



Midweek Lenten Service

Wednesday, March 1, 2023
12:00 p.m.

Welcome to Central Lutheran Church You are welcome, no exceptions

Here are a few notes you might find helpful for worship:

Bold print indicates responses spoken by all. Masks are welcomed.

Congregational hymns are found printed in this bulletin or in the red hymnal,
Evangelical Lutheran Worship.

PRELUDE

(Please stand at the sound of the bell)

Gathering

LENTEN SENTENCES

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy,
forgiveness and healing.

**We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the
waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you
took delight.**

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the
sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was
baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

**By water and your Word you claim us as beloved children, making us heirs of
your promise and servants of all.**

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for
the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.

Show us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

Hymn 319

"O Lord, throughout These Forty Days"

GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Present in garden and wilderness, O God,
You form a people born of breath and earth
drawn forth from water and spirit.

Yet, we are tempted; we trespass.

We forget how you have shaped us,
and who you have formed us to be.

In this season of renewal,
walk with us in the gardens of our lives;
strengthen us in the wildernesses of our days,
that we might put our trust in you and live.

Amen.

(Please be seated)

Word

READING

Matthew 4:1-11

¹Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.

²He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. ³The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." ⁴But he answered, "It is written,

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

⁵Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the

temple, ⁶saying 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.'"

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

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

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

¹¹Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

(Please be seated)

SERMON

(Please stand)



PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Sustained by God's abundant mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

Each petition concludes:

Merciful God:

Receive our prayer.

We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your steadfast love and your promise to renew your whole creation; through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

Sending

BENEDICTION

God, the giver of love,
✠ Christ, the resurrection and the life,
and the Holy Spirit of rebirth
bless you in this Lenten journey.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Hymn 808

"Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song"

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

POSTLUDE

Serving Today

Pastor Melissa Pohlman	<i>preacher</i>
Michael Acuña Dee	<i>reading</i>
Isaac Drewes	<i>pianist/organist</i>
Mark Kieffer	<i>video/sound</i>

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