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## February 22, 2026 – First Sunday in Lent Service of Holy Communion & AGM Sunday

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Council President: Karen Oko  
Musician: Isaac Courneyea  
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Worship Host: Margie Nunweiler

### Welcome

**Gathering Song** “*The Glory of These Forty Days*” (ELW 320)

**Prayer of the Day**

**Children’s Time**

**First Reading:** Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

<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 eat of it you shall die.” <sup>3:1</sup> 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.

**Psalm 32** read responsively

<sup>1</sup> Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, and whose sin is put away!

<sup>2</sup> **Happy are they to whom the Lord imputes no guilt,  
and in whose spirit there is no guile!**

<sup>3</sup> While I held my tongue, my bones withered away,  
because of my groaning all day long.

<sup>4</sup> **For your hand was heavy upon me day and night;  
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.**

<sup>5</sup> Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not conceal my guilt.  
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord."

Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.

<sup>6</sup> **Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble;  
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.**

<sup>7</sup> You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble;  
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

<sup>8</sup> **"I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go;  
I will guide you with my eye.**

<sup>9</sup> Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding;  
you must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay near you."

<sup>10</sup> **Great are the tribulations of the wicked;  
but mercy embraces those who trust in the Lord.**

<sup>11</sup> Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord;  
shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

**Second Reading** Romans 5:12-19

<sup>12</sup> Just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned <sup>13</sup> for sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. <sup>14</sup> Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who did not sin in the likeness of Adam, who is a pattern of the one who was to come. <sup>15</sup> But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. <sup>16</sup> And the gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the gift following many trespasses brings justification. <sup>17</sup> If, because of the one man's trespass, death reigned through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ. <sup>18</sup> Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. <sup>19</sup> For just as through the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so through the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

## Gospel Acclamation - ELW Setting 3, pg. 142

### Gospel Matthew 5:1-12

<sup>1</sup>When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. <sup>2</sup>And he began to speak and taught them, saying: <sup>3</sup>“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. <sup>4</sup>“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. <sup>5</sup>“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. <sup>6</sup>“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. <sup>7</sup>“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. <sup>8</sup>“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. <sup>9</sup>“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. <sup>10</sup>“Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. <sup>11</sup>“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

### Sermon

**Song of the DAY** *‘Bless Now, O God, the Journey* (ELW 326)

**The Creed of Inclusivity** from Covenant of the Rainbow

We believe in God,

**We believe in God, who creates all things and proclaims them good, indeed, very good, who creates us fully and completely in God’s imagine, with each and every part of us, including our sexualities and genders, reflecting the Divine image.**

We believe in Jesus, the Christ,

**We believe in Jesus, the Christ, who embodies the love and justice of God, who models good stewardship of all that God has made, calling us to live fully and completely, embracing all that God has entrusted to us.**

We believe in the Holy Spirit,

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the power of God at work in the world, giving us the courage to love ourselves and others, tearing down the walls that divide us, making of us a new and inclusive community of faith committed to transforming the world to reflect the values of God.**

We believe in the Church, the body of Christ,

**We believe in the Church, the body of Christ, called to be a welcoming community as God has welcomed us to welcome all to Christ’s table reaching out in healing love.**

**Amen.**

## **Prayers of Intercession**

*In our prayers: Gertie B, Carl C, Tom d, Susan K, Cody M, Brendan S, Pr. Erin T, and those we hold dear in our hearts.*

## **Peace**

**Offertory** “*God’s Work, Our Hands*” (ACS 1000), vs 1

## **Offering Prayer**

**Great Thanksgiving** – spoken

**An Inclusive Lord’s Prayer (based on Matthew 6:9-13**

**Blessed One, our Father and our Mother**

**Holy is your name.**

**May your love be enacted in the world.**

**May your will be done on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread**

**and forgive us our sins**

**as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us in the time of trial and deliver us from evil.**

**For all that we do in your love,**

**and all that your love brings to birth,**

**and the fullness of love that will be are yours,**

**now and forever. Amen.**

## **Invitation to Communion**

### **Communion Songs**

Lamb of God – ELW Setting 3, pg. 146

*‘Faith Begins by Letting Go’* (ACS 1004)

*‘Nothing Can Trouble’* (ACS 1033) sing 2x

*‘Love Has Brought Us’* (ACS 1040)

**Benediction** – *‘Hope Everlasting’* Liturgy of the Beloved

## **Community Life**

**Sending Song** *‘Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee’* (ELW 836) vs 1,3

## **Table Blessing**

## **Dismissal**

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