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First Sunday in Lent

Wilderness Encounter

The devil did not make him do it! No, it was not the Evil One who put Jesus on the path to the wilderness. Imagine the scene in this gospel story. Listen beyond the hissing sun and the howl of silence while you contend with this detail: It wasn't the devil's hand that tugged Jesus into the wilderness. No, it was not the diabolical villain of Eden's paradise nor the conniving accuser in Job's tragic saga that took him to taste loneliness and hunger. It was the Spirit! (Luke 4:1).

In a seemingly wretched epilogue to the grand scene by the river, Jesus, clean from the water of his baptism in the Jordan, goes to the wilderness. And yes, no surprise, in the wilderness the devil, the Great Deceiver, arrives with an unholy trinity of deceptions that offer nothing more to a hungry world than scraps that will not do. The Deceiver offers nothing more for empty lives than knock-off royal pedigrees that are cruel illusions, nothing more for unsteady nerves and faint hearts than a mockery of faith that bears no truth.

But the Spirit is there too, in this seemingly desolate place. There Jesus, the beloved Son, claims for himself more than name and ancestry; he reveals for us the holy work of God's mysterious Spirit. The same Spirit that descended on him at his baptism sustained him in the wilderness, and that very Spirit is wildly, graciously, probingly loose in the church and in the world today.

In our own wildernesses, where faith and doubt often collide, we can be sure that Jesus goes with us. The one who was led, accompanied, and followed by the Spirit in the wilderness surely does not abandon us to our doubts and fears. In places we are deeply afraid to go, Jesus waits for us with bread for the journey in his wounded hands.

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BEFORE WORSHIP

Please fill out our Participation Card and place it in the offering plate every Sunday. This card helps the ministry of both the Congregational Care and Community Outreach Committees. Sometimes there are additional questions on the back of the card, so don't forget to check both sides of the card.

First Sunday in Lent

March 10, 2019

Lent is a season of contrition and renewal. The color purple has become a symbol of penitence. The music of the season reflects our need for repentance and renewal, which is our effort to turn, again, towards God.

Holy Silence is observed as we enter to worship.

Special Music – Bells
(10:45 only)

Morning Bells
Clapper Kids
Didn't My Lord Deliver Daniel
Grace Notes

MacGorman

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Welcome/Worship Instructions

Arise in body or spirit and face the baptismal font

Confession and Forgiveness

☐ Trusting in the word of life given in baptism, we are gathered in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

☐ Let us return to our gracious and merciful God, confessing our need for healing.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

☐ Gracious God,

☑ **have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done, and things left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

☐ By the power of our Triune God, I declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

Gathering Hymn

O Lord, Throughout These Forty Days

ELW 319 (red book)

Greeting

☐ Behold, now is the acceptable time;

☑ **now is the day of salvation.**

☐ The grace and mercy of God, who in Christ bears our burdens and saves us from sin through the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

☑ **And also with you.**



Otče nebeský, Svoritel' u sveta, Bo - že, zmi - luj sa nad na - mi.

- 1 O God, Father in heav - en, have mer - cy up - on us.
- 2 O Son of God, redeemer of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.
- 3 O God, Holy Spir - it, have mer - cy up - on us.

All



*Vie - me to, Pa - ne Bo - že náš, že sa na
Your heart, O God, is grieved, we know, by ev - 'ry
Your arms ex - tend, O Christ, to save from sting of
O lav - ish Giv - er, come to aid the chil - dren*



*nás hrieš - nych hne - váš, sved - či o tom smrt'
e - vil, ev - 'ry woe; up - on your cross - for -
death and grasp of grave; your scars be - fore the
that your word has made. Now make us grow and*



*ne - vin - ná Tvoj - ho je - di - né - ho Sy - na.
sak - en Son our death is laid, and peace is won.
Fa - ther move his heart to mer - cy at such love.
help us pray; bring joy and com - fort, come to stay.*

Prayer of the Day

- A** Let us pray ... O Lord God, you led your people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land.
- B** **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.

Sit

Special Music
(10:45 only)

Within the Darkest Night

Grace Notes

Hakes

First Reading

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

The annual harvest festival, called the Feast of Weeks, provides the setting for this reading. This festival celebrates the first fruits of the produce of the land offered back to God in thanks. In this text, worshippers announce God's gracious acts on behalf of Israel.

☐ A reading from **Deuteronomy**:

¹When 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, ²you 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.

³You 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."

⁴When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, ⁵you 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. ⁶When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, ⁷we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. ⁸The 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; ⁹and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰So 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.

¹¹Then 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.**

God will give the an - gels
charge o - ver you, to guard you in all your ways.

Psalm 91:1-2, 9—16

- ¹You who dwell in the shelter of | the Most High,
who abide in the shadow of | the Almighty—
- ²**you will say to the LORD, “My refuge | and my stronghold,
my God in whom I | put my trust.”** ☒
- ⁹Because you have made the | LORD your refuge,
and the Most High your | habitation,
- ¹⁰**no evil | will befall you,
nor shall affliction come | near your dwelling.**
- ¹¹For God will give the angels charge | over you,
to guard you in | all your ways.
- ¹²**Upon their hands they will | bear you up,
lest you strike your foot a- | gainst a stone.** ☒
- ¹³You will tread upon the lion | cub and viper;
you will trample down the lion | and the serpent.
- ¹⁴**I will deliver those who | cling to me;
I will uphold them, because they | know my name.**
- ¹⁵They will call me, and I will | answer them;
I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue and | honor them.
- ¹⁶**With long life will I | satisfy them,
and show them | my salvation.** ☒

Second Reading

Romans 10:8b-13

Paul reminds the Christians at Rome of the foundation of their creed, the confession of faith in the risen Christ as Lord.

☒ A reading from **Romans**:

^{8b}“The word is near you,
on your lips and in your heart”

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹because 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. ¹⁰For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. ¹¹The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” ¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

☒ The word of the Lord.

☑ **Thanks be to God.**

Arise in body or spirit

Gospel Acclamation

Speak, O Lord



1 Speak, O Lord, as we come to you to re - ceive the food
 2 Teach us, Lord, full o - be - di - ence, ho - ly rev - er - ence,
 3 Speak, O Lord, and re - new our minds; help us grasp the heights



of your ho - ly Word. Take your truth, plant it
 true hu - mil - i - ty. Test our thoughts and our
 of your plans for us. Truths un - changed from the



deep in us; shape and fash - ion us in your like - ness—
 at - ti - tudes in the ra - di - ance of your pur - i - ty.
 dawn of time that will ech - o down through e - ter - ni - ty.



that the light of Christ might be seen to - day in our
 Cause our faith to rise; cause our eyes to see your ma -
 And by grace we'll stand on your prom - is - es, and by



acts of love and our deeds of faith. Speak, O Lord, and ful -
 jes - tic love and au - thor - i - ty. Words of power that can
 faith we'll walk as you walk with us. Speak, O Lord, till your



fill in us all your pur - pos - es for your
 nev - er fail; let their truth pre - vail o - ver
 church is built, and the earth is filled with your



glo - ry.
 un - be - lief.
 glo - ry.

Gospel Reading

Luke 4:1-13

After being filled with the Holy Spirit at his baptism, Jesus is led in the wilderness. Through his responses to the temptations of the devil, he defines what it means to be called “the Son of God.”

☞ The Holy Gospel, according to **Luke**.

☞ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, ²where 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. ³The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.” ⁴Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone.’”

⁵Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. ⁶And 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. ⁷If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.”

⁸Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.’”

⁹Then 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, ¹⁰for it is written, ‘He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,’ ¹¹and ‘On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’”

¹²Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’” ¹³When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

☞ The Gospel of the Lord

☞ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sit

Children’s Time

All children [including infants] and youth who desire to come forward for the children’s sermon are welcomed and encouraged to do so. Parents/caregivers are welcome to accompany their child during the children’s message. There may be a time of dance and celebration that is offered.

Message

Silence for reflection

Arise in body or spirit

Song of the Day

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

ELW 325

Kneel or sit as able.

Prayers

A Seeking the grace, mercy, and love of almighty God, we offer our prayers for the church, for people in need, and for all of creation.

A brief silence.

A Holy and steadfast God, keep your word near to us, planting it in our hearts and communities. Make it blossom into proclamation for all people to receive. Empower our leaders, including *Bishops Elizabeth and Craig, Assistants Chrysanne, David and Roseanne; our synod companion churches, Immanuel Lutheran Church of Big Rapids, Woodland United Methodist; Minister of Music Cindy and Pastor Ken.*

A Lord in your mercy,

C *(sung)* **Oh, Draw Me, Lord (x3) And I'll run after You.**

A As you give your Spirit freely, so also give bread that sustains every living thing. Graciously feed hungry souls and hungry stomachs with your bountiful provision.

A Lord in your mercy,

C *(sung)* **Oh, Draw Me, Lord (x3) And I'll run after You.**

A Stir up courage among your people to resist oppressive powers and to lead people into freedom (*as you did through Harriet Tubman and Sojourner Truth, whom we commemorate today*). Shine the light of your justice through their work. Protect the lives of those who serve in the military including: *Zack Green (Mikolajczyk), Parker Stancil (Freedlunds), Cody and Myrina Crawford (Clements), Alexis and Dylan Kelmer, Austin and Aaron Endsley (Burdicks), Brady Rudesill (Hansen), Joel Taggart (Varkula – nephew), and Kayla and Lance Champaco (Pohls).*

A Lord in your mercy,

C *(sung)* **Oh, Draw Me, Lord (x3) And I'll run after You.**

A Hold tightly those who grow weary in their struggle with addiction or temptation. By your strength bear them up to live fully in your presence. Watch over those who suffer with illness and loss, *including Vern Allarding, Jamie Coplín, Vivian, Dee DeFields, Matthew Downing, Karl Golnek, Nikki Haddix, Delmer Hansen, Mary Jane Hayner, Doug Hensley, Jack Lameffer family, Elsie Mellow, Kim Ogen, Kathy Ploude, Pearl Stutz family, Kallie Triick, safe travel for Ron and Carla Neil, and George Ulrich Jr.,*

A Lord in your mercy,

C *(sung)* **Oh, Draw Me, Lord (x3) And I'll run after You.**

A Teach us the stories of our faith by heart. As you accompanied our ancestors in their uncertainty, so guide us confidently into the future.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A Lord in your mercy,
C *(sung)* **Oh, Draw Me, Lord (x3) And I'll run after You.**

A When we struggle and are tested, redeem us by the endurance of Christ. Give us steadfast faith to strive for your glory until we witness its fullness.

A Lord in your mercy,
C *(sung)* **Oh, Draw Me, Lord (x3) And I'll run after You.**

P Reveal your will as you receive our prayers, and conform our ways to your ways; through the saving work of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

Sit

Offering of Gifts and Music – Bells
(10:45 only)

Marvelous Works
Clapper Kids

Eithan

Everyone at worship is encouraged to fill out a Participation card and place it in the offering plate every Sunday morning.

*After the usher passes your pew, you are invited to drop your coins in the metal bowl at the front of the nave. These gifts are sent to Barry County Cares.
Arise in body or spirit*

Offering Prayer

A Let us pray . . . God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life.

C **As our ancestors offered the first fruits of harvest, so we bring what is precious for sharing as there is need. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty. Amen**

Sharing the Peace of God

P The peace of Christ be with you.

C **And also with you.**

(We share the peace of Christ with one another.)

Great Thanksgiving

☐ The Lord be with you.

☑ **And also with you.**

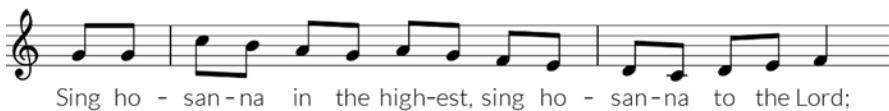
☐ Lift up your hearts.

☑ **We lift them unto you.**

☐ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

☑ **It is right to give our thanks and praise**

☐ It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Eucharistic Prayer

☐ Holy God, our living Water and our merciful Guide

☑ **Together with rivers and seas, wells and springs we bless and magnify you.**

☐ You led your people Israel through the desert and provided them water from the rock.

☑ **We praise you for Christ, our Rock and our Water, who joined us in our desert, pouring out his life for the world.**

☐ In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his life, death, and resurrection,

☑ **we await your salvation for all this thirsty world.**

☐ Pour out your Spirit on this holy food and on all the baptized gathered for this feast:

☑ **wash away our sin, that we may be revived for our journey by the love of Christ.**

☐ Through Christ all glory and honor is yours, Almighty God, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

☑ **Amen**

Lord's Prayer

☐ Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

☑ **Our Father in heaven, holy 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.**

Invitation to Communion

☐ All who are hungry, come and eat the bread of life. All who are thirsty, come and drink the cup of salvation.

☑ **Thanks be to God.**

Communion at Grace

All who are present are invited to receive Holy Communion. This sacrament is a gift to all who come with open hands and open hearts to the presence of Jesus.

✠ **Bread** is served by the Pastor. **Wine** is served from a *common cup* by the Assisting Minister.

✠ If you need **gluten free bread**, please let the Pastor know when you come forward.

✠ If you prefer wine from the *pouring chalice* in an **individual cup**, take an empty cup from the tray and have it filled by the Worship Assistant. Return the individual chalice/cup to the basket provided.

✠ **Grape Juice** is provided in the pre-filled cups in the center of the serving tray.

✠ A **Verbal Blessing** may be given by the Pastor, if you do not wish to commune.

✠ If you wish **communion brought to you** in the pew, please notify the usher.

Sit

☩ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us, have mer - cy.
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us, have mer - cy.
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

I Am the Bread of Life
You Satisfy the Hungry Heart
Here is Bread

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Sending of Communion

- A** Gracious God, loving all your family with a mother's tender care: As you sent the angel to feed Elijah with heavenly bread, assist those who set forth to share your word and sacrament with those who are *homebound*. In your love and care, nourish and strengthen those who will receive this sacrament, and give us all the comfort of your abiding presence through the body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- ☩** Amen.

Prayer after Communion

- Ⓐ Tender and merciful one, at your feast, you fed us who brought nothing, turning our emptiness into joy.
- ☒ **Filled with your abundant grace, send us now to be ministers of reconciliation, mending broken hearts, working for justice, and striving for peace among all people, in the name of Jesus Christ.**
- Amen.**

Congregational Mission Minutes

Arise in body or spirit

Blessing

- Ⓐ God, who fills the creation with abundance, Christ, who spreads his arms in forgiveness, Holy Spirit, who draws ever near to us, ✠ bless you and bring you to life everlasting.
- ☒ **Amen.**

All children and youth, as well as the young at heart and playful spirits, are invited to come forward to make music and dance during the Sending Hymn. Please choose one instrument to play or one scarf to use for waving and dancing.

Sending Song

O Living Bread from Heaven

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Dismissal

- Ⓐ Reconciled to God through Christ, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
- ☒ **Thanks be to God.**

Students and adults are invited to come up for a closer look at the bells & chimes during the final bell song.

Special Music - Bells
(10:45 only)

Peace Filled Days

Mitchell

Week at a Glance

Sunday, March 10	Worship Services at 8 am & 10:45 am New Member Class 9:30 am Mutual Ministry open meeting 9:30 am Youth Group 6 pm
Tuesday, March 12	Women of Faith 1:30 pm Brothers of Grace 7 pm
Wednesday, March 13	Wednesday Lenten Dinner – 6 pm Worship Service – 7 pm (Bells)
Thursday, March 14	Clapper Kids 3:45 Grace Notes 5:45
Saturday, March 16	Church Clean-up day (all day)

Today's Worship Leaders

	8:00 am	10:45 am
Assisting Minister	Hope Peck	Vickey Argo
Cantor	Pastor Ken	Vickey Argo
Lector	Emma Peck	Carol Morgan
Communion Server	Jan Schreiner	Laura Scheck
Acolyte/Crucifer	Volunteer	Lance Ogden
Usher	Tom & Cheryl Drumm	Joe Longcor / Gwen Hansen
Greeter/Coffee Hr.	Tom & Cheryl Drumm	Laura Scheck / Kim Domke
Children's Church		Phil and Amy Poholski
Table Guild	Laura Scheck	
Bread Maker	Deborah Wilke	

Next Sunday's Worship Leaders, March 17, 2019

	8:00 am	10:45 am
Assisting Minister	Emma Peck	Traci Wales
Cantor	Jack Vos	Kate Watson
Lector	Hope Peck	Sandy Mosteller
Communion Server	Volunteer	Phyllis Lietz
Acolyte/Crucifer	Mark Anton	Lexi Watson
Usher	John Burdick/Kay Marsh	Ed & Luke Domke
Greeter/Coffee Hr.	Jack & Carol Vos	Doug & Diane Neeb
Children's Church		Eve Wright
Table Guild	Laura Scheck	
Bread Maker	Deborah Wilke	

Stewardship Information

Worshippers last week: 90 Weekly Giving: \$6,261.00 Budget Amount: \$4,576.53

Noisy Offering will be collected today!

New Member Class will begin today. This class will study Luther's Small Catechism and take place during the Adult Forum hour (9:30 – 10:30). All members are welcome to attend, as it is good for us to remind ourselves of God's grace revealed through the gift of Holy Communion, Ten Commandments, Lord's Prayer, Baptism, Apostles' Creed and other materials. If you are interested in joining the body of Christ here at Grace, please contact Pastor Ken. The class will meet each week until April 7th.

Mutual Ministry is having an opportunity for you to discuss any topic with today at 9:30 am. If there is a ministry concern, please contact Julian Kratochvil. Julian is our member of the Mutual Ministry Committee that is highlighted this week and can be reached by a phone call or a text message at 806.336.0661.

Women of Faith meet Tuesday at 1:30 pm – Mallard Pond.

Brothers of Grace meet Tuesday at 7:00 pm.

Wednesday ecumenical noon worship will be at Green Street United Methodist Church on March 13th.

Wednesday Lenten dinner and service will be held on March 13th – dinner at 6 pm and worship service at 7 pm. Join us to listen to the Bells and Chimes!

Pasties... Coming to give you enjoyment. We will put them together for a pickup on March 23, 2019. Sign-up sheet is on the board in the Gathering Area for workers and for ordering. You may also call your order in to Wendy in the church office by Thursday, March 14th.

Spring Cleaning Day here at Grace Lutheran Church is Saturday, March 16. Please sign up in the Gathering area to help give Grace a good spring cleaning!

Easter Flowers are available for you to order. Sign-up sheet is available on a table. Proceeds from the sale will go toward the HVAC project.

Family Promise Brunch – March 31st. Please see sign-up sheet in the Gathering Area to contribute food and let us know if you plan to attend!

Praising God with Puppets. If you are interested in renewing our puppet ministry, please contact Chris Bush.

Boxes can be picked up at the display table for ELCA WORLD HUNGER. If you desire to support this ministry, please turn it in by Easter. The box is designed to hold 40 quarters. There are also devotional books available to pick up at the table.