

Community of the Cross Lutheran Church

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Readings for the week of March 9, 2025

First Reading: Deuteronomy 26:1-11

When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us." When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, you shall make this response before the Lord your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me." You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

Second Reading: Romans 10:8b-13

"The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart" because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

Gospel Reading: Luke 4:1-13

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'" Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

OPPORTUNITIES TO GROW AND SERVE

Presiding: Pastor Joseph Schattauer Pailé

8:45am Worship Service Leaders: Greeters: Virgil & Barb Jelsma

Ushers: Eric Holm, Bruce Lindberg, Dale Magee, Julie Magee

Reader: Neil Johnson **AV Team:** Jennifer Rodgers, Stalin Ponnusamy, Prizah Stalin

Coffee Fellowship: Stalin & Vanitha Ponnusamy

10:45am Worship Service Leaders: Ushers: Chuck Sletten, Jim Stoops, Claire McCoy

Reader: OPEN **Communion Server:** Jessica Abrahamson

AV Team: Jamie Manzi-Moore, Chris Abrahamson, Margie Hartmann

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED NEXT SUNDAY: 8:45am: One Communion Server

9:45 am: One fellowship helper

10:45am: Reader

CCLC SPRING RETREAT

March 8th is canceled, we'll regroup and try again another time.

WAGNER FLOWER SALES - ONE WEEK LEFT

Order online or in the narthex. **All orders and payments due by Sunday, March 16th.** Flowers will be delivered the week of May 4th. Proceeds benefit kids attending Luther Crest Bible Camp. If gardening isn't in your plans for this summer, donations are always welcome. Thank you for your support!

TOILET PAPER DONATIONS - DATE EXTENDED

Thank you to everyone who's helping build our TP tower for VEAP! Please note that we'll be accepting donations through Friday, March 21st, which is the correct date for our next F3 event. Thank you!!

LENTEN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

Sign up to greet, bake bars or cookies for upcoming suppers or other opportunities that strike your fancy. We have links to sign up in our newsletter or SignUpGenius on our website. Thank You for helping to make our Lenten Season so special!

SAVE THE DATES

Theology on Tap-Thursday March 27th 7:00pm meeting at Nine Mile Brewery

Spring Break, No Sunday School – March 30th

Bloomington Pride - Sunday June 22nd from 1pm-6pm at Bloomington Civic Plaza

PRAYERS AND PRAISES

FOR HEALTH, HEALING AND WELLBEING:

- **Curt Peterson**
- Micha, grandson of Margie Hartmann
- Eli Hansen, nephew and Godson of Jody Hansen
- Karen Olin
- Veronica Kristiansen, granddaughter of Ron & Pat Nelson
- Clayton Enebo
- Mark Greenlee, son of Rich & Carm Greenlee
- Nora, daughter of Dan & Kristin Walker
- Joleen Hover
- James Nunley, friend of Marsha Gullickson
- Dave Teslow
- Steve Scott, friend of Pat & Ron Nelson, and Mary Hafstead
- Elaine Thurston
- Shane B, friend of George and Marsha Gullickson
- Mark Roban, brother of Janelle Swanson

PRAYERS FOR COMFORT AND SYMPATHY

For the family of Ryan Van Riper upon his recent passing.

IN OUR CONTINUING PRAYERS FOR ALL CCLC HOUSEHOLDS:

Greg & Diane Running, Tim Schouten & Emily Pollack, Jim & Sandy Schultz, Chuck & Charmayne Sletten, Sandy Smith and their families.

- || **ALTAR FLOWERS:** Given by Mike Bania Bania in memory of God's gracious gift, Jo Haugen. Her ways were pleasant ways, and all her paths were peaceful. Jo joined her Lord on March 11, 2022. She now rests in peace for eternity.

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES TO TOUCH

VEAP's MARCH FOOD & FUND DRIVE IS OFFICALLY UNDERWAY!

- || Please join us in supporting VEAP, the Twin Cities' largest food pantry, as we participate in the annual Minnesota FoodShare Campaign. Help ensure that no family goes hungry this spring! Bring in your monetary or product donations to CCLC or write a check to CCLC with "VEAP" on the memo line. VEAP's Food Fund Drive runs from March 1st-Apr 6th.

In partnership with the Minnesota FoodShare Campaign, this annual effort helps stock nearly 300 food shelves across the state-including ours. With demand at an all-time high, we need your support! Plus, every dollar donated will be matched up to \$25,000, doubling your impact, thanks to Stanley and Kathy Knudsen. Together, we can provide meals and hope for local families!

This Week At Community of the Cross

Today is March 9th 2025 - First Sunday in Lent

	8:45 am	Traditional Worship
	9:45 am	Fellowship / FH / Sunday School
	10:45 am	Contemporary Worship w / Holy Communion
Tues 11th	8:45 am	Faithfully Fit Forever
	9:00 am	Men's Coffee Fellowship / MR
	10:15 am	Women's Bible Study / MR
	6:30 pm	Church Council Meeting / MR
Wed 12th	5:00 pm	First Communion Class / Classrooms 6-7
	5:15 pm	Lenten Soup/Sandwich Supper / FH
	6:30 pm	Lenten Worship Service
	7:00 pm	Jubilation Ringers Rehearsal
	8:00 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Sunday March 16th 2025 - 2nd Sunday in Lent

Scripture: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18, Psalm 27, Philippians 3:17-4:1, Luke 13:31-35

	8:45 am	Traditional Worship w / Holy Communion
	9:45 am	Fellowship / FH / Sunday School
	10:45 am	Contemporary Worship
Wed 19th	5:15 pm	Lenten Soup and Sandwich Supper / FH
	6:30 pm	Lenten Worship Service

GS=Gathering Space MR=Meeting room FH=Fellowship Hall 3-9=Classrooms MO=Main Offices
NX=Narthex NY=Nursery SA=Sanctuary YR=Youth Room

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