



First Sunday in Lent

Immanuel Lutheran Church
Forest City, Iowa

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9:15 a.m.

Building community in the name and likeness of Jesus Christ.

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.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who gathers us in the wilderness to redeem us, anoint us, and make us new.

Amen.

In these forty days, let us be honest, confess our sin, and receive God's promise of mercy.
Silence is kept for reflection.

God at the margins,

We have wandered far from your home; again and again, we lose our way. We turn inward, afraid of the world around us. We forget that you have saved your people before and promise to do so again. Do not remember the deeds of our past, but turn our faces toward the future, where your forgiveness is sure, your welcome is clear, and your love overflows. Amen.

Like a hen who gathers her chicks, God embraces you in tender care. Like manna in the desert, God feeds you with surprising mercy. Like a loving parent, God runs to meet you again this day, forgiving your sins for the sake of † Christ, leading you from death into life.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN: **"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"**

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GREETING [congregational response] ***And also with you.***

PRAYER OF THE DAY

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 26:1-11 *The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand*

PSALM: Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16 *God will give the angels charge over you, to guard you in all your ways*
[cantor sings verse, assembly sings refrain]

¹You who dwell in the shelter of | the Most High,
who abide in the shadow of | the Almighty—

²you will say to the LORD, “My refuge | and my stronghold,
my God in whom I | put my trust.” **REFRAIN**

⁹Because you have made the | LORD your refuge,
and the Most High your | habitation,

¹⁰no evil | will befall you,
nor shall affliction come | near your dwelling.

¹¹For God will give the angels charge | over you,
to guard you in | all your ways.

¹²Upon their hands they will | bear you up,
lest you strike your foot a- | gainst a stone. **REFRAIN**

¹³You will tread upon the lion | cub and viper;
you will trample down the lion | and the serpent.

¹⁴I will deliver those who | cling to me;
I will uphold them, because they | know my name.

¹⁵They will call me, and I will | answer them;
I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue and | honor them.

¹⁶With long life will I | satisfy them,
and show them | my salvation. **REFRAIN**

SECOND READING: Romans 10:8b-13 *If you confess that Jesus is Lord, you will be saved*

GOSPEL: Luke 4:1-13 *The temptation of Jesus in the wilderness for forty days*

Announcement: **Glory to you, O Lord.** Conclusion: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN’S SERMON / SERMON

Pastor Rod

HYMN OF THE DAY: **“The Glory of These Forty Days”**

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: *L: Hear us, O God. C: Your mercy is great.*

June Anderson

Karen Johns

Kathryn Olson

Rolf Anderson

Duane Moe

Tim Schmidt

Baby Jaylee Bartleson

John Monson

Missionaries Colin, Jeni, Josie & Amos Grangaard

Baby Nora Beck

Ione Nelson

Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Magallenes

Heather Davidson

SHARING OF THE PEACE: The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

OFFERTORY: “Wash My Thoroughly” by David Halls

The Choir

Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness, and forgive me all my sin.

For I acknowledge my faults, and my sin is ever before me.

Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness, and forgive me all my sin.

