

ST. LUCAS EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN

CHURCH AND SCHOOL

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The First Sunday in Lent – Jesus in the Wilderness

February 25th & 26th, 2023

The Season

Lent is the season of the Church Year where we wrestle with our greatest needs. Lent also demonstrates that in Christ, all our greatest needs are met. Here is what the Spirit makes clear this season. If you lack Christ, you have nothing. If you have Christ, you have everything you truly need.

The Sunday

The perfect peace and prosperity of Paradise was lost when a fallen angel convinced mankind to follow the demons in rebelling against their Creator. When Adam fell, he condemned the world to darkness and death. God promised he would send his Son to do what Adam and we could not. In crushing the devil, Jesus meets our greatest need, the need for a Savior.

The Service

Today we celebrate the Sacrament of the Altar in which we joyfully receive Christ's body and blood, in, with, and under bread and wine, for the forgiveness of our sins. As we celebrate the Sacrament we also give public confession of our complete unity in the Christian faith. We invite communicant members of St. Lucas Lutheran Church, or of another congregation in the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS) or of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod (ELS) to commune. If you are a guest visiting with us today, please refrain from communing until you have spoken with our pastor. The congregation reads the potions in bold print.

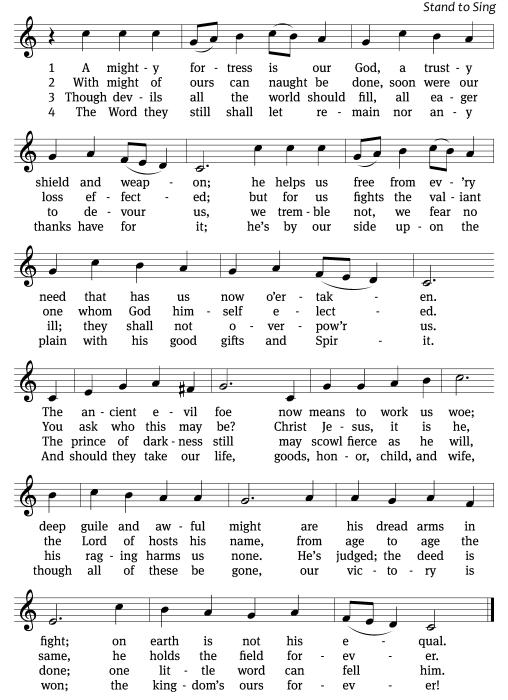
Prayer before Worship

Lord Jesus, you have invited me to come and receive your holy Sacrament. I believe that in the bread and wine you give me your true body and blood to eat and drink. Forgive my sins and nourish my faith through this precious meal. I long for the comfort that comes with your promises; I yearn for the assurance of your faithful love. Bless me now as I receive you by faith. Amen.

Serving in Worship

Presiding Minister: Pastor Timothy Henning Organist: Coralee Henning Ushers: David Butzke (6 pm Saturday)

Kevin Kempf (8 am Sunday) Jonathan Koch (10:30 am Sunday) A Mighty Fortress Is Our God



In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Confession

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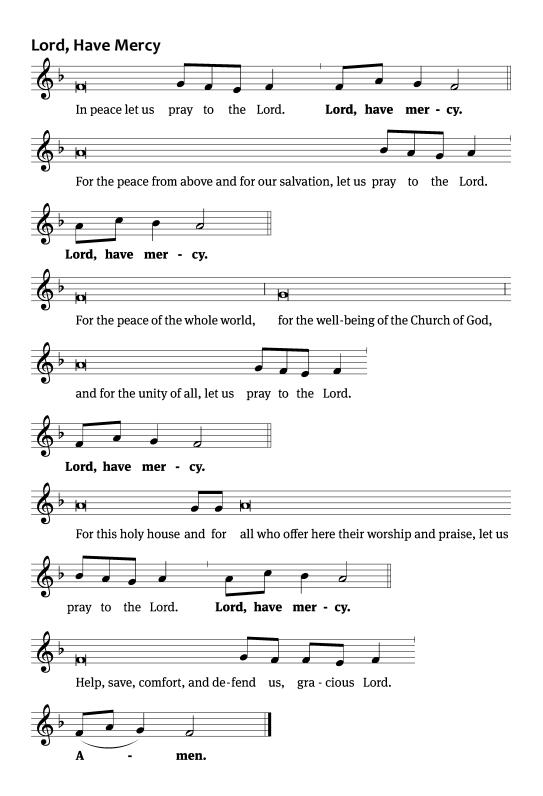
If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord. Holy God, gracious Father, I am sinful by nature and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should. I deserve your punishment both now and forever. But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins with his innocent suffering and death. Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

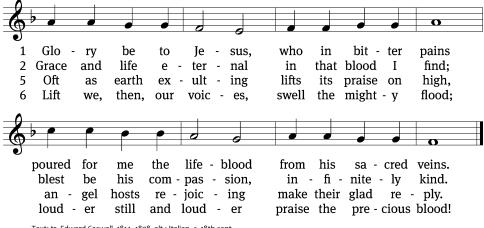
Silence for meditation and reflection

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.





Glory Be to Jesus



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The Word

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Mighty God and Father, our Lord Jesus walked into the wilderness to face the devil's temptations, but he did not succumb to Satan's lies or falter in his resolve to save the world from the prison of hell. Bolster our faith by his mighty victory that we may battle against the forces of evil with courage and confidence; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Be seated

The St. Lucas Lutheran Elementary School Kindergarten through Third Graders will sing "Oh, How He Loves Me and You" on Sunday



Genesis 3:1-15

First Reading

¹Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God really say, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden'?"

²The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, ³but God did say, 'You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.' "

⁴"You will not certainly die," the serpent said to the woman. ⁵"For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

⁶When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. ⁷Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.

⁸Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the LORD God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the LORD God among the trees of the garden. ⁹But the LORD God called to the man, "Where are you?"

¹⁰He answered, "I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid."

¹¹And he said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?"

¹²The man said, "The woman you put here with me—she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it."

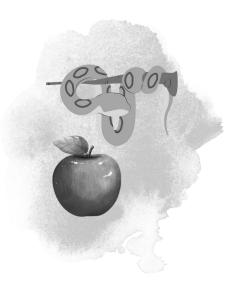
¹³Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?"

The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

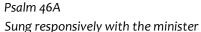
¹⁴So the LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this,

"Cursed are you above all livestock and all wild animals!
You will crawl on your belly and you will eat dust all the days of your life.
¹⁵And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel."

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



The LORD Almighty Is with Us





God is our ref- / uge and strength,

an ever-present help in / trouble.

Therefore we will not fear, though the / earth give way

and the mountains fall into the heart / of the sea, though its waters / roar and foam

and the mountains quake with their / surging. Refrain

There is a river whose streams make glad the cit- / y of God,

the holy place where the Most / High dwells.

God is within her, she / will not fall;

God will help her at / break of day.

"Be still, and know that / I am God;

I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted / in the earth."

Glory be to the Father and / to the Son and to the Holy / Spirit, as it was in the be- / ginning,

is now, and will be forever. / Amen. Refrain

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Romans 5:12-19

Second Reading

¹²Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all people, because all sinned—

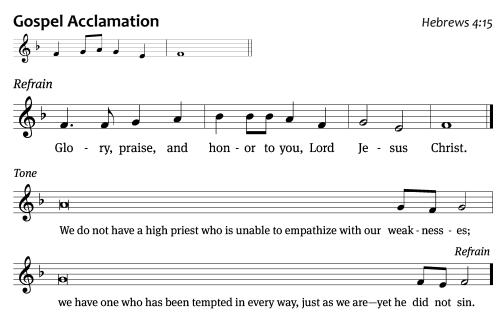
¹³To be sure, sin was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not charged against anyone's account where there is no law. ¹⁴Nevertheless, death reigned from the time of Adam to the time of Moses, even over those who did not sin by breaking a command, as did Adam, who is a pattern of the one to come.

¹⁵But the gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died by the trespass of the one man, how much more did God's grace and the gift that came by the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, overflow to the many! ¹⁶Nor can the gift of God be compared with the result of one man's sin: The judgment followed one sin and brought condemnation, but the gift followed many trespasses and brought justification. ¹⁷For if, by the trespass of the one man, death reigned through that one man, how much more will those who receive God's abundant provision of grace and of the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ!

¹⁸Consequently, just as one trespass resulted in condemnation for all people, so also one righteous act resulted in justification and life for all people. ¹⁹For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the one man the many will be made righteous.

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

Stand



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Gospel

Matthew 4:1-11

¹Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ²After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. ³The tempter came to him and said, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread."

⁴Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God."

⁵Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. ⁶"If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down. For it is written:

" 'He will command his angels concerning you, and they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.""

⁷Jesus answered him, "It is also 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. ⁹"All this I will give you," he said, "if you will bow down and worship me."

¹⁰Jesus said to him, "Away from me, Satan! For it is written: 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.""

"Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.

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

Children's Sermon

In Adam We Have All Reen One

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- Send us your Spirit, teach us truth 5 to purge our vanity; from fancied wisdom, self-sought ways, O Savior, set us free.
- Then shall our song united rise 6 to your eternal throne, where with the Father evermore and Spirit you are one.

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Sermon

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Genesis 3:1–15 What Does God Do with Your Sin? 1. He confronts it. 2. He removes it.

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,

God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made,

of one being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,

and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Be seated

Prayer of the Church

Gracious Father, after his baptism your Son faced the stern attacks of Satan who tried to derail his journey to the cross. On this day we rejoice in Jesus' victory in the wilderness and praise him for his ultimate triumph over the works of the devil.

Send us your Spirit that we may believe this truth and apply it in our lives.

Satan and his followers seek to overturn our faith and love every day. Their goal is to separate us from your presence and destroy our relationship with your Son. Give us wisdom to be alert for their attacks and recognize the danger they bring.

Protect us as we endure temptation. Keep us from becoming Satan's victims. Forgive us and restore us when we give in to him.

Make our faith stronger than it is now so that we might know more and more that Jesus matters most to us in life and death. Give us wisdom and power to follow him and do his will. **Keep us from thinking that sins are harmless and cannot lead us away from him**.

According to your will, Lord, curb the influence of Satan in our world and society. Help people to grasp the appalling effects of his power and to refrain from doing wicked and harmful deeds.

Come to the aid of those who are the objects of devilish power.

Give us courage to warn those we love about the dangers of the devil's temptations. Lead us to speak the truth in love so that family members and friends may discern evil and step back from error and sin.

Move us to share the horror of Satan's power honestly and to offer your forgiveness in love.

Keep in your care all who are struggling with pain, battling with sickness, and facing death. [Especially bless... *here name the person and the cause of the petition*.] Spare your people from Satan's temptations in their difficult hours and strengthen them with the promise of your Son's ultimate victory over sin, death, and the grave.

Help us to support them when we can and to keep them in our prayers.

Protect us, gracious God, from the power of Satan, the allure of the world, and the seduction of our sinful nature.

Cause us to believe that we are more than conquerors through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. **Offering** God's people offer their first and best to the Lord in response to the Lord's blessings to them.

The offering is gathered in a basket in the church entrance before or after the service. If you prefer to give electronically, you may scan this graphic to access <u>www.stlucaswels.org/donate</u>.



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The Sacrament

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Preface



It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who brought the gift of salvation to all people by his death on the tree of the cross so that the devil, who overcame us by a tree, would in turn by a tree be overcome. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:



Prayer of Thanksgiving

We give thanks to you, O God, through your dear Son, Jesus Christ, whom you sent to be our Savior, our Redeemer, and the messenger of your grace. Through him you made all things; in him you are well pleased. He is the incarnate Word, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. To fulfill your promises, he stretched out his hands on the cross and released from eternal death all who believe in you.

As we remember Jesus' death and resurrection, we thank you that you have gathered us together to receive your Son's body and blood. Send us your Spirit, unite us as one, and strengthen our faith so that we may praise you in your Son, Jesus Christ. Through him, we glorify and honor you, O God our Father, with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

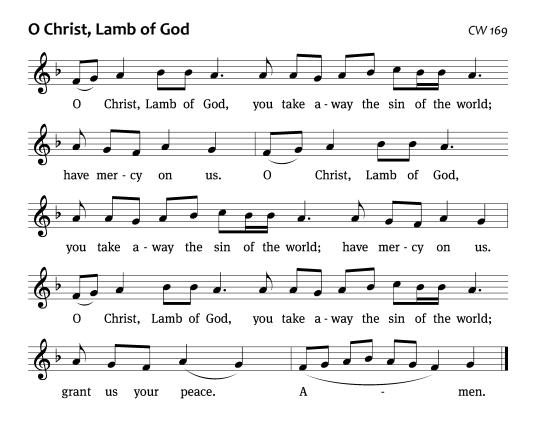


Words of Institution

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my + body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my + blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **Amen.**



Be seated

Distribution

Father, God of Grace, You Knew Us CW 566 1 Fa - ther, God of grace, you knew chose us, named us us, 2 We, your crea-tures, sinned a - gainst you, and our guilt was 3 Coun - sel - or, you bring as prom ised from the Fa - ther 4 Lord, your change-less Word has fed us, span-ning time, trandrawn by Word and 5 For - ward lead us; Christ, we fol low, your own, through e - ter - nal a - ges plan - ning as crim - son red. Son of God, you came in - car - nate, the ful - filled, ac - com - plished, and Son right - eous - ness scend - ing ter, bread, and wine sus-tained space. Wa us "To prom - ise all na - tions preach the gos true: pel: re - deem your Son. to us in Praise the Fa - ther, crushed the craft - v ser - pent's head, died our death, now for - give - ness, Spir - it! free heav - en Praise the won. hid when the dark - ness vour face. Keep us with you, Ι ev - er - more with vou." Keep faith - ful! am us God who loved cre - a - tion be - gun! us ere was live tri - um - phant: praise the first - born the dead! from He as - sures us our sal - va - tion's is done! work faith - ful Shep - herd, by your sav - ing means of grace! Then, Lord Je - sus, quick - ly come; make all things new! Text: Paul E. Eickmann, 1928–2006, abr.

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The true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you to life everlasting. Go + in peace. **Amen.**

Stand

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; **his mercy endures forever.**

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup, **we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.

Amen.



O Lord, We Praise You

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Announcements

Forward Capital Campaign: Today we begin gathering the commitment cards for the Forward church building capital campaign. You may place them in the box on the table behind the pews. Extra cards and envelopes are on the table as well. If you are not ready to return a commitment today, we will continue to receive commitments over the coming weeks. The Lord bless you as you return to him offerings from what he has given you.

New altar guild and usher schedules are available in the church entry. The schedule runs through Labor Day weekend.

Offering Envelope Update from The Church-Budget Envelope and Mailing Company Some of you may be aware of delays in the offering envelope mailings over the past couple months. Due to supply chain and the inability to add employees at the rate necessary has created a slow draw on production and shipping. Recently, both of those issues have been resolved. However the "catchup" would jeopardize long term delivery.

In order to get back to expected levels of timely deliveries, we are forced to suspend the production of the remaining supply of your February envelopes. The offering envelopes will resume and be delivered by the first Sunday in March. Quarterly supply will restart in April. Never in our company's history have we had to skip scheduled mailings and we are doing all we can to make sure this never happens again. We deeply apologize for this necessary course of action and the inconveniences this has caused you and your church family. Extra bulk envelopes are available in the church entry.

Wisconsin Parental Choice Program The enrollment window is now open! Apply for the WPCP between February 1st and April 2oth. To apply for a voucher, go to <u>dpi.wi.gov/choice</u>, verify your income and submit proof of residency. We hope this program can be a blessing to our St. Lucas families and allow us to share the light of God's Word even more. If you have questions please contact Kevin Scheunemann, school choice administrator, at (262) 339-5425 or <u>kewaskumdq@gmail.com</u> or Mr. Hesse.

2022 Offering Statements are on a table in the back of church, on the left side as you leave.

New Beginnings – A Home for Mothers in Milwaukee, **WI** (the daughter ministry of Christian Life Resources in Richfield, WI) has an immediate opening for a Resident Supervisor. This is a relief staff position for an individual or couple looking to live and work closely with the residents at New Beginnings. For questions, interest, or more information, contact Madison Schulz, Interim Executive Director, by phone (414-376-0595) or by email (madisons@homeformothers.com).

St. Paul Little Learners Preschool and Childcare in Slinger is accepting applications for part-time or full-time teachers in our childcare as well as summer positions. no nights or weekends! Must be over 18 with a background in education or be willing to take at least one class. Contact Lisa Meissner: 262-644-8295 ext. 1 <u>littlelearners@stpaulslinger.org</u>

Opportunity to Serve

Lutheran Memorial Park is in need of one or two people for mowing and trimming of the Cemetery grounds. This is an ideal opportunity for anyone who enjoys being outside in summer, riding on a lawn mower and trimming. If there is multiple interest, duties can be shared or split. All equipment is provided. Pay is hourly. For further information, contact Sexton Richard Schmidt at 262-626-4593 or Chairman Paul Lemke at 262-626-4829. Thank you for considering serving the Lord and our Congregation.

Midweek Lenten Series: His final Steps

February 22 (Ash Wednesday) Lord, Have Mercy on Me March 1 His Final Steps Led to Some Greeks — Pastor Bode, Zion Kohlsville March 8 His Final Steps Led to His Enemies — Pastor Woldt, David's Star, Jackson March 15 His Final Steps Led to a Dinner Celebration — Pastor Henning March 22 His Final Steps Led to His Father's House — Pastor Loescher, David's Star Jackson March 29 His Final Steps Led to a Fig Tree — Pastor Rohrback — Redeemer Cedarburg

Services will be held each Wednesday at 3:30 pm and 6:30 pm A soup supper will be served in the school gymnasium between the services.

Celebrating God's blessings this week

Birthdays

Randal Zimmel – 26 th	Garret Handke – 1 st
Ashley Trapp – 27 th	Cynthia Eggert – 2 nd
Isla Peck – 27 th	Kenneth Koth – 2 nd
Julianna Hesse – 27 th	Isabel Prost – 3 rd
Bonnie Scott – 28 th	Wanda Dorn - 3 rd
Rayne Chipman – 28 th	Jason Eggert – 4 th
Gabriel Schultz – 1 st	

Calendar

Readings for February 25 – March 4

Saturday:	<i>Genesis 3:1-24; Mark 2:1-17</i> Worship 6:00 pm w/Communion	Usher:	Butzke		
Sunday:	<i>Genesis 4:1-26; Mark 2:18-28</i> Worship 8 or 10:30 am w/Communion Sunday School and Bible Hour 9:15 am	Ushers:	Kempf 8am Koch 10:30am		
Monday:	Genesis 6:1-7:5; Mark 3:1-19 ACE Team Meeting 6:30 pm				
Tuesday:	<i>Genesis 7:11-8:12; Mark 3:20-35</i> Bible Study 6:30 pm				
Wednesday:	<i>Genesis 8:13-9:17; Genesis 9:18-11:26, Mark 4:1-20</i> Soup supper 4:30 pm Worship 6:30 pm				
Thursday:	<i>Genesis 1:20-2:3; Mark 4:21-41</i> Bible Study 10:00 am				
Friday:	<i>Genesis 13:1-18; Mark 1:29-45</i> School Chapel Service 7:45 am				
Saturday:	Mark 5:1-20 Genesis 15:1-21; Mark 5:21-43 Worship 6:00 pm	Usher:	Peters		
Sunday:	Genesis 16:1-9, 15-17:22; Mark 6:1-13; Genesis 18:1-5; Genesis 18:16-20:18 Worship 8 or 10:30 am Sunday School and Bible Hour 9:15 am	Ushers:	Stoltz 8am Wolter 10:30am		
	St. Lucas Lutheran Church strives to be a congregation that is always inviting, always edifying, and always equipping.				

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