

**Then Jesus said
to him, “Away
with you, Satan!**

~ Matthew 4:10

Sunday, February 22, 2026
First Sunday in Lent

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HOLY COMMUNION

Setting Four

*Regular font: Worship Leader; **Bold font: Congregation***

Time for Meditation and Personal Prayer

Prelude

WELCOME

GATHERING

Please stand

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin before God, who removes our guilt
and blots out all offenses.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Gracious God,

have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

For seeking worldly delights that deceive us and dishonor you:

Gracious God,

have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

For desiring self-reliance instead of hungering for your word:

Gracious God,

have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

For failing to recognize your coming reign,

and for hindering the work of the Spirit: Gracious God,

have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

For drawing from the well of self-serving ambition,

and for disdaining the living water Christ offers: Gracious God,

have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

For disregarding voices from the margin,

and for distrusting signs of your healing and hope in the world:

Gracious God,

have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

For dwelling in tombs of self-pity and discontent,

and for disregarding Christ's call to come forth to life:

Gracious God,

have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

God's steadfast love, grace, and forgiveness abound.

Through faith, the free gift of God,
you have been clothed in the righteousness of Christ.
In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.
The Spirit of the One who raised Christ from the dead
dwells in you,
pours God's love into your hearts,
and gives you life and peace.
Amen.

GATHERING HYMN "Lift Every Voice and Sing" **ELW 841**

GREETING

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

ELW 155

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.**

WORD

Please be seated

FIRST READING

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

¹⁵ The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till
it and keep it. ¹⁶ And the Lord God commanded the man, "You may
freely eat of every tree of the garden, ¹⁷ 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."

^{3:1} Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that
the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You
shall not eat from any tree in the garden?'" ² The woman said to the
serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, ³ but God
said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the
garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" ⁴ But the serpent said
to the woman, "You will not die, ⁵ for God knows that when you eat of
it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good
and evil." ⁶ 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. ⁷ Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked, and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 32

¹ Happy are they whose transgressions ¹ are forgiven,
and whose sin is ¹ put away!

² **Happy are they to whom the LORD im- ¹ putes no guilt,
and in whose spirit there ¹ is no guile!**

³ While I held my tongue, my bones with- ¹ ered away,
because of my groaning ¹ all day long.

⁴ **For your hand was heavy upon me ¹ day and night;
my moisture was dried up as in the ¹ heat of summer.**

⁵ Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not con- ¹ ceal my
guilt.

I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." Then you
forgave me the guilt ¹ of my sin.

⁶ **Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in ¹ time
of trouble;**

when the great waters overflow, they ¹ shall not reach them.

⁷ You are my hiding-place; you preserve ¹ me from trouble;
you surround me with shouts ¹ of deliverance.

⁸ **"I will instruct you and teach you in the way that ¹ you should
go;**

I will guide you ¹ with my eye.

⁹ Do not be like horse or mule, which have no ¹ understanding;
who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will ¹ not stay
near you."

¹⁰ **Great are the tribulations ¹ of the wicked;
but mercy embraces those who trust ¹ in the LORD.**

¹¹ Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice ¹ in the LORD;
shout for joy, all who are ¹ true of heart.

Please stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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GOSPEL READING

Matthew 4:1-11

The holy gospel according to Matthew the 4th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tested by the devil. ² He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterward he was famished. ³ The tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.” ⁴ But he answered, “It is written,
‘One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’ ”
⁵ Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, ⁶ saying 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,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’ ”
⁷ Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’ ”
⁸ Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory, ⁹ and he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to him, “Away with you, Satan! for it is written,
‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.’ ”
¹¹ Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

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

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SERMON

Pastor Sara Stall-Ryan

One Minute of Silence is kept for reflection.

Please stand

HYMN OF THE DAY “Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song”

ELW 808

APOSTLES’ CREED

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Reconciled by God’s mercy and sustained by God’s presence, let us pray for the world and its needs.

A brief silence.

God of all grace, grant faith to your church. Give to all the baptized the will to resist temptation and to worship and serve you alone.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of all creation, tend this earth. When human greed and disobedience threaten this planet and the life it contains, lead us by your Spirit into ways of reverence, awe, and gentleness. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of all nations, preserve us from trouble. Surround all living in places of violence with your steadfast love and give resilience to all who work for peace. Grant courage to those who challenge, especially around issues of racism and systemic oppression. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of all healing, mend our wounds. Bring wholeness to all who are sick, give peace to all who groan in grief, and send companions to all who are lonely or isolated. (Especially we pray for . . .) Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of all people, provide for our community. For any among us who hunger for bread, bring nourishment. For any among us who hunger for truth, speak your life-giving word. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

God of all life, bring us to you. We thank you for your free and abounding grace, and for those who, by that same grace, now rest eternally in you (especially). Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Receive our prayers, O God, through Jesus Christ, our strength and salvation.

Amen.

PEACE

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MEAL

Please be seated

OFFERING

OFFERTORY HYMN “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”
(vs.4)

ELW 803

Please Stand

OFFERING PRAYER

O God, maker of heaven and earth,
your steadfast love embraces all creation.
You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth
and bring forth its bounty.
Through these gifts of bread and wine,
draw us into the death and life of your Son,
who calls us to bear witness to his saving work.
We ask this in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

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It is indeed right...

SANCTUS pg. 153

Please kneel or sit

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER (*Traditional*) pg. 154

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to the table. Feast on God's goodness and mercy.

Please be seated

LAMB OF GOD pg. 154

Please kneel or sit

COMMUNION HYMNS

"Thy Holy Wings" **ELW 613**

"Lord Jesus Think on Me" **ELW 599**

BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

Please stand

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of our salvation,
we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls,
reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey.
Through the body and blood of your Son,
may we become Christ's body in the world,
bearing witness to your love for all creation,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

SENDING

BLESSING

Receive the blessing of the holy Trinity:
God, who calls all things into existence,
Jesus Christ, who redeems us,
and the Holy Spirit, whose breath sustains creation,
+ bless you now and always. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN "A Mighty Fortress " **ELW 504**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Believe the good news.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude:

Lenten Calendar



On **Wednesdays during Lent** we begin The Soup and Substance program together with Bethlehem Lutheran Church in East Hampton at **6:00 p.m.**

Dates are:

February 25 at Zion
March 4 at Bethlehem
March 11 at Zion
March 18 at Bethlehem
March 25 at Zion



Alms Giving

Through alms giving, we also can draw closer to God during Lent. Being charitable to others helps us look beyond ourselves. By helping those in need, we are acting in faith and giving freely of our love, as the Lord does with us.

Beginning February 22, we will be collecting items for the Portland Food Bank on the following schedule:

February 22 - Shampoo, Conditioner

March 1 - Soap, Bodywash

March 8 - Paper goods - Toilet paper, paper towels, tissues, napkins

March 15 - Toothpaste, toothbrushes mouthwash, dental floss

March 22 - Deodorant, feminine products

March 29 - shaving cream, hand lotion, body lotion

Please place items in the shopping cart in the Narthex.



Life Line Screening will be here at Zion on **Tuesday, April 28th** from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. If you would like to register for an appointment call 1-800-640-6307 or visit LLSA.SOCIAL/HC

Join us for Adult Bible Study - Feb 22nd

We are excited to dive into Season 5 of The Chosen! We will meet on the 2nd and 4th Sundays in the lounge after worship.

Please join us on February 22 as we explore Season 5, Episode 1. You can watch Season 5, Episode 1 here:

<https://watch.thechosen.tv/video/184683621777>

The study guide can be ordered on Amazon.

If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Sara or reply to this email



Lenten Series with Bishop Piph on the ELCA's Faith and Civic Life Social Statement (Thursdays in Lent--2/19, 2/26, 3/5, 3/12, 3/19-- at 7PM)

Please join us for this online discussion on Thursdays in Lent. Amidst the turmoil we experience in our society today, the guidance of this social statement is all the more important for how Christians (and Lutheran Christians!) engage the world in faith. You can register for the

program here: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeZZm9Yk45Fx-iQfDcIzCrr_P7a7X0EVUFvttPR-CwcERrYDg/viewform

To register without having to type in all these letters and numbers, see Zion Happenings (the email newsletter that Michelle sends) where you will be able to click a link.

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9:00 a.m. Worship/Communion
10:15 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. The Chosen
11:30 a.m. True Vine Church

This Week:

Monday: **6:00 p.m.** N/A
Tuesday: **9:30 a.m.** Happy Handz
Wednesday: **6:00 p.m.** Soup and Substance at Bethlehem
Friday: **7:00 p.m.** N/A

Next Sunday: March 1, 2026
Second Sunday in Lent



9:00 a.m. Worship/Communion
10:15 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Adult Education
11:30 a.m. True Vine Church

Next weeks readings: Genesis 12:1-4a; Psalm 121;
Romans 4:1-5, 13-17; John 3:1-17

Attendance: Last Sunday - 51; Last year - 0 (Snow)
Ash Wednesday - 29; Last year - 27

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9:00 a.m. Worship

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