



First SUNDAY IN LENT

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First Sunday of Lent

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Thank you for being the Body of Christ gathered here this morning.

Welcome to Worship!

It is good to be together. 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.

Prelude

Welcome

Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the Holy Trinity, one God, the sower, the seed, the fruit; our lifeboat, our treasure, our leaven. Blessed be God forever. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

(Silence is kept for reflection.)

God of heaven and earth, we name before you the sin that enslaves us, the sin that wounds us and others, the sin that scars our world. Forgive us and heal us. Guard us from all evil. Give to us and the whole creation the freedom of the glory of the children of God. Amen.

Come, all who are weary, all who carry heavy burdens. As tender as a parent to child, so gentle is God to us.

As high as heaven is above earth, so vast is God's love for us. As far as east is from west, so far God removes our sin from, us, renewing our lives in Jesus Christ. Amen.

Kyrie

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Gloria

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Prayer of the Day

Lord God, our strength, the struggle between good and evil rages within and around us, and the devil and all the forces that defy you tempt us with empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your word, and when we fall, raise us again and restore us through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Choir

Genesis 2: 15-17, 3: 1-7**Reader: Lee Shaver**

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it.

And the Lord God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but 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."

Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God really say, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden'?"

The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, but God did say, 'You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.' "

"You will not certainly die," the serpent said to the woman. "For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it.

Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.

Psalm 130

Out of the depths I cry to you, LORD; Lord, hear my voice. Let your ears be attentive to my cry for mercy. If you, LORD, kept a record of sins, Lord, who could stand?

But with you there is forgiveness, so that we can, with reverence, serve you.

I wait for the LORD, my whole being waits, and in his word I put my hope.

I wait for the Lord more than watchmen wait for the morning, more than watchmen wait for the morning.

Israel, put your hope in the LORD, for with the LORD is unfailing love and with him is full redemption.

He himself will redeem Israel from all their sins.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Matthew 4: 1-11

Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.

After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry.

The tempter came to him and said, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread."

Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.' "

Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. "If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down. For it is written: " 'He will command his angels concerning you, and they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.' "

Jesus answered him, "It is also written: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.' "

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. "All this I will give you," he said, "if you will bow down and worship me."

Jesus said to him, "Away from me, Satan! For it is written: 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.' "

Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

Sermon**Hymn of the Day****"Change My Heart, O God"****#801**

This Week

Monday	10 am	Bible Study
	Noon	Al-anon
Tuesday	10 am	Quilting
Wednesday	5:45pm	Lenten Soup Supper
Wednesday	6:30pm	Lenten Service
Wednesday	7pm	Choir (after service)
Saturday	3pm	Addiction Support Group
Sunday	10 am	Worship

Remember in Prayer: Lucy Anderson (at the request of Mary Bug Smith), Anita (at the request of Terry Zakar), Cyndy Akre Grady, Scone Bender, Rudy Bergen, Roger Brandt, Annika Britton, Julie Brown and family, Barbara Campbell, Justin Carnie (Ruth and Mitch Carnie), Ellie, Bobbie Joe (at the request of Carlene Connelly), Shae Courtney (son-in-law of the Lewis'), Susan Fox, Dorothy Funden, Gladys Gerow, Larry Gerow, Ed and Lynda Heckman, Gary Heckathorn, Marva Heckathorn, Annika Hughes, Kurt Johnson, Imo Jones, Kapple family, Leroy Leland, Moses (at the request of Sark Ratliff), Steve Morey (Phyllis and Wilson's grandfather), friends and family of Carl Pitts, Sark Ratliff, Jeanette Reiter, Paul (Julie Brown's brother), Joel Robertson, Carol Rock, Sandy Rock (Joy Peralta's sister-in-law), Val Samson, Cheryl Schoesler, Judy Schoesler, Bill Stewart (at the request of the Graffs), Sara Rogers (at the request of Christian Britton), Chris Vullo (at the request of Judy Bell), Wayland VanZant, Audrey Wilbur (Marva's great niece), Jason (at the request of Terry Zakar).

***Please note:** Prayer requests will normally be kept on the list for one month unless requested for longer.

Announcements:

Newsletter: March newsletter deadline is Tuesday February 24th. A reminder that this is YOUR newsletter. Any events, activities etc that you would like everyone to know about, please send via email to the church office. Thank you! -Lauretta

Lent: Lenten Soup Suppers start February 25th. Soup Supper served at 5:45 (Please sign up on the form in the Narthex), followed by a short service at 6:30. Choir practice will follow. There will be a Maundy Thursday and Good Friday service as well.

Addiction Support Group: Christian Britton and Sark Ratliff are hosting a support group for all addictions. They meet on Saturdays at 3pm.

Pastor Bob Albing can be reached at (208)446-5206 and pinetreepadre@gmail.com. In an emergency, if you are unable to reach Pastor Bob, Pastor Chris Hill is available: pastorchrishill@yahoo.com
320-279-2374

Also, Annie Frederick is available to answer any questions you may have about the transition:
509-270-0496 and afrederick2018@outlook.com

If you would like to be on our church email list for announcements and prayer concerns, please send your email address to alc.churchoffice@gmail.com.

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

