

# Lenten Midweek Worship

Wednesday, March 12, 2025; 7 p.m.



**St John's**  
Lutheran Church

## Prelude

*(Acolytes light the candles)*

Linda Ranney

## Greeting

The love of God poured into our hearts,  
the saving grace of Jesus Christ,  
and the abundant life of the Holy Spirit  
be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## Gathering Hymn

ELW #637 *Holy God, Holy and Glorious* vs. 1, 2, 4

- 1 Holy God, holy and glorious,  
glory most sublime,  
you come as one among us  
into human time,  
and we behold your glory.
  
- 2 Holy God, holy and powerful,  
power without peer,  
you bend to us in weakness;  
emptied you draw near,  
and we behold your power.
  
- 4 Holy God, holy and only wise,  
wisdom of great price,  
you choose the way of folly:  
God the crucified,  
and we behold your wisdom.

## Prayer

Let us pray. O God, **rich in mercy, full of kindness, out of your great love, you raise us up from sin and death and make us alive together with Christ. Write your word upon our hearts and restore in us the image of your love that, by your Spirit, our way of life may become the way of Christ, through whom we pray. Amen.**

## Gospel Reading: Luke 4:1-13

<sup>1</sup>Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, <sup>2</sup>where 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. <sup>3</sup>The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." <sup>4</sup>Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'"

<sup>5</sup>Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. <sup>6</sup>And 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. <sup>7</sup>If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." <sup>8</sup>Jesus answered him, "It is written,

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

<sup>9</sup>Then 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, <sup>10</sup>for it is written,

'He will command his angels concerning you,  
to protect you,'

<sup>11</sup>and

'On their hands they will bear you up,  
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'"

<sup>12</sup>Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" <sup>13</sup>When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

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

## Reflection

Jean Jirovec

## Hymn of the Day *(please stand)*

ELW #811; *On My Heart, Imprint Your Image*

On my heart imprint your image,  
blessed Jesus, king of grace,  
that life's troubles nor its pleasures  
ever may your work erase.  
Let the clear inscription be:  
Jesus, crucified for me,  
is my life, my hope's foundation,  
all my glory and salvation!

## Offering *(please sit)*

*(Acolyte will collect the offering from the ushers and bring forward.)*

Linda Ranney

## Prayers of the People

In Christ Jesus we meet the God who knows our weakness  
and bears the wounds of the world.  
Therefore, let us be bold as we pray,  
trusting that God draws near to those in any kind of need.

*(Petition)* Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Loving God, receive these prayers and those that remain unspoken, and in  
return grant us your peace, all for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## Prayer at the Sand Cross

*(Worshippers are invited to light a candle and pray at the Sand Cross.)*

## The 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. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

## Blessing

Christ Jesus dwell in our hearts through faith,  
as we are being rooted and grounded in love,  
strengthened by the Spirit,  
and filled with all the fullness of God.  
**Amen.**

## Sending Hymn

*(Acolytes extinguish the candles)*

ACS #1047; *What is the World Like* vs. 1, 3, 4

- 1     What is the world like when God's will is done?  
Mustard seeds grow more than we can conceive:  
roots thread the soil; branches reach for the sun.  
This is how God moves us each to believe.
  
- 3     What is the world like when God's will is done?  
No more is neighbor just ally or friend;  
peace thrives in places where once there was none.  
This is how God works when rivalries end.
  
- 4     What is the world like when God's will is done?  
Ready for feasting, we watch through the night,  
tending our lamps till the new day's begun.  
This is how God readies us for the light.

## Sending

Go in peace. Turn toward God's abundance.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude

Linda Ranney

## Serving at Worship Today

Presider	Pastor Christine Emerson
Ushers	6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation
Greeters	7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation
Media & Streaming	Lydia Elko
Screen Operator	Claire Ernster
Musicians	Linda Ranney, accompanist; Mark Lundin, Director of Music

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