HOLY COMMUNION First Sunday in Lent

February 14, 2016

8:00 am

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

These forty days called Lent are like no other. It is our opportune time to return to the God who rescues; to receive the gifts of God's grace; to believe with the heart and confess with the mouth the wonder of God's love in Jesus; and to resist temptation at every turn. This is no small pilgrimage on which we have just embarked. It is a struggle Jesus knew. It is a struggle Jesus shares. The nearness of the Lord, in bread and wine, water and word, will uphold and sustain us.

SILENT PRAYER

PRELUDE: A Mighty Fortress Bach (BWV 720)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING (ENTRANCE RITE)

Stand

HYMN: Jesus, Still Lead On # 624

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (ABSOLUTION)

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism.

- **P** In the name of the Father, and of the

 → Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- P 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.

C Amen.

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

Kneel/Stand

- **P** 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.
- C Amen.

Amen.

Stand

GREETING

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

KYRIE

- **A** In peace, let us pray to the Lord.
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- A For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.
- **ఆ** Lord, have mercy.
- A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.
- **ఆ** Lord, have mercy.
- A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.
- **■** Lord, have mercy.
- A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
- **G** Amen

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Lord God, you led your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide now the people of your Church, that, following our Savior, we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

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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, worshipers announce God's gracious acts on behalf of Israel.

A reading from Deuteronomy.

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, 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; ⁹ and 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.

- **A** The word of the Lord.
- **☑** Thanks be to God.

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."

- **A** The word of the Lord.
- **☐** Thanks be to God.

Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

© Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.

GOSPEL 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."

- **P** The holy gospel according to Luke.
- **G** 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,'

 11 and

'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.

- **P** The gospel of the Lord.
- **©** Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit

SERMON

Pastor Weleck

Stand

The Nicene Creed or the Apostles' Creed may be spoken. The Nicene Creed is appropriate during Advent, Christmas, Easter, and on festival days; the Apostles' Creed during Lent and at other times.

APOSTLES' CREED

- P With the whole church, let us confess our faith.
- **G** I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

- A With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.
- A Gracious Father, when we are led into the wilderness of trial and temptation as was our Lord, help us to stand, as he did, on the strength of your Word, that we may prevail against the evil one. Lord, in your mercy,
- **G** hear our prayer.
- A We pray for the church, for its pastors and bishops, for the newly baptized, for all the faithful, for this congregation here gathered, and for our growth in grace. Lord, in your mercy,
- **Q** hear our prayer.
- Me pray for all nations, for all rulers, legislators, and judges, for an increase of justice in our lands, and for all who work for peace among nations and among peoples. Lord, in your mercy,
- **©** hear our prayer.
- Me pray for all in any need, for the hungry and the homeless, for victims of war and injustice, for prisoners, for all who suffer in mind, body, or spirit, for the sick and infirm, for all with incurable illness, and for all who this day will die. We pray especially for those we name in the silence of our hearts... Lord, in your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- Me pray for the members of our armed forces wherever they serve, and especially when they serve in harm's way, that they might speedily complete their mission and be safely reunited with their loved ones. Lord, in your mercy,

- **C** hear our prayer.
- Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
- C Amen.

PEACE

- **P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- **And also with you.**

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say Peace be with you or similar words.

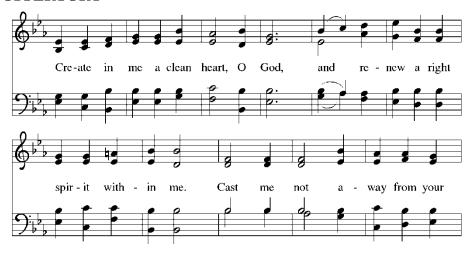
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OFFERING

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OFFERTORY





OFFERING PRAYER

- A Let us pray...Merciful Father,
- we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The presiding minister greets the assembly and invites all present to give thanks:

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **G** And also with you.

- **P** Lift up your hearts.
- **©** We lift them to the Lord.
- **P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- **G** It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The minister continues with the PROPER PREFACE:

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... Here the minister continues with the preface for the day, concluding: ...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

The assembly continues with the SANCTUS:

G 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.

The minister continues with the WORDS OF INSTITUTION, usually included in a Eucharistic Prayer.

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

© Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

C Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

- P Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray.
- 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;
and 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

- P Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.
- Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

LAMB OF GOD (AGNUS DEI)

Q Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Sit

COMMUNION

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say
The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

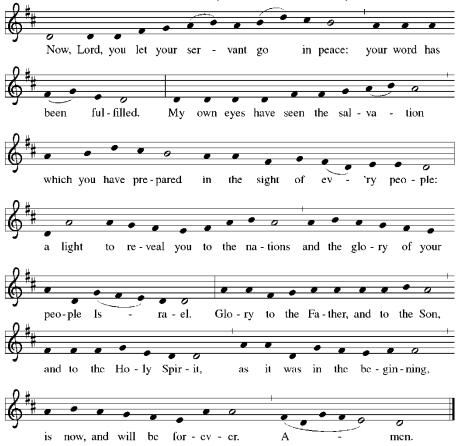
and each person may respond

Amen.

We Lutherans believe that the Body and Blood of Christ are present "in, with, and under" the forms of bread and wine. We invite to the communion all who are baptized and communing in this or another Christian denomination. We welcome children and others who are not communing to come forward for a blessing.

Stand

SONG AFTER COMMUNION (NUNC DIMITTIS)



BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

- P The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
- C Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A Let us pray.

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING (BENEDICTION)

- C Amen.

DISMISSAL

- **A** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
- **☑** Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE:

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The Easter Cycle celebrates the events surrounding our Lord's passion, death, and resurrection. Beginning with Ash Wednesday, the Easter Cycle includes the Lenten season, Holy Week, and the Easter Season. This cycle concludes with the Day of Pentecost, as the culmination of the resurrection through the coming of the Holy Spirit to Christ's followers.

During Lent, a Hymn of Praise is not appropriate because of the preparatory and penitential nature of this time.

The liturgical color purple, symbolic of our penitence and Jesus' royalty, is used in Lent.

Assisting in the Service

Acolyte: Jennifer Beattie Crucifer: Kaleigh Funk Torch Bearers: Kevin Beattie and Jeremy Wentworth

Ushers: 8:00 am: The Hess', the Stuffles, Karl Stefan, Sandy Trauger

10:30 am: John Schwirian, Dick Allebach, Dennis Ludwig, and Jack Schatz

Greeters: Chris and Melissa Dogonniuck

Lectors: at 8:00 am: Sherry Wagenseller 10:30 am: Cynthia Snyder

Communion Assistants: 8:00 am: Debra Augustine

Offering Tabulation: Janet Stokes, Jack Schatz, and Ron Hess

Altar Guild: 8:00 am: Sally Sweeney, Debra Augustine, and Sandy Trauger

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<u>The Sanctuary Candle</u> is given to the glory of God by Karen and Bryan McClain in loving memory of grandmothers, Ann Coleman and Margaret Van Hee.

<u>The Flowers on the Altar</u> are given to the glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rodenberger in loving memory of parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Erb and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rodenberger

<u>The Centervase Flowers</u> on the altar are given by Boy Scout Troup 87 in honor of all the leaders of the Pack and Troop 87 and All Eagle Scouts.

<u>SOUP SALES UPDATE:</u> The Senior Youth Group Soup Sales will be held the Third Sunday after both services on February 21 and March 13. Many varieties, still just \$4.00/pint!

"Hearts and Hands" adding another opportunity! Starting in March 2016 we will be quilting the first Wednesday of the month 9:30 – 12:30. We will continue meeting on the third Tuesday of the month. Contact Mildred Stuffle with any questions. jandmstuffle@verizon.net.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS				
Sunday	2/14	8:00 am	Holy Communion in the Chapel	
		9:00 am	Sunday School	
		9:15 am	Adult Bible Study	
		10:30 am	Holy Communion in the Upper Nave	
Monday	2/15	10:30 am	Staff Meeting	
		7:00pm	Cub Scouts	
		7:30 pm	Book Club	
Tuesday	2/16	9:30 am	Quilt Group	
		6:30 pm	Cub Scouts	
		7:00 pm	Community Club	
		7:00 pm	Boy Scouts	
		7:00 pm	Quilt Group	
		7:00 pm	Boy Scout Committee Meeting	
Wednesday	2/17	6:00 pm	3-in-1	
		7:30 pm	Community Lenten Service @ St. Luke's UCC	
		7:30 pm	Cub Scouts	
Thursday	2/18	6:00 pm	Bell Choir	
		7:00 pm	Adult Choir	
		7:00 pm	Cub Scouts	
Friday	2/19	7:00 pm	Cub Pack Meeting	
Saturday	2/20			
Sunday	2/21	8:00 am	Holy Communion in the Chapel	
		After service	Soup Sale	
		9:00 am	Sunday School	
		9:00 am	Sr. Youth Group	
		9:15 am	Adult Bible Study	
		10:30 am	Holy Communion in the Upper Nave	
		After service	Soup Sale	

Sock it to Them! The Senior Youth Group is also conducting a service project this winter to help the homeless in Norristown stay warm this winter. Please consider donating warm socks in sizes from child through adult – boys, girls, men, and women. Socks are MOST appreciated by those in need who live with the elements! Donations will be distributed through the Norristown Soup Kitchen.

Adult Bible Study: We meet in the library from 9:15 am to 10:15 am. This session's study will be using the book Surprised by Hope: Rethinking Heaven, the Resurrection, and the Mission of the Church by N. T. Wright. There is a video. Participant's guides and Bibles are provided. It is divided into 6 sessions (though in the past we have taken 2 weeks for some of the sessions). Come to one session, some sessions, or all sessions. Resolve to deepen your faith in 2016!

First Tuesday of the Month The March 1, 2016 SOUTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA WOMEN OF THE ELCA, Upper Montgomery Conference Bible Study will be held at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 81 North Main St., Pennsburg. Coffee and treats start at 9:30 a.m.; Bible Study is at 10:00. The study is in the *Gather* magazine's **January/February** issue about Christian Citizenship. "Confidence in God's Beginnings & Endings." The Presenter will be Elaine Strimpel. Please bring your Bibles and your Gather magazine. Thank you for your faithful attendance. If you need a ride or have any questions, please call Fran Ivarson.

Trip to Germany! The Reverend Kevin O'Hara will be one of the clergy on this trip! More details to come! The Peconic Conference of the Metropolitan New York Synod (ELCA) as host and ImagineTours, Inc. as tour guide proudly invites you to Germany in 2017, which is the 500th anniversary of Martin Luther nailing 95 Theses to the church doors in Wittenberg, thus catapulting the Lutheran reformation! A kick off event is scheduled for February 27th at 7:30 pm and we will try to get a skyping session together so you can learn about this trip and have the opportunity to ask any questions to the tour agency. In the meantime, if you have any questions or you are interested in more information or to sign up, contact Rev. Kevin O'Hara at pastorkevinohara@gmail.com or call 631-475-5725. Hope to see you in Germany for this amazing opportunity!

The Altar Guild is seeking members! This important group prepares the altar for each service at Augustus. Volunteers are desperately needed at this time. This is a great job for individuals or couples. Most duties can be completed in a short time before Sunday services. All new volunteers will be paired with an experienced guild member for training. Anyone interested in participating in this most integral part of worship at Augustus should contact Donna Beishl at 610-650-0238.

<u>Pasta Fundraiser!</u> Join us for this great dinner on March 5th, 2016 at 5:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. The dinner includes soup, salad, baked ziti, bread, and a variety of desserts. A free will offering will be accepted to benefit Augustus' Soup Kitchen Outreach.

Girls Night Out-Dinner and a Show

Friday, February 26 5:00 dinner at a local restaurant (Forno Antico) 7:30 Play at Lenfest Theater at Ursinus College. Cost is \$5 for a play ticket plus whatever you spend on dinner. If you can't make it to dinner, please join us for the show. *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee* is a Tony-award winning musical comedy. If you would like to attend, please contact Deb Scholl at (610) 409-1950 or schollde@aol.com no later than Feb. 21. Sponsored by WELCA.

The Spring Turkey Dinner and Craft and Vendor Fair is Coming! Crafters and vendors have always added a unique touch to our spring turkey dinner fundraiser, making the afternoon an event rather than a mere dinner. Even better, the proceeds help support our missionaries in Tanzania, Dr. Stephen J and Jodi Swanson and the Irente Children's Home in Tanzania. The Craft and Vendor Fair will take place on Saturday, April 30th, outdoors along the sidewalks of our beautiful campus from 3:00pm until 7:00pm. If the weather does not cooperate, we will arrange to have tables and spaces inside the Parish House. We are interested in crafters and vendors who make or sell items such as jewelry, soap, candles, cakes, specialty candies and desserts, floral designs, furniture, quilts, or other unique objects. 8 foot spaces (\$20) and 8 foot tables (\$25) are still available - contact Trish Reiser at trishreiser@verizon.net to reserve your spot today!