

Jesus was led by the Spirit
in the wilderness LUKE 4:1



Hope Lutheran Church

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First Sunday in Lent

Prelude, Welcome, Announcements

Opening Hymn "A Mighty Fortress"

FOG # 118

Call to Worship

P: "The Word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart."

C: Forgetfulness is a part of human nature. Sometimes forgetfulness can be a blessing for the times we have experienced heartache and pain.

P: But there is one thing that God never wants us to forget, God's Word.

C: God desires that the Word remain near to us, to be forever upon our lips and within our hearts.

P: The Word is comfort for those who need it most, for those who think God is far away, that help is nowhere to be found and for those who have lost all hope.

All: Here is the beautiful truth, namely that Jesus is the Word and is always with us. Excerpt Luther Seminary Devotion

"O How He Loves You and Me"

Back of LBW

Prayer of the Day: O Lord God, you led your people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide us now, so that, following your Son, we may walk safely through the wilderness of this world to the life you alone can give through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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| The Lessons | Deuteronomy 28:1-11 | pg. 258 |
| | Psalms 91:1-12, 9-16 | |
| | Romans 10:8b-13 | pg. 63 |
| Lenten response spoken | | |
| Gospel | Luke 4:1-13 | |
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| Hymn of the Day "If That Isn't Love" | | FOG # 224 |
| The Apostles' Creed | | FOG pg. 137 |
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| Offering/Offertory "Cleanse Me" | | FOG # 425 |
| "Lord, now let your servant" spoken | | LBW pg. 73 |
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| Closing Hymn "It Is Well With My Soul" | | FOG # 495 |

In Our Prayers: Carol Speth and Bruce Riensche.

We welcome you to worship with us today. If you are a guest please sign the guest book in the entry.

Wednesday, March 12th: 4:00 Kids for Christ, 6:00 Confirmation, 7:00 Lenten Service at Hope, Church Council after worship.

Thursday, March 13th: 11:30 Lenten Lunch at Grace

Sunday, March 16th: 10:00 Holy Communion Worship, comm. asst. Sharon

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"MARCH IS CULTIVATING LOVE THRU RESPONSE"

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 26:1-11

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; ⁹and 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.

Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

SECOND READING: Romans 10:8b-13

"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."

GOSPEL: Luke 4:1-13

Jesus, 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,'

¹¹and

'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.

Next Sunday's Readings: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18; Psalm 27; Philippians 3:17-4:1; Luke 13:31-35.

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