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**First Sunday of Lent**

**March 9, 2025**

***Welcome! Your presence here is a gift to God and to others this morning.***

*We have committed as a church to pray for all those in our community who are living in the darkness of addiction. We have lit a candle in the front of the sanctuary as we pray for the light of Christ to break into their lives. Before worship begins, you are invited to light a candle for a friend or family member for whom you are praying.*

#### **Welcome/Announcements**

#### **Confession and Forgiveness**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**  
*(Silence is kept for reflection.)*

Most merciful God, we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the Sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. **Amen**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the Name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

**Kyrie – “Lord, Have Mercy”** **p. 156**

**Hymn of Praise - “All Glory be to God”** **p. 159**

#### **Prayer of the Day**

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**

#### **Choir**

**Deuteronomy 26: 1-11**

**Reader: Robert Balow**

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 labour 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.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

### Children's Sermon

#### The Gospel - 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.

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ

### Sermon

#### Hymn of the Day

#### "You Are Mine"

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1) I will come to you in the silence, I will lift you from all your fear  
You will hear My voice. I claim you as My choice. Be still, and know I am near

2) I am hope for all who are hopeless I am eyes for all who long to see  
In the shadows of the night, I will be your light. Come and rest in Me.

*Refrain:* Do not be afraid, I am with you I have called you each by name  
Come and follow Me I will bring you home  
I love you and you are mine

3) I am strength for all the despairing, Healing for the ones who dwell in shame  
All the blind will see, the lame will all run free And all will know My name. *Refrain*

4) I am the Word that leads all to freedom I am the peace the world cannot give  
I will call your name, embracing all your pain. Stand up, now, walk, and live. *Refrain*

### Affirmation of Faith

We are not alone, we live in God's world.

We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God. We are called to be the Church; to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.

We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

Prayers of Intercession      *Each petition will end with "Lord, in your mercy,"  
the congregation responds with "hear our prayer."*

Offering: *There is a basket at the back of the Sanctuary. You may also make your offerings online on our website:  
americanlutheranchurch.net or mail them to the church – PO Box 653- Newport, WA 99156*

The Great Thanksgiving p.161

'Holy, Holy, Holy' p.162

Words of Institution p.162

Christ had died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again

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. 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 - *All are welcome at the Lord's Table. This is God's gift, God's grace, God's life — given freely in love for you. Grape juice and gluten, soy, dairy and corn-free wafers are available. If you need communion brought to you at your seat, please let the usher know.*

"Lamb of God" p.164

Communion Hymns: 697, 708, 721, 733

Blessing

Prayer

Benediction

Sending Hymn "Lead on, O King Eternal" #805

1) Lead on, O King eternal! The day of march has come;  
henceforth in fields of conquest your tents will be our home.  
Through days of preparation your grace has made us strong;  
and now, O King eternal, we lift our battle song.

2) Lead on, O King eternal, till sin's fierce war shall cease,  
and holiness shall whisper the sweet amen of peace;  
for not with swords loud clashing, nor roll of stirring drums,  
but deeds of love and mercy the heav'nly kingdom comes.

3) Lead on, O King eternal: we follow, not with fears,  
for gladness breaks like morning where'er your face appears.  
Your cross is lifted o'er us; we journey in its light;  
the crown awaits the conquest; lead on, O God of might!

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. Thanks be to God.

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*Masks are optional, but we recognize that COVID is still a reality and a concern for many who are vulnerable. Please wear a mask if you are feeling under the weather at all. Thank you so much!*

### This Week

Monday	10 am	Bible Study. All are welcome!
	Noon	Al-anon
Tuesday	10 am	Quilting
Wednesday	5:45	Soup Supper
	6:30	Lenten Service
	7pm	Choir
Sunday	10 am	Worship

**Remember in Prayer:** Carla Thorson, Cyndy Akre Grady (Peggy Smith's sister), Jim Pletsch, Gladys Gerow, Susan Fox, Sandy Loskill, Christian Britton's daughter, Annika and his family, Val Urvat, Shelly Hendrickson's family (Liessa Thorsen's friend), Elanie Faires, Judy Bell, Merle Simons (at the request of the Graffs), Pat Kowal's brother Jim, Stephanie Wasserman (Marva's daughter), Nathaniel and Dan (at the request of Terry Zakar), Ronny Vasquez Sr (at the request of the Graffs), Chris Vullo (at the request of Judy Bell), Della Grice and family, Val Samson, Imo and Mike Jones, Pastor Matt Goodrich, Nakia Salazar and his daughter Gabriella, Dawn Morey, Kapple family, Erin, CC and baby Patrick, Shae Courtney (Son-in-Law of the Lewis') and baby Norah Courtney, Colleen (friend of Dawn Morey), Ed & Lynda Heckman, Carlene Connely, Judy Schoesler, Nancy Thome, Dick Bockemuehl, Becky Anderson (former Pastor of UCC), Sandy Rock (Joy Peralta's sister-in-law), Billie Goodno, Jean Oxreider, Joy Peralta, Dewey Moore (Cindy Robertson's dad), Joel Robertson, Scone Bender, Carol Rock, Annika Hughes, Dorothy Funden.

### Announcements:

**Monthly Giving Update:** Our monthly giving goal for our 2025 budget is \$17,083.33. Thanks to you all for your generous giving we received \$18,738.78 for January, exceeding our goal.

**Anna's Circle:** We will be meeting upstairs until the weather gets warmer.

**Tax Information:** For taxpayers over 70 ½ who do not itemize, there is a key planning opportunity to get an additional benefit for donations to charity. You can make donations to the same charities you donate to now through your IRA. The IRA funds then become non-taxable to you. These donations also count toward your annual required minimum distribution from your IRA once you reach 70 ½. This is a huge opportunity to maximize the higher standard deduction and also deduct your charitable donations at the same time".

This is done through your investment adviser.

If you have any questions please give me a call or email me. Vicki Richter [vickidrichter@hotmail.com](mailto:vickidrichter@hotmail.com)

**Lent:** Lenten Soup Suppers start Wednesday March 12th - Sign up on the board in the lobby.

**Newport Grief Support Group:** Every second Friday of the month 1pm - 2pm starting March 14th. For further information; contact the facilitator - Emily 509-690-1545 or Mary Bug Smith

**Building Use:** We have a new Building Use Agreement and fee schedule. If you are planning an event at the church please fill out the use agreement when booking your space/time.

**Reminder:** Please deposit prayer request slips in the Offering basket (so they make it to the office).

**Reminder:** Please don't forget to set the alarm before leaving the church. If you do not have a code please text/call Laurreta 509-447-3440

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