

Galilee Evangelical Lutheran Church



First Sunday in Lent

March 1, 2020

Mission Statement

*To gather people together to hear the story of God's love in Jesus Christ,
to be nurtured in faith and knowledge, and
to share the Good News through word and deed.*

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9:30 a.m.

ELW Setting 3

Today's gospel tells of Jesus' temptation in the desert. His forty-day fast becomes the basis of our Lenten pilgrimage. In the early church Lent was a time of intense preparation for those to be baptized at the Easter Vigil. This catechetical focus on the meaning of faith is at the heart of our Lenten journey to the baptismal waters of Easter. Hungry for God's mercy, we receive the bread of life to nourish us for the days ahead.

Serving in Worship this Morning

Altar Guild: Betty Jeans

Organist: Tim Rand

Communion Assistant: Jim Hart

Ushers: Jim Zrust & Abe Watson

Lector: Jo Ann French

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Regular - **Liturgist**

Bold - Congregation

+ Stand as able

GATHERING

PRELUDE

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

We confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. Forgive, restore and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, Amen.

- + GATHERING SONG** *Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross* Hymn #335
- + GREETING** Response: **And also with you.**
- + KYRIE & GLORIA** p. 138-140
- + PRAYER OF THE DAY**

WORD

FIRST READING

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

Human beings were formed with great care, to be in relationship with the creator, creation, and one another. The serpent's promise to the first couple that their eyes would be opened led, ironically, to the discovery only that they were naked.

¹⁵The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it.

¹⁶And the Lord God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; ¹⁷but 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?'" ²The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; ³but 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.'" ⁴But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; ⁵for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." ⁶So 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. ⁷Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

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

PSALM 32

(Spoken, alternating verses by each side of congregation)

Organ side:

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

Pulpit side:

²**Happy are they to whom the Lord imputes no guilt,
and in whose spirit there is no guile!**

³While I held my tongue, my bones withered away,
because of my groaning all day long.

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

⁵Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not conceal my guilt.

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

⁶**Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble;
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.**

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

⁸**"I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go;
I will guide you with my eye.**

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

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

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

SECOND READING

Romans 5:12-19

Through Adam's disobedience, humanity came under bondage to sin and death, from which we cannot free ourselves. In Christ's obedient death, God graciously showers on us the free gift of liberation and life.

¹²Just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned—¹³sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. ¹⁴Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come.

¹⁵But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. ¹⁶And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification.

¹⁷If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

¹⁸Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. ¹⁹For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

+ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Return to the Lord

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+ GOSPEL

Matthew 4:1-11

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the fourth chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus experiences anew the temptations that Israel faced in the wilderness. As the Son of God, he endures the testing of the evil one.

¹Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ²He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. ³The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." ⁴But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" ⁵Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, ⁶saying 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.'"

⁷Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

⁸Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; ⁹and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." ¹⁰Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'"

¹¹Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

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

SERMON

(A time of silence for reflection will follow the sermon.)

HYMN OF THE DAY

Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

#802

+ APOSTLES CREED

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 to the dead.

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

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

+ PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

The congregation is invited to greet one another with a gesture of peace using the words "Peace be with you" and then be seated.

MEAL

OFFERING

(Children are invited to come to the altar with their offering for global missions.)

+OFFERING PRAYER Together we pray, **God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord. Amen.**

+ THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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+ THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven

COMMUNION (at the table)

Lamb of God

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COMMUNION MUSIC

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING

+BLESSING

+ SENDING SONG

The Beloved of God

Soloist, Teresa Shores

THE BELOVED OF GOD

David Haas

I am, I am the be-lov-ed of God.

All of us, all are be-lov-ed of God, not for

what we do, but be-cause of who God says we are.

We are the be-lov-ed of God.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

+DISMISSAL

All: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME Welcome to all guests and visitors. We are glad that we can worship together this morning. We invite you to sign the guest book in the narthex. If you would like to sign up for an event, you can do so in the kiosk notebook. The Voice of Galilee, our monthly newsletter, is also available in the kiosk.

HOLY COMMUNION Everyone of all ages is invited to celebrate Holy Communion. The real presence of Christ is celebrated in this sacrament. Communion today is served at the table, by intinction. The chalice with the white ribbon is grape juice.

QUILTING GROUP We have a quilting group at Galilee. Welcome all! We meet the first and third Monday of each month at 1 p.m. Please join us!

REFRESHMENTS Thank you to Lori O'Keefe for providing treats today. Thank you! Next week, no one has signed up. Please sign up in the kiosk notebook.

HOLY HOOPS Our game today vs Mt. Olivet #2 is at 1 p.m. at Christ the King Lutheran Church in New Brighton!! Let Pastor Dana know if you need a ride. We hope all players will show up and spectators join in to support us! Next week, March 8, 1 p.m., we play again at Christ the King (all games at Christ the King) vs. Mount Olivet #1!

BOOK DISCUSSION This spring, our breakfast book will be *The Book of Joy: Lasting Happiness in a Changing World*. Archbishop Desmond Tutu spent a week at the Dalai Lama's home. They reflected on their life experiences to create a gift for others by answering the question: How do we find joy in the face of life's inevitable suffering? You are welcome to join the group as we learn from the wisdom of these two great (and joyful) men! We will meet at 7 am on Wednesdays, March 11, 18, and 25, and April 1. For more info., please contact Jo Ann French (jfrench.galilee@gmail.com).

PRIMARY ELECTION IS MARCH 3 AT GALILEE! Tuesday, March 3, 2020. Galilee is a polling place. Doors are open from 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. Please get out and vote!

ADULT FORUM TODAY: Come to the Fellowship Hall to help brainstorm 60th Anniversary ideas! All are needed and welcome.

GALI-LADIES The Gali-Ladies are looking for new ladies to join their group. They meet the third Thursday of each month at 11:30 a.m. in the fellowship hall. The ladies take turns providing lunch and share great conversation, then they play Bunco for prizes. Throughout the year they do projects sharing with the community (ie veterans, schools, retirement homes, etc). If you are interested in joining the group, talk to Ardis Haslach or Sandy Altendorfer, or just stop by!

AGORA On March 7, Galilee will be hosting an all-day Agora Meeting, beginning at 10 a.m. with coffee. The Agora Program focuses on equipping lay people from ethnic-specific and multicultural congregations for Christian mission and ministry. The day includes lunch, a worship service, and a meeting, all ending about 2 p.m. All are welcome!

BELLFEST All are welcome to the Bellfest Concert, including Galilee's bell choir. It is March 7, 3 p.m., at North Heights in Arden Hills. Always a beautiful concert.

NORTHEAST METRO CLIMATE ACTION has scheduled a presentation by Don Shelby on climate change. *Don Shelby - Climate Change: Opinions Need Not Apply. Facts, Inquire Within!* Monday, March 30, 6:30 p.m. Presentation begins at 7 p.m. at Incarnation Lutheran Church, Shoreview.

BIRTHDAYS February 22 - February 29

22 Judy Hogan
28 Taylor Altendorfer

UPCOMING EVENTS

Today! - Holy Hoops GAME!!, 1 p.m. at Christ the King
March 3 - VOTE! - polling places open 7:00 a. m. - 8:00 p. m.
March 22 - New Member Sunday
March 4 through April 1 - Soup Suppers/Holden Evening Prayer

PRAYER REQUESTS

The prayers of the congregation are requested for:

Shawn Altendorfer	Brenda Meyer
Debbie Brown (Ardis & Dick Haslach's daughter)	Minnesota Faith Chinese Lutheran Church
Terry Clasen (Karen Groebner's brother)	Darrin Mitchell (Dazhanea and Dazhion's father)
Family & friends of Dale "Beaver" Cornar Nelson (Darla's nephew)	Dennis Norbeck
Richard Eagan (Dawn Babin's s/o)	Family & Friends of Dorothy Ososki (Tom and Elaine's aunt)
Mitchell Erickson	Peter Solberg
Roger Ettel	St. Paul Friends Nepali Church
Family & Friends of Al Hartman (friend of James Hart)	Veniessa Taylor
Ardis Haslach	Uhominyi Parish, Tanzania
Family & friends of Fred Hayes (Judy Hogan's husband)	Abe Watson
Joe Juneau	Eldre Westegaard

All prayer requests are also supported through Galilee's Prayer Circle.

We are delighted to pray for anyone and include their name on our prayer list, as well as mention them in the intercessions during Sunday worship. Please keep the church office informed about their status. We will keep these names on our prayer list for one month. If, on the other hand, you would like us to keep them on the prayer list for longer than a month, please call the church office.

THIS WEEK AT GALILEE

Sunday, March 1

Prayers for Healing.....	9 a.m.
Galilee Worship.....	9:30 a.m.
Fellowship Time	10:30 a.m.
Adult Forum: 60th Anniversary Planning.....	11 a.m.
Minnesota Faith Chinese Lutheran Church Worship Service	11 a.m.
St. Paul Friends Church	11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Holy Hoops GAME at Christ the King Lutheran Church, New Brighton	1 p.m.
Vacuuming Duty: Terry O'Keefe.....	Evening

Monday, March 2

Quilting Group.....	1 p.m.
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Tuesday, March 3

VOTE! Polling open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Wednesday, March 4

Practice Your Spanish	12 p.m.
Soup Supper.....	6 p.m.
Galilee Choir.....	7:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 5

Bible Study.....	11 a.m.
Bells of Galilee	6 p.m.
Property Team Meeting.....	6 p.m.

Saturday, March 7

Chinese Prayer	6 a.m.
AGORA with MFCLC, Galilee and St. Paul Friends hosting at Galilee.....	10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Sunday, March 8

Galilee Worship.....	9:30 a.m.
Fellowship Time	10:30 a.m.
Adult Forum: GLBT Transitioning.....	11 a.m.
Minnesota Faith Chinese Lutheran Church Worship Service	11 a.m.
St. Paul Friends Church	11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Holy Hoops GAME at Christ the King Lutheran Church, New Brighton	3:30 p.m.
Vacuuming Duty: Jim Zrust.....	Evening

Large print bulletins are available on the left side pocket of kiosk, or ask the ushers for assistance.