



Community of the Cross Lutheran Church

First Sunday in Lent

March 9, 2025 • 10:45 a.m.

*Jesus was
led by the
Spirit in the
wilderness*

LUKE 4:1



GATHERING

GATHERING MUSIC

“How Can I Keep From Singing”

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SONG

“Remind Me Who I Am”

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen.

*P: Let us return to God, confessing our sin in the assurance of God’s abiding love.
Compassionate One,*

C: You are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, but our lives do not always reflect you and your love for the world. We do not show others the tender compassion you have shown to us. We do not welcome others with the radical hospitality you grant to all people. We oppress others, even though you have set us free again and again. We squander the abundant gifts of the earth. Transform our lives and guide us again in the way of the cross. Amen.

P: Beloved in Christ, God’s arms are always stretched open wide to welcome the wandering ones home. In Christ your sins are forgiven. You have a place in God’s house forever

C: Amen.

GREETING

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

C: 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. Amen.

WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Jenna Trenbeath

READING

Romans 10:8b-13

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

"Thy Word"

GOSPEL

Luke 4:1-13

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 4th Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: The Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Joseph Schattauer Paillé

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: Lord in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

SHARING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

P: The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

HOLY COMMUNION

Gluten-free wafers are on the stand between servers. White grape juice is available on the trays.

There are no outcasts, strangers, or unwelcome guests at Christ's table. All are welcome.

OFFERING

SONG OF REFLECTION

"Lord I Need You"

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Gracious Provider, you set your immense treasures among us, opening your heart to the world.

As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love, deepen our commitment to sharing those treasures with others, through our Savior, Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.

DISTRIBUTION

"How Great Is Our God"

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

P: Generous Host, you have shared your feast with us and made us new. Send us now to set tables of love and grace in our communities, that your liberating love might nourish the world into freedom, in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

P: God our tender parent, God the crucified one, God the reconciling Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

C: We are all called to be ministers— (CCLC Vision Statement)
Welcomed by the love of Jesus Christ,
Nurtured in faith by the Holy Spirit,
Sent to share God's promises with others.

SENDING SONG

"This Is Amazing Grace"

DISMISSAL

P: Go in Peace. Care for others as God cares for you.

C: Thanks be to God!

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