

Sunday, February 22nd, 2026
Immanuel Lutheran Church, Pepin, WI
First Sunday of Lent

*As you enter, you are invited into a time
to silently reflect and center for worship*



PRELUDE

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS Welcome Eric Klein - Luther Park Bible Camp Director

GATHERING

GATHERING HYMN *"His Banner Over Me is Love"* Printed

GREETING

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

R/ And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Lord God, our strength, the struggle between good and evil is in our everyday lives. **Help us to be strong against temptations 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

FIRST READING **Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7**

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.

L/Word of God, Word of Life **R/Thanks Be to God**

SECOND READING **1Corinthians 13:1-7**

The Love Chapter by Pamela Marx done with musical instruments - Faith Adventures Youth

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ELW pg. 205

Alleluia! Lord and Savior, open now your saving word. Let it burn like fire within us, speak until our hearts are stirred. Alleluia! Lord, we sing, for the good news that you bring.

GOSPEL **Matthew 4:1-11**

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the fourth chapter. **R/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 devil 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 top 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.

P/ The Gospel of the Lord **R/ Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON Temptations of Jesus Skit - Faith Adventures Youth

TEMPLE TALK Eric Klein Director of Luther Park Bible Camp

HYMN OF THE DAY *“They’ll Know We are Christians by Our Love”* Printed

AFRICAN FOLK STORY *“The Two Visitors”* - Charlie Bunk

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P/ Lord, in your mercy **R/ Hear our prayer.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

MEAL

OFFERING

OFFERING HYMN: **ELW 803** *"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"*

OFFERING PRAYER:

God of healing and hope, you bless those who are hungry, promising to fill them with good things. Fulfill that promise through us and these your gifts. **Nourish us with the abundance of your feast and unite us into the blessed body of Jesus Christ our Savior, now and forever. Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING:

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to **It is right to offer our thanks and praise.**
the Lord, our God.

PREFACE & HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

P/..... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

R/ Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the Highest.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

LAMB OF GOD

ELW pg. 208

O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away, you suffered death our lives to save, have mercy now, we pray.

O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away, you set us free from guilt and grave, have mercy now, we pray.

O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away, eternal peace with God you made, give us your peace, we pray.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS **ELW 808** *"Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song"*
 ELW 624 *"Jesus, Still Lead On"*

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER :

Lord God, **you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us, and your love supporting us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

SENDING

BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN **ELW 325** *"I Want Jesus to Walk with Me"*

DISMISSAL

P/ Go in peace. Share the harvest **R/Thanks be to God.**

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