



St. Luke's Lutheran Church



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Sharing Jesus Christ's love with those around us.

Saturday, February 21, 2026 – 6:00 PM
Sunday, February 22, 2026 – 8:30 AM

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FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT
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WELCOME

We are glad you are here to worship our Savior with us. Please remember to turn your cell phone to silence. Restrooms are on the west side of the sanctuary. Prayer requests can be submitted to the church office through email, office@stlukesmanhattan.org, or by calling 785-539-2604. On Communion Sundays, if you need non-gluten wafers at communion, or need to have communion brought to you, please notify the elder who is serving. We hope you will join us again so that you may experience Jesus.

AS WE GATHER

On this First Sunday in Lent, the Church is led back to the beginning—to a garden where Adam fell, and to a wilderness where Christ stood firm. In Romans 5, Paul sets these two men side by side, inviting us to see the contrast between the one whose trespass unleashed sin and death upon all, and the One whose obedience brings righteousness and life to the world. Where Adam doubted God's Word, Jesus clung to it. Where Adam's disobedience made many sinners, Christ's perfect obedience makes many righteous. Today we confess the deadly seriousness of our sin, but even more, we rejoice that the work of Christ is greater than the ruin wrought by Adam. Clothed in Christ's righteousness through Baptism and strengthened by His victory over the tempter, we enter this Lenten season confident that the One who overcame in the wilderness now stands with us in every trial and leads us toward life everlasting.

IMAGE ON THE COVER

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 themselves loincloths. *Genesis 3:6–7*

WELCOME

✠PREPARATION ✠

656 A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD



1 A might - y for - tress is our God,
 2 With might of ours can naught be done,
 3 Though dev - ils all the world should fill,
 4 The Word they still shall let re - main



A trust - y shield and weap - on;
 Soon were our loss ef - fect - ed;
 All ea - ger to de - vour us,
 Nor an - y thanks have for it;



He helps us free from ev - 'ry need
 But for us fights the val - iant One,
 We trem - ble not, we fear no ill;
 He's by our side up - on the plain



That hath us now o'er - tak - en.
 Whom God Him - self e - lect - ed.
 They shall not o - ver - pow'r us.
 With His good gifts and Spir - it.



The old e - vil foe Now means
 Ask ye, Who is this? Je - sus
 This world's prince may still Scowl fierce
 And take they our life, Goods, fame,



dead - ly woe; Deep guile and great might
 Christ it is, Of Sab - a - oth Lord,
 as he will, He can harm us none.
 child, and wife, Though these all be gone,



Are his dread arms in fight; On earth
 And there's none other God; He holds
 He's judged; the deed is done; One lit -
 Our vic - t'ry has been won; The King -

is not his e - qual.
 the field for - ev - er.
 tle word can fell him.
 dom ours re - main - eth.

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Stand

The sign of the cross ✠ may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

INVOCATION

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

EXHORTATION

LSB 203

- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C **who made heaven and earth.**
- P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**
- P** Since we are gathered to hear God's Word and call upon Him in prayer and praise, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

CONFESSION OF SINS

LSB 203

- C** Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

ABSOLUTION

LSB 203

- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

✠ WORD ✠

INTROIT

Psalm 91:9-13; antiphon: vv. 15-16



- P** When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in | trouble;*
I will rescue him and | honor him.
- C** With long life I will sat- | isfy him*
and show him my sal- | vation.
- P** Because you have made the LORD your | dwelling place—*
the Most High, who is my | refuge—
- C** no evil shall be allowed to be- | fall you,*
no plague come | near your tent.
- P** For he will command his angels con- | cerning you*
to guard you in | all your ways.
- C** On their hands they will | bear you up,*
lest you strike your foot a- | gainst a stone.
- P** You will tread on the lion and the | adder;*
the young lion and the serpent you will trample | underfoot.

C Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

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

C With long life I will sat- | isfy him*
and show him my sal- | vation.

KYRIE



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

LSB 205

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-merciful God, when Adam fell and sin and death spread to all, You did not abandon the world You had made, but sent forth Your Son to stand where Adam stood and to triumph where Adam failed. Led by the Spirit into the wilderness, Christ resisted the tempter, kept Your holy Law in perfect obedience, and won for us the righteousness that restores our life. As we enter this Lenten season, clothe us anew in His victory, strengthen us against every assault of the evil one, and keep us steadfast in the grace that is greater than all our sin; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 3:1-21

(Sin entered into the world through the fall of Adam.)

¹Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made.

He said to the woman, “Did God actually say, ‘You shall not eat of any tree in the garden?’” ²And the 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 midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.’” ⁴But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely 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 themselves loincloths.

⁸And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. ⁹But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, “Where are you?” ¹⁰And he said, “I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself.” ¹¹He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?” ¹²The man said, “The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate.” ¹³Then the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this that you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”

¹⁴The LORD God said to the serpent,
“Because you have done this,
cursed are you above all livestock
and above all beasts of the field;
on your belly you shall go,
and dust you shall eat
all the days of your life.

¹⁵I will put enmity between you and the woman,
and between your offspring and her offspring;
he shall bruise your head,
and you shall bruise his heel.”

¹⁶To the woman he said,
“I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing;
in pain you shall bring forth children.
Your desire shall be for your husband,
and he shall rule over you.”

¹⁷And to Adam he said,
“Because you have listened to the voice of your wife
and have eaten of the tree
of which I commanded you,
‘You shall not eat of it,’
cursed is the ground because of you;
in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life;
¹⁸thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you;
and you shall eat the plants of the field.

¹⁹By the sweat of your face
you shall eat bread,
till you return to the ground,
for out of it you were taken;
for you are dust,
and to dust you shall return.”

²⁰The man called his wife’s name Eve, because she was the mother of all
living. ²¹And the LORD God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins
and clothed them.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

The following hymn is based on Psalm 32:1-7, the appointed psalm for the day.

HAPPY THE MAN TO WHOM HIS GOD



1 Hap - py the man to whom his God No more im -
2 Hap - py be - yond ex - pres - sion he Whose debts are
3 Whose spir - it hates de - ceit and lies, Whose words are
4 While I my in - ward guilt sup - pressed, No peace was



putes his sin, But, washed in the Re -
thus dis - charged; And from the guilt - y
all sin - cere; He guards his heart, he
I to find; Guilt's bur - den burned with -



deem - er's blood, Has made his gar - ments clean.
bond - age free, He feels his soul en - larged.
shields his eyes To keep his con - science clear.
in my breast And racked my tor - tured mind.

5 Then I confessed my troubling thoughts,
My secret sins revealed;
Your pardoning grace forgave my faults,
My pardon mercy sealed.

6 Lord, You invite Your saints to pray
When by temptation's flood,
Our heart's first thought is run away—
We've a forgiving God.

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EPISTLE

Romans 5:12-19

(By one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by one man's obedience shall the many be declared righteous.)

¹²Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned— ¹³for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. ¹⁴Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come.

¹⁵But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many. ¹⁶And the free gift is not like the result of that one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brought justification. ¹⁷If, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ.

¹⁸Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. ¹⁹For 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.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

VERSE

Ephesians 6:11

(Sung to the tune of LSB 655, "Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word")

Put on the armor of the Lord,
Stand firm up-on His holy Word;
Against the scheming of the foe,
In Christ be strong where'er you go.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 4:1-11

(Our Lord is tempted by Satan in the wilderness.)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fourth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

P ¹Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ²And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. ³And the 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,*

C ***"Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."***

P ⁵Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the temple ⁶and said 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, lest you strike your foot against a stone."

⁷Jesus said to him, *"Again it is written,*
C ***'You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.'***

P ⁸Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. ⁹And he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” ¹⁰Then Jesus said to him, *“Be gone, Satan! For it is written,*

C *“You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve.”*

P ¹¹Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

APOSTLES' CREED

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P God has made us His people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

**And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

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

Sit

SPECIAL MUSIC – Children’s Choir *(8:30 service only)*

LAMB’S MESSAGE

ALL MANKIND FELL IN ADAM’S FALL

(Sung to the tune LSB 563, “Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness”)

- 1 All mankind fell in Adam’s fall;
One common sin infects us all.
From one to all the curse descends,
And over all God’s wrath impends.
- 2 Through all our pow’rs corruption creeps
And us in dreadful bondage keeps;
In guilt we draw our infant breath
And reap its fruits of woe and death.
- 3 From hearts depraved, to evil prone,
Flow thoughts and deeds of sin alone;
God’s image lost, the darkened soul
Seeks not nor finds its heav’nly goal.
- 4 But Christ, the second Adam, came
To bear our sin and woe and shame,
To be our life, our light, our way,
Our only hope, our only stay.
- 5 As by one man all mankind fell
And, born in sin, was doomed to hell,
So by one Man, who took our place,
We all were justified by grace.
- 6 We thank You, Christ; new life is ours,
New light, new hope, new strength, new pow’rs.
This grace our ev’ry way attend
Until we reach our journey’s end.

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SERMON

VOTUM

- P** The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.
- C** Amen.

OFFERING

There are several ways to give.

1. Please **send** your offerings to
St. Luke's Lutheran Church
4801 Anderson Avenue
Manhattan, KS 66503
2. **Electronic Funds Transfer**
Sign up through the church office.

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE: Matthew 4:7 – “Jesus said to him, ‘Again it is written.’” Jesus defeats Satan in our place, not by using His power as God, but by His perfect obedience in His perfect humanity. Jesus defeats Satan not by miracles, but by quoting the Scriptures and living according to them. This should cause us great joy for two reasons. First, we see Jesus win the victory for us. Second, here Jesus shows us how to stand in that victory: on the Word of God alone.

RECEIVE INTO MEMBERSHIP *(8:30 service only)*

Ed & Linda Olson

- P** Beloved in the Lord, our Lord Jesus Christ said to His apostles: “Whoever confesses Me before men, I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. But whoever denies Me before men, I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven.” Lift up your hearts, therefore, to the God of all grace and joyfully give answer to what I now ask you in the name of the Lord.

P Do you this day in the presence of God and of this congregation acknowledge the gifts that God gave you in your Baptism?

R *Yes, I do.*

P Do you renounce the devil and all his works and all his ways?

R *Yes, I renounce them.*

P Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, in Jesus Christ, His only Son our Lord, and in the Holy Spirit?

R *Yes, I believe in God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*

P Do you hold all the prophetic and apostolic Scriptures to be the inspired Word of God and the doctrine of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, drawn from them and confessed in the Small Catechism, to be faithful and true?

R *I do.*

P Do you intend to hear the Word of God and receive the Lord's Supper faithfully?

R *I do, by the grace of God.*

P Do you intend to live according to the Word of God, and in faith, word, and deed to remain true to God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, even to death?

R *I do, by the grace of God.*

P Do you desire to become a member of this congregation?

R *I do.*

P Will you support the work our gracious Lord has given this congregation with your prayers and the gifts God has given you?

R *I will, with the help of God.*

P Upon this your confession of faith, I acknowledge publicly that you are [a member/members] of the Evangelical Lutheran Church and of this congregation. Receive the Lord's Supper and participate with us in all the blessings of salvation that our Lord has given to His Church, in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Stand

P Let us pray.

Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank and praise You for Your great goodness in bringing this Your daughter to the knowledge of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, and enabling her both with the heart to believe and with the mouth to confess His saving name. Grant that by Your Word and Spirit she may continue steadfast in the one true faith in the fellowship of this congregation as together we await the day when all who have fought the good fight of faith shall receive the crown of righteousness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

P The grace of our ✠ Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

C Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Almighty God, You reveal in Your Word the tragic fall of Adam and the deadly reign of sin that has touched every life. Yet You also reveal the greater work of Christ, whose obedience restores what Adam lost. Fix our eyes on Jesus, the new Adam, who stood firm where we fell, and who now clothes us in His righteousness. Strengthen us in every temptation, that we may trust Your promises and walk in Your ways. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Gracious Lord, as Your Son overcame the devil in the wilderness by the power of the written Word, so arm Your Church with that same Word today. Give pastors courage to preach Law and Gospel with clarity, and grant all Your people steadfast hearts to resist the lies of the evil one. Through the proclamation of Christ's victory, turn sinners from death to life. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Heavenly Father, preserve all catechumens, all children and their parents, and every Christian home. Guard them from the assaults of the tempter, and let the righteousness of Christ—won by His perfect obedience—be their covering and confidence. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P O Lord of all nations, You have established earthly authorities for the good of Your creation. Grant wisdom, humility, and integrity to all who govern. Keep them from the allure of power and from the deception of the evil one, that they may serve with justice and promote what is good. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Merciful Father, You are the refuge of the weary, the healer of the sick, and the hope of the dying. Look with compassion upon all who suffer in body or spirit, the lonely, the troubled, the grieving, and the dying, especially [*names may be spoken*]. According to Your gracious will, grant them healing, strength, and peace, and deliver them at last to the life that Christ has won. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Almighty God, just as You covered the shame of our first parents with garments not their own, so clothe us in the righteousness of Christ, the new Adam. Grant us repentant hearts, steadfast faith, and confidence that His obedience has overcome the sin and death we inherited from Adam. Strengthen us in every temptation and keep us firm in Your Word. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Generous Lord, You daily provide for all our needs, yet we often love the gifts more than the Giver. Deliver us from trusting in possessions or earthly security. Make us wise and faithful stewards, eager to help the poor, the unemployed, and the oppressed, and generous in supporting the work of Your kingdom. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P O Lord, You have given us a refuge in the Body of Christ, where grace reigns more powerfully than sin and life more powerfully than death. Protect Your Church from every assault of the evil one, preserve us in unity of doctrine, and raise up faithful workers for Your harvest. Keep us steadfast until that day when, freed from temptation and death, we shall dwell with You in everlasting joy. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Jesus Christ, the obedient One, the new Adam, our Savior and our King.

C **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.**

CONCLUDING COLLECT

- P** O Lord God, whose Son stood firm where Adam fell and whose obedience has overcome the sin and death that came through one man, grant that we who are born under Adam's curse may take refuge in Christ, the new Adam, and live by His righteousness. Strengthen us in every temptation, uphold us by Your life-giving Word, and bring us at last from the wilderness of this world into the joy of the life He has won; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

BENEDICAMUS

- P** Let us bless the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

- 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.
- C** Amen.

GREET ONE ANOTHER

We greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "The Lord be with you," "Peace be with you," or "The peace of the Lord be with you".

CLOSING SONG

418 O LORD, THROUGHOUT THESE FORTY DAYS



1 O Lord, through - out these for - ty days You
2 You strove with Sa - tan, and You won; Your
3 Though parched and hun - gry, yet You prayed And
4 Be with us through this sea - son, Lord, And



prayed and kept the fast; In - spire re - pen - tance
faith - ful - ness en - dured; Lend us Your nerve, Your
fixed Your mind a - bove; So teach us to de -
all our earth - ly days, That when the fi - nal



for our sin, And free us from our past.
skill and trust In God's e - ter - nal Word.
ny our - selves, Since we have known God's love.
Eas - ter dawns, We join in heav - en's praise.

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