah 51:4-8

Luke 7:1-10

THE READINGS IN THE BIBLE

Matthew 4:1-11

In Matthew's gospel, Jesus, after being baptized by John the Baptist, withstood the devil's temptations by relying on the power of the words in Hebrew scriptures. For Matthew, God's word to ancient Israel accompanied Jesus as he inaugurated the kingdom of heaven.

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

One of the most well-known stories in the Bible, the account in Genesis 2–3, which is a more ancient story than is the liturgical text of Genesis 1, offered one explanation of why in God's creation there came to be sin, shame, and death. The story situated the origins of human life in what is now Iraq and understood our alienation from God as arising with the very first humans.

In singing **Psalms 32**, we join with Eve and Adam: we have sinned, and we beg God for forgiveness, which will bring us to joy. We gather with all the faithful to pray, and together we hide away, no longer in the bushes, but now in God.

Romans 5:12-19

In about 57 ce, Paul wrote to the church in Rome a comprehensive discussion of the good news, that God saves those who believe. Believers are restored to relationship with God because of their faith in Christ, not because they keep the Jewish Torah. Paul interpreted the story in Genesis 2–3 by metaphorically paralleling Adam to Christ, the sinner to the sinless, trespass to grace, death to life.

COVID LEVELS

Level of Concern	Transmission Level Criteria	Policies
Lowest	<200 for at least 2 weeks to move down to this level	Masks optional but encouraged Distancing not required but encouraged Full fellowship activities Food permitted
Medium	>200 for 1 week, or 2 consecutive days of >300 to move up to this level; <400 for 2 weeks to move down to this level	Masks required Distancing encouraged Fellowship in well-ventilated areas only
High	>400 for one week, or 2 consecutive days of >500 to move up to this level; <700 for 2 weeks to move down to this level	Worship attendance may be limited Food activities suspended Fellowship activities outdoors or remote only No outside groups permitted
Highest	>700 for 1 week, or 2 consecutive days of 800 or more to move up to this level	Worship outdoors or remote only Limited access to facility

**Adapted from the St. Luke COVID Advisory Board's recommendation and approved unanimously by the Church Council on July 21, 2022. Signage and an announcement prior to services will alert the congregation of the level of concern - which may be different than when announced via church communications prior to the service today. For the full report please check out our website or pick up a packet in the entry.*

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