

First Sunday of Lent  
March 9, 2014 10:15 a.m.  
(\* Indicates: all who are able to please stand.)

## **WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE**

PRELUDE  
WELCOME AND PASSING OF THE PEACE  
OUR MINISTRY AND MISSION

## **WE OPEN OURSELVES TO GOD** CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

### OPENING SENTENCES

Leader: Today is the first Sunday of the season of Lent. During these weeks of Lent we travel with Jesus as He journeys toward Jerusalem and the cross upon which He died for us. As we reflect on the sacrifice He made for us, our hearts must surely be filled with sorrow. So Lent is a time of repentance; a time to reflect upon our lives, to recognize and try to change those ways in which we sin against God and one another, and to rededicate ourselves to faithful living. However, it is not a season of condemnation but of hope, "for God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, that whosoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life."

People: **Let us then embrace this season with solemn joy and thanksgiving.**

\*HYMNS *Lord Who Throughout These Forty Days* No.141  
*I Have Decided To Follow Jesus* **W&R 344**

OPENING PRAYER **Merciful God, through our observance of Lent, help us to understand the meaning of Your Son's death and resurrection, and teach us to reflect it in our lives. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen**

SPECIAL MUSIC "Were You There"

SCRIPTURE READINGS Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7  
Matthew 4:1-11

PRAYER OF CONFESSION **We are heartened, O God, to know that Jesus, too, was tempted; that he, like us, considered the possibility of a shortcut to glory; that he, like us, contemplated using his gifts selfishly, that he, like us, was tempted to put the Father to the test; that he, like us, considered compromising his faith in order to get ahead. Forgive us, Father, when we, unlike our savior, have failed when put to the test; And by the sacrifice of the cross restore us again to your good favor. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE Psalm 32:1-5

RESPONSE *I Need Thee Every Hour* No.469, vs. 1,2

### YOUNG PEOPLE'S MOMENTS

MESSAGE *Just This Once And Other Rationalizations*

HYMN *Christ Be My Leader* **W&R 453**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Doris Koehler, Race Andrew Essl, Elsie Caveglia, Ethel Gingerich, Ethel Bejster, Martha Mrella, Doris Bittner, Armetta Alt, Arnie Watkins, Don Zelenak, Kevin and Jane Mason, Patricia Martyn, Tina Toner, Tom Alt, Randy Fouth, Pam Taylor, The Carey Family, Mike Watkins, Betty Pietrucha

PASTORAL PRAYER  
THE LORD'S PRAYER (debts)  
PRAYER RESPONSE

OFFERING INVITATION  
OFFERTORY  
OFFERTORY RESPONSE *We Give Thee But Thine Own*

No. 258, vs. 1

PRAYER OF DEDICATION **Holy God, we know that even our most generous gifts stand pale beside Christ's sacrifice on the cross. Nevertheless, we wish to respond to the love he showed for us. We give these gifts in faith and thanksgiving, knowing that you will add your blessing and will help use them to share Christ's love with others. Amen.**

\*HYMN *Lord Dismiss Us With The Blessing* No. 35  
BENEDICTION  
POSTLUDE

Lector Gets Genesis and Matthew

I'll be reading Psalm 32:1-5

**Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7**

New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

<sup>15</sup>The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it.<sup>16</sup>And the LORD God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; <sup>17</sup>but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you

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'?" <sup>2</sup>The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; <sup>3</sup>but 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.'" <sup>4</sup>But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; <sup>5</sup>for God knows that when you eat of it

your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God knowing good and evil." <sup>6</sup>So 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. <sup>7</sup>Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

**Matthew 4:1-11**

New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

## The Temptation of Jesus

**4** Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.<sup>2</sup>He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. <sup>3</sup>The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." <sup>4</sup>But he answered, "It is written,

'One does not live by bread alone,  
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

<sup>5</sup>Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple,<sup>6</sup>saying 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.'"

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

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

'Worship the Lord your God,  
and serve only him.'"

<sup>11</sup> Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

### **Psalm 32:1-5**

New International Version (NIV)

<sup>1</sup> Blessed is the one  
whose transgressions are forgiven,  
whose sins are covered.

<sup>2</sup> Blessed is the one  
whose sin the LORD does not count against them  
and in whose spirit is no deceit.

<sup>3</sup> When I kept silent,  
my bones wasted away  
through my groaning all day long.

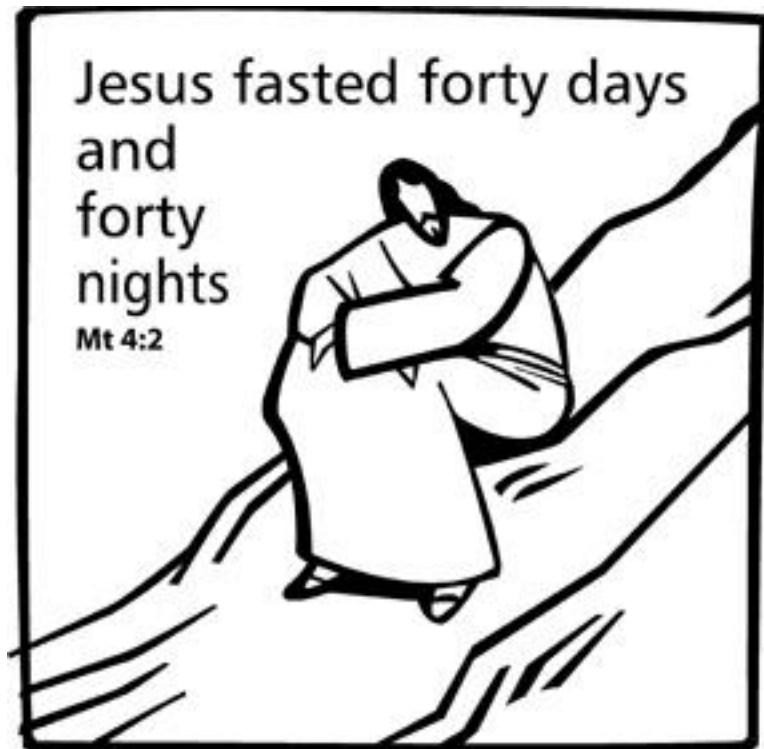
<sup>4</sup> For day and night  
your hand was heavy on me;  
my strength was sapped  
as in the heat of summer. <sup>[b]</sup>

<sup>5</sup> Then I acknowledged my sin to you  
and did not cover up my iniquity.  
I said, "I will confess  
my transgressions to the LORD."  
And you forgave  
the guilt of my sin.

Rhonda will you please put a slide in at the end of the sermon with the verse Hebrews 12:1-2a. ( same one as on Ash Wednesday) I'm going to have everyone read it together again. My goal is that by the end of Lent everyone who worships regularly will have it memorized.

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**This Week:**

Monday, March 10<sup>th</sup>

9 Easter Seal

6:30 Church Council

Wednesday, March 12<sup>th</sup>

9 Easter Seal

7pm Worship-LaSalle Congregational

Thursday, March 13<sup>th</sup>

6:30 Choir Practice

Sunday, March 16<sup>th</sup>

9:00 Sunday School

10:15 Worship

Fellowship Hour

Food Pantry Sunday

**Fellowship Pad-** Please sign the fellowship pad in the pew.

**Weekly Financial Report**

One week's average expenses (1/52 of budget) \$2,533.07

Last week's general fund offerings \$2,424.00

**Announcements**

**The flowers in church today** are given by Larry, Cheryl and Katherine Grosenbach in honor of Kelsey's 17<sup>th</sup> birthday today.

**Memorials**

In memory of Ella Karl from Bill Vlastnik Family and Lois Wilmot.

In memory of Elizabeth Kivett from Charles & Nancy Hyson.

**Block out your Wednesday evenings** during Lent now so that you can attend the ecumenical Lenten services. A soup supper provided by the host church precedes the Wednesday night services. This weeks service with be held at LaSalle Congregational. Zion will be hosting the soup supper and service on March 26<sup>th</sup>.

**4<sup>th</sup> Annual PADS Donation Drive.** Donate 1 item or 10, all are appreciated! Take a post-it off the board in the fellowship room and return the items on the table by March 16<sup>th</sup>. Thank you!!

**Easter Lilies** will be available for \$10.00, please call the church office or fill out an order form from the back of the church and turn it in by April 6<sup>th</sup>.