



February 26, 2023 - 9:30 am

1st Sunday in Lent



GATHERING: The Spirit Calls Us Together

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Invitation to Lent

Confession of Sin

Imposition of Ashes

"When Peace Like a River"

ELW 785

Prayer of the Day

Special Music

"True Colors"

Chancel Choir

WORD: We Hear God in Scripture & Preaching

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. ¹⁶And the LORD God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; ¹⁷but 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." ^{3:1}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?'" ²The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; ³but 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.'" ⁴But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; ⁵for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." ⁶So 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. ⁷Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

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—¹³sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. ¹⁴Yet 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. ¹⁵But 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. ¹⁶And 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. ¹⁷If, 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. ¹⁸Therefore 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. ¹⁹For 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. Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Matthew 4:1-11...Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ²He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. ³The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." ⁴But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.' " ⁵Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, ⁶saying 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.' " ⁷Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.' " ⁸Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; ⁹and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." ¹⁰Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.' " ¹¹Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message Vicar Misty Lampshire

Hymn of the Day

"Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil"

ELW 512

Council Installation

Prayers

Sharing God's Peace

MEAL: God Feeds us with the Presence of Jesus

Offering

Special Music

Offertory

"Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery"

ELW 334

Great Thanksgiving

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

Communion

Communion Songs

"Lamb of God"
"It is Well With My Soul"

Communion Blessing

Post-Communion Prayer

SENDING: Being Loved, God Sends Us to Love

Blessing

Sending Song

"O Lord, Throughout These Forty Days"

ELW 319

Dismissal

Postlude

Announcements

- ⇒ **Call Process Update** Throughout the building, you will see **Call Process** posters. We are currently in the Preparation Phase, steps 2 & 3. In **Step 2** (The Transition Projects) the church council has been looking at community demographics, compiling a digital view book about the ministry of Holy Cross, and ensuring that our governing documents are up to date. In **Step 3** (The Ministry Site Profile) the church council has begun to compile and draft a ministry site profile for the congregation. We are working with Pr. Gregory Berger. Pastor Heather will continue to serve as our full-time interim pastor throughout the call process.
- ⇒ **Centering Prayer Group** will meet Monday's at 1:00 pm in the Youth Room here at Holy Cross. Questions, contact Paula McDonald at 402-210-6040.
- ⇒ **Food Pantry** Our first Saturday of the month Food Pantry is Saturday, March 4th. [CLICK HERE](#) to help. We are in need of cereal, ramen, cookies, juice, bar soap, and paper sacks.
- ⇒ **Blood Drive**—There will be a Blood Drive at Holy Cross Sunday, March 12th from 9:30 to 3:30. To sign up visit www.redcrossblood.org and search March 12th.
- ⇒ **Adult Forum** following worship today is a Charitable Seminar presented by Thrivent.
- ⇒ **Lenten Worship** Rejuvenate your soul at 6:30 pm with the Holden Evening Prayer Service March 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29.
- ⇒ **Tai Chi** There is no Tai Chi this week. Class will resume March 8th.

Calendar for Upcoming Week

Sunday, February 26

9:30 am Worship
10:45 am Sunday School/Adult Forum
10:50 am Youth Ensemble
11:00 am Middle School/High School Bells
3:00 pm Girl Scout Troop 48012 Mtg

Monday, February 27

1:00 pm Centering Prayer Group
6:30 pm Boy Scouts
9:00 pm CMA Meeting

Tuesday, February 28

7:30 pm A.A. Meeting

Wednesday, March 1

6:00 pm Confirmation/Uke Choir
6:30 pm Lent Worship
7:00 pm Radical Ringers/Youth Group

Thursday, March 2

6:30 pm Carolan Bell Choir
7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Friday, March 3

6:00 pm Pantry Prep

Saturday, March 3

8:00 am Food Pantry
12:00 pm Wedding Shower

Sunday, March 5

9:30 am Worship
10:45 am Sunday School/Adult Forum
10:50 am Youth Ensemble
11:00 am Middle School/High School Bells

Prayer Requests from our Church Community

Member Concerns: Barb Hannon as she deals with medical concerns. Jan Swanson as she recovers from a fall. Connie Mertz as she deals with medical concerns.

On-Going Member Concerns: Edie Nabity at Hillcrest Papillion

Friends and Relatives: Tom Victor, father of Jen Gitt; LaDonna Downing, mother of Rinda Howard; Karen Schramm, grandmother of Valerie Birch; Timothy Poole, cousin of Ben Poole; Roger Kay, brother of Barb Kay; Todd Erickson, brother of Wendy Erickson; Walt Weaver & Carson Rich, family of Carol Rich; Ronda Bayer, friend of Debbie Risinger; Debbie Haacke, coworker of Debbie Risinger; George Adamson, friend of Sue Spengler; Tatyana Povazhnaya, friend of Sue Spengler; Gaylen Grunke, Wes Grunke's Brother; Jason West, Sue Spengler's boyfriend's cousin; Andie Hunter, Elizabeth Yearwood's sister; Linda Anderson, Barb Kay's sister; Amy Churchill, friend of Barb Kay; Ronald Gulbranson, Julie Noteman's brother; Josh Prochotsky and family, Paula McDonald's nephews son and family; Aaron McDonald and Family and Caregivers, McDonald's grandson.