

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

March 9, 2025



JESUS, FULL OF THE
HOLY SPIRIT...

WAS LED BY THE SPIRIT
INTO THE WILDERNESS,

WHERE FOR FORTY DAYS
HE WAS TEMPTED
BY THE DEVIL.

LUKE 4:1-2, NIV

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE CROSS-LCMS

*Welcoming all to walk together
toward abundant life in Christ.*

THEME: BE HEARERS AND DOERS OF THE WORD

⁴⁷ *Everyone who comes to me and hears my words and does them, I will show you what he is like:*
⁴⁸ *he is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid the foundation on the rock.*
And when a flood arose, the stream broke against that house and could not shake it, because it had been well built. Luke 6:47–48 (ESV)

THE ORDER OF DIVINE SERVICE SETTING ONE

(Based on Lutheran Service Book page 151)

THE PREPARATION

We prepare our hearts and minds by confessing our sins and humbly turning to our God who alone is able to forgive our sins. “If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation.”
(II Corinthians 5:17)

A NOTE ABOUT SAFETY: We desire to remain a warm and friendly congregation while providing a safe and secure place to worship. To that end, we have a few tips for your participation with us today.

- If you see something, say something. If you happen to notice something out of the ordinary, please mention it to our safety team (yellow badges) or elder (golden badges).
- In the event of any safety emergency, please call 911. More phone calls received by law enforcement will help ensure a prompt and accurate response.

A REMINDER: Please turn your cell phone to mute or to vibrate during the worship service. Thank you.

AS WE GATHER

As the season of Lent begins, so also begins our journey to the cross with our Lord Jesus. We are drawn back to the exhortations of Moses in our *Old Testament Reading*. Moses prepares Israel for entrance into the Promised Land. Their journey would not be easy. It would require God’s continued presence and the devotion of his holy and consecrated people. Heart and soul would have to be engaged. They needed to trust and rely upon the truth of God’s Word and its power. Yet it would not be a difficult truth, hard for them to understand.

The *Psalm* evokes memories of the *Hymn of the Day* (LSB 656/657), the great Lutheran battle hymn, “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” (cf Ps 91:1–2). God would be with his people on their journey with his divine protection and defense. His promises would inspire confidence and courage in the face of evil. Our *Gospel* takes us to the start of the Passion of Christ. Temptations would lie ahead for Jesus, but Satan’s powerful allures using God’s Word could not overcome the One who was himself the source of God’s Word. Our Lord’s reliance upon the Scriptures throughout his own temptations reinforces the message of the sermon for this Sunday: God’s truth is easy, and it is powerful.

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC, WELCOME & TOLLING OF THE BELLS

(Please stand)

OPENING HYMN God Loved the World So That He Gave

LSB 571 sts. 1–4, 6

1. God loved the world so that He gave
His only Son the lost to save,
That all who would in Him believe
Should everlasting life receive.
2. Christ Jesus is the ground of faith,
Who was made flesh and suffered death;
All then who trust in Him alone
Are built on this chief cornerstone.
3. God would not have the sinner die;
His Son with saving grace is nigh;
His Spirit in the Word declares
How we in Christ are heaven's heirs.
4. Be of good cheer, for God's own Son
Forgives all sins which you have done;
And, justified by Jesus' blood,
Your Baptism grants the highest good.
6. Glory to God the Father, Son,
And Holy Spirit, Three in One!
To You, O blessed Trinity,
Be praise now and eternally!



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INVOCATION

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

OPENING SENTENCES

Psalm 124:8; Romans 10:13, 10

P Our help is in the name of the LORD,
C **who made heaven and earth.**

P Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.
C **For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Psalm 91:9

P Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith and confess our sins unto God our Father, that we may receive His forgiveness.

C **O God, we believe Your Word is true for it reveals our sin for which we deserve Your rebuke and judgment. Yet even more, we believe in Your promise of mercy and forgiveness for the sake of Christ. We therefore confess to You all our sins. We plead the suffering and sacrifice of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, as the all-sufficient price of our redemption, and beg Your grace and forgiveness for the sake of faith in our Savior alone. Hear us in Your mercy and according to Your promise in Christ, our Lord.**

P “Because you have made the Lord your dwelling place—the Most High, who is my refuge,” upon this, your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

ⴒ Service of the Word ⴒ

KYRIE

Mark 10:47

LSB 152

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P 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.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C **Amen.**

COLLECT OF THE DAY

LSB pg. 156

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

O Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide 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 Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Deuteronomy 26:1–11

¹“When you come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you for an inheritance and have taken possession of it and live in it, ²you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from your land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket, and you shall go to the place that the LORD your God will choose, to make his name to dwell there. ³And you shall go to the priest who is in office at that time and say to him, ‘I declare today to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our fathers to give us.’ ⁴Then the priest shall take the basket from your hand and set it down before the altar of the LORD your God.

⁵“And you shall make response before the LORD your God, ‘A wandering Aramean was my father. And he went down into Egypt and sojourned there, few in number, and there he became a nation, great, mighty, and populous. ⁶And the Egyptians treated us harshly and humiliated us and laid on us hard labor. ⁷Then we cried to the LORD, the God of our fathers, and the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. ⁸And the LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with great deeds of terror, with signs and wonders. ⁹And he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰And behold, now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground, which you, O LORD, have given me.’ And you shall set it down before the LORD your God and worship before the LORD your God. ¹¹And you shall rejoice in all the good that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house, you, and the Levite, and the sojourner who is among you.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE

Romans 10:8b–13

“The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. ¹¹For the Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.” ¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. ¹³For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE [10:30AM]

(Children, and parents of little ones, are invited forward to the chancel area.)

(Please stand)

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 4:1–13

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fourth chapter.

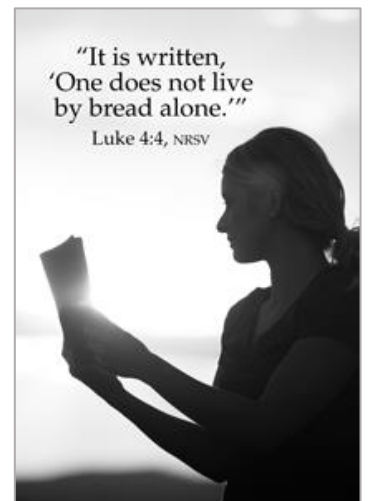
C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness ²for forty days, being tempted by the devil. And he ate nothing during those days. And when they were ended, he was hungry. ³The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread.” ⁴And Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘Man shall not live by bread alone.’” ⁵And the devil took him up and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time, ⁶and said to him, “To you I will give all this authority and their glory, for it has been delivered to me, and I give it to whom I will. ⁷If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.” ⁸And Jesus answered him, “It is written,

“You shall worship the Lord your God,
and him only shall you serve.”

⁹And he took him to Jerusalem and set him on the pinnacle of the temple and said 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 guard you,’



¹¹and

“On their hands they will bear you up,
lest you strike your foot against a stone.”

¹²And Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.’”

¹³And when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from him until an opportune time.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

(Be seated)

HYMN OF THE DAY

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

LSB 656

1. A mighty fortress is our God, A trusty shield and weapon;
He helps us free from ev'ry need That hath us now o'ertaken.
The old evil foe Now means deadly woe;
Deep guile and great might Are his dread arms in fight;
On earth is not his equal.
2. With might of ours can naught be done, Soon were our loss effected;
But for us fights the valiant One, Whom God Himself elected.
Ask ye, Who is this? Jesus Christ it is,
Of Sabaoth Lord, And there's none other God;
He holds the field forever.
3. Though devils all the world should fill, All eager to devour us,
We tremble not, we fear no ill; They shall not overpow'r us.
This world's prince may still Scowl fierce as he will,
He can harm us none. He's judged; the deed is done;
One little word can fell him.
4. The Word they still shall let remain Nor any thanks have for it;
He's by our side upon the plain With His good gifts and Spirit.
And take they our life, Goods, fame, child, and wife,
Though these all be gone, Our vict'ry has been won;
The Kingdom ours remaineth.

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APOSTLES' CREED

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life T everlasting.
Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Lord God, almighty Father, we give You thanks for Your clear and mighty Word by which You brought the entire universe into being and also ourselves as individual members of the human family. More than that, however, we praise You for re-creating us by faith in Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, to be numbered among those counted already now as citizens of Your heavenly, eternal kingdom. Continue to form, guide, and direct us that we may be salt and light in this world, witnesses of Your eternal grace and glory. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P We pray for Your whole church of every time and every place—all those who rejoice with us in the truth of Your Holy Word as well as those living amid the suppression of Your truth who are challenged for their faith in the clarity of Your Word by the lies and confusion of unbelief. Enlighten the testimony of steadfastness of faith in the face of all falsehood. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Enable all who preach and teach Your Law and Gospel, those called to administer Your Holy Sacraments, and every servant of Your people with the stamina and conviction required to faithfully convey Your Word of truth both in season and out of season so as to convince, rebuke, and exhort with all longsuffering and patience. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Graciously grant to our nation, our people, and those who lead and serve in public office wisdom to seek and acknowledge Your divine will, that justice and peace may prevail among all. Lord, in Your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**

P Grant Your healing and comfort to all who are sick or hospitalized, those cast down by sorrow or fear, and all who are in any need of body or spirit, [*especially...Marlin & Millie Doctor, Matt Doctor (extended family of Diane Barton), Sam Jackson, Gayle Kasch, Cathy McCabe, Janet Melvin, the family of Janet Pabor (sister of Noel Hyde), Ken Werring*]
Bless all who administer Your love in any way. Lord, in Your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**

P We give thanks to You for all who have died with the sign of faith and are with You. As together we await the glorious day of the resurrection of all flesh and our entry into Your eternal kingdom, grant the peace of faith and trust in Your abiding presence to us who still contend for Your truth. Lord, in Your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**

P All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C **Amen.**

OFFERING

For those worshipping online, please visit www.lccross.org to find links to our Give+ secured online giving portal and our online Pew Card which is called a Connect Card. Or to fill out the card directly go to <https://forms.gle/X46ym1HuZ9DCsq9s6>

For those worshipping in-person, please indicate your attendance and any requests on the Pew Card.



OFFERING HYMN [7:30am] O Lord, throughout These Forty Days LSB 418



1 O Lord, through - out these for - ty days You
2 You strove with Sa - tan, and You won; Your
3 Though parched and hun - gry, yet You prayed And
4 Be with us through this sea - son, Lord, And



prayed and kept the fast; In - spire re - pen - tance
faith - ful - ness en - dured; Lend us Your nerve, Your
fixed Your mind a - bove; So teach us to de -
all our earth - ly days, That when the fi - nal



for our sin, And free us from our past.
skill and trust In God's e - ter - nal Word.
ny our - selves, Since we have known God's love.
Eas - ter dawns, We join in heav - en's praise.

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SPECIAL MUSIC [10:30AM] “Lord, Throughout These Forty Days” Vocal Choir

LORD’S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

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 for ever and ever. Amen.

COLLECT FOR OBEDIENCE TO THE WORD

P O holy and most merciful God, You have taught us the way of Your commandments. We implore You to pour out Your grace into our hearts. Cause it to bear fruit in us that, being ever mindful of Your mercies and Your laws, we may always be directed to Your will and daily increase in love toward You and one another. Enable us to resist all evil and to live a godly life. Help us to follow the example of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, and to walk in His steps until we shall possess the kingdom that has been prepared for us in heaven; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and T give you peace.

C **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

O Christ, You Walked the Road

LSB 424

1. O Christ, You walked the road Our wand'ring feet must go.
You faced with us temptation's pow'r And fought our ancient foe.
2. No bread of earth alone Can fill our hung'ring hearts.
Lord, help us seek Your living Word, The food Your grace imparts.
3. No blinding sign we ask, No wonder from above.
Lord, help us place our trust alone In Your unswerving love.
4. When lures of easy gain With promise brightly shine,
Lord, help us seek Your kingdom first; Our wills with Yours align.
5. O Christ, You walked the road Our wand'ring feet must go.
Stay with us through temptation's hour To fight our ancient foe.

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SILENT PRAYER

PARTING ANNOUNCEMENTS & POSTLUDE

You have been a blessing to us! Please use this time to “check-in” with your Christian brothers and sisters around you. Coffee and donuts are being served for fellowship at 9:00am in the Fellowship & Ministry Center along with our Adult Bible Class and Youth Sunday School. Please stop by and enjoy.



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Pastor: Rev. Dr. R. Brian Stolarczyk ~ Winter Assistant Pastor: Rev. Jerry Menk

Guest Pastor: Rev. David Barber

Organist: Stephen Kopp III ~ Flute Soloist: Raymond Stolarczyk

Handbell Co-Directors: Bill & Ronna Trueman ~ Vocal Choir Director: Arnie Piering

Clarinet: Bill Trueman ~ Drums: Chris Wrightsman

Saxophone: Cheryl Domingo ~ Trombone: Arnie Piering

March 9, 2025

Welcoming all to walk together toward abundant life in Christ

The **ETERNAL LIGHT** this month is provided to the Glory of God by
Jeff & Elisabeth Geltz in remembrance of

Howard & Ruth Geltz, Laurie Thiboutot & Robert Adam.

The **FLOWERS** on the altar this week are provided to the Glory of God by
Sue Heim in memory of Lloyd Heim.

WORSHIP SERVANTS

Bell Tollers

Marita Noe, Luke Stolarczyk

Elders on Duty

Tim Boisseau, Brian Daily

Greeters/Ushers

Gary Fleming, Kay Helgerson, Donna Leach

Altar Servers

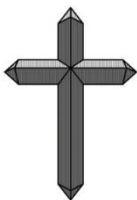
Pam Specht, Joyce Spier

Safety Team

David Aiken, Mark Keck

Streaming Team

Gloria Cvelbar, Luke Stolarczyk



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In case of Emergency you may reach

Pastor Stolarczyk: Cell: 941-979-7490

Pastor Menk: Cell: 941-327-9453

IN OUR PRAYERS

Homebound Care:

John & Lois Arens, Bob Bartelson, Fran Boatwright, George & Dee Buono, Laura Cox, Millie Cox, Dave & Gayle DeBraccio, Marv & Lil Fitzwater, Aida Florit, Bruce & Connie Frilstad, Betty Golembieski, Hedi Heinrich, Janet Jackson, Cris & Linda Kelly, Val Korman, Dale Kuhn, Millie Tyczka, Ken & Mary Werring

Strength, Healing, Guidance: *

Jackie & family	Friend of LCC; strength & comfort
Sandy	Strength & healing
Dennis Bialak	Friend of LCC; healing & recovery
Jim DeGroot	Recovery & healing
Marlin & Millie Doctor	Friends of LCC; healing & recovery
Virderie Kaminska	Continued recovery & healing
Gayle Kasch	Recovery & healing
Cathy McCabe	Recovery & healing
Howard Meissner	Strength & healing
Janet Melvin	Recovery & healing
Chris Sabin	Healing & recovery
Grant Senkbeil	Nephew Steve & Lori Nelson; recovery & healing
Ken Werring	Recovery & healing

**Prayers will run for four consecutive weeks unless otherwise notified.*

Battling Cancer:

Adriana	Family Noel & Linda Hyde; diagnosed lymphoma
April	Friend of LCC; battling cancer
Ivana	Friend of Augusto & Isabel Vazquez; battling cancer
Jeanette	Sister of Augusto Vazquez; battling cancer
Mike	Son of Phil Woodruff; battling cancer
Rick Bausch	Son Barbara Durst; battling cancer
Dave DeBraccio	Battling with Leukemia, healing & strength
Lisa DePalma	Friend of LCC; battling cancer
Lisa Anne Denofrio	Daughter Tom & Krystyna Johnson; palliative care
Bill Docherty	Brother-in-law Joy Hougan; battling cancer, surgery
Matt Doctor	Brother-in-law of Diane Barton; strength & peace
Randy Hornby	Friend of Dorothy Christman; battling cancer
Robert Jeffery	Brother of Jean Wrightsman; battling leukemia
John Kewn	Son-in-law Davis & Del Rozak; battling cancer
Todd Klietz	Battling cancer
Audrey Kowalski	Friend of Dorothy Christman; terminal cancer
Patricia Ruiz	Family of Fadely/Maestas family; battling cancer
Lisa Sayers	Friend of LCC; battling cancer

Tracy Shattuck
 Carmen Torres
 Lori Truelove
 Connie Warner
 Michael Woodruff

Brother Meredith Kecken; battling cancer, healing
 Sister-in-law of Augusto & Isabel Vazquez; cancer
 Niece Joyce Schankin; cancer battle; strength, peace
 Friend of Mary Woodruff; diagnosed lymphoma
 Son of Phil & Mary Woodruff; battling cancer

Military:

US Army SSG. Paul Behling
 USAF TSGT David Cope Jr.
 US Army CSM Matt Hopkins
 USAF Sr. Airman

Son of Ron & Cohleen Nottingham; stationed FL
 Son of David and Shelly Cope stationed in NM
 Grandson of Dave & Gayle DeBraccio; in Kuwait
 Grandson of Stan & Betty Golembieski; in FL

Shawn Golembieski

US Navy ENS Joe Golembieski
 US Navy Seaman Nick Golembieski
 USCG SCPO Robert Kecken
 USAF A1C Riley Latarski
 Marines LCPL Jonathan Metz
 Marines LCPL Kyle Spilker
 USAF TSGT Kalin McDonnell
 US Army PFC Parker Woodruff

Grandson of Stan & Betty Golembieski; in VA
 Grandson of Stan & Betty Golembieski; Seabound
 Son Jerry & Meredith Kecken; stationed in CA
 Granddaughter Bill & Dorothy Christman in ND
 Grandson of Jerry & Joyce Metz; in MD
 Grandson in law Chuck Anderson; in CA
 Granddaughter Bill & Dorothy Christman; in MA
 Grandson of Larry & Delila Woodruff; in Fort Bragg

We commend to our gracious God the body and soul of
 Janet Pabor, beloved sister of Noel Hyde.

Family Prayer: We remember all our **families** during times of personal and family **trial and tribulation.**

If yo know of someone needing church prayers, please contact the church office at 941-627-6060. Be sure to have the name, relationship to the church family and what is the need for the prayer.

LCC ATTENDANCE REPORT & WEEKLY INCOME AND EXPENSE REPORT 2025

Week Of: 03/02/2025		
On-Site Attendance 58 / 177	Weekly Contributions	
	Income:	\$9,593
	Expense:	\$ 11,170

The 2025 LCC Church Directory is now available!! We are limited in how many we can print at one time, so if supplies do run out this week - check back next week! **If you miss grabbing a copy do not fret! We will be doing more!** We will keep doing more prints until we see we have leftover inventory. Be sure to keep checking the Narthex and grab your copy when available!




UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS

OFH = Old Fellowship Hall

Tues-Mar 11	3:30pm	Board of Christian Education Meeting – FMC
Wed-Mar 12		Ash Wednesday Worship (<i>see times below</i>)
	3:30pm	Board of Elder’s Meeting – OFH
Thurs-Mar 13	9:00am	Altar Guild Communion Set Up – Sacristy/Sanctuary
		Shepherding Leader Meeting – FMC
Tues-Mar 18	7:00pm	Church Council Meeting – FMC
Wed-Mar 19		Lent Worship (<i>see times below</i>)
Fri-Mar 21	9:00am	Sabbath Workshop: Dr. Joel Biermann – FMC
Sat-Mar 22	8:00am	Sabbath Workshop: Dr. Joel Biermann – FMC
Wed-Mar 26		Lent Worship (<i>see times below</i>)
Sat-Mar 29	9:00am	Parish Life Workshop – FMC



Wed. March 12 10:30am ~ 7:00pm	Lenten Worship Services “He Only Has Eyes for You”
Wed. March 19 10:30am ~ 7:00pm	Lenten Worship Services “Marked”
Wed. March 26 10:30am ~ 7:00pm	Lenten Worship Services “Breaking Down the Gates”
Wed. April 2 10:30am ~ 7:00pm	Lenten Worship Services “Get Out!”



God's Gift of Sabbath

Rediscovering Joy in Rest and Purpose

A Two-Day Workshop with Dr. Joel Biermann
Professor of Systematic Theology, Concordia Seminary

March 21-22, 2025

There is still time to sign up to attend the 2-day workshop being led by Dr. Joel Biermann!
Sign up in the narthex or by scanning this QR Code:



Workshop Details:

Friday 21st 9 AM - 4:00 PM [*Registration begins 8:30AM*] & Saturday 22nd 8 AM - Noon
 Here at LCC in the FMC

The fee has been updated to A Free Will Offering to attend this event.



SPRINGTIME POTLUCK LUNCH!

Our next congregational potluck will be held in the FMC building
Sunday, March 30, 2025 *Immediately following our late worship service*

We are asking the congregation to provide meal items:

meat dish ~ pasta / potato dish ~ veggies
salads ~ rolls ~ desserts

In order to have an accurate attendance count for set up, a sign-up sheet is located IN THE Narthex — *be sure to note the amount planning to attend the event and what your supplied food dish will be on the sign up!*

A dish is not required to attend this event!

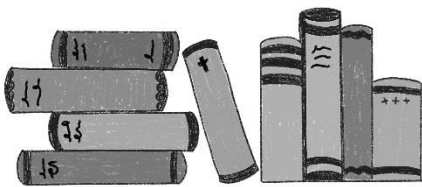
LAY READERS:

As we approach the summer months, Pastor Menk will return north, and Pastor Stolarczyk would appreciate your assistance with the Sunday Bible readings from **May - October**. We are looking for those of you who are willing to serve as a Lay Reader. This will require you to approach the altar during our services on Sunday mornings and read pre-printed layouts of our First Reading and Second readings each week. We assign one reader every other week for the Early worship and one reader every week for the Late worship, so your preferred service may be attended. If this sounds like something of interest to you, please contact the church office at (941) 627-6060 or secretary@lccross.org. Please let the church office know by **March 31st** to be added into the lay reading team for this year.



If you have already participated in the Lay Reader program and have previously indicated your intent to resume this summer – you do not need to contact the office. Your name is already on the reader list.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration in this matter.



We are happy to announce we have a new lending library! It is just past the card cases in the FMC. Please feel free to take a book for your reading enjoyment and then either return the borrowed book(s) or return a different book(s) in its place! If you just want to add books that are suitable for a church reading environment that is also great!

If you have any questions about this lending library, please see Carol Scheff.
Happy reading!