

# First Sunday in Lent

March 10, 2019



## Area Churches Together ACT Parish

### DeGraff/Murdock Area

Bethesda Lutheran  
Buffalo Lake Lutheran

### Pennock Area

Mamrelund Lutheran  
St. John's Lutheran

### Sunburg Area

Hope Lutheran  
Monson Lake Lutheran

# Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness

In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen**

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

## Gathering Hymn

LBW 469 Lord of All Hopefulness

## Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## 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 toward 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.**

## First Reading

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

<sup>1</sup>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, <sup>2</sup>you 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. <sup>3</sup>You 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." <sup>4</sup>When the priest takes the basket from

your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, <sup>5</sup>you 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. <sup>6</sup>When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, <sup>7</sup>we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. <sup>8</sup>The 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; <sup>9</sup>and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. <sup>10</sup>So 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. <sup>11</sup>Then 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.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel

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.**

## Sermon

Hymn of the Day

LBW 99

O Lord, Throughout These Forty Days

## Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell.\* On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## Prayers of Intercession

### Offering

### Offertory

**Let the vineyards be fruitful Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and the dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer now. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.**

## Words of Institution

*In the night in which he was betrayed...*

### Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

## Holy Communion

### Blessing

Benediction

Announcements

Sending Hymn

LBW 346 When Peace Like a River

Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Pastoral Staff Contact Information**

Pastor Daniel Croonquist      Pastor Michelle Kleene  
Email: [croondw7@gmail.com](mailto:croondw7@gmail.com)      Email: [mkleene89@gmail.com](mailto:mkleene89@gmail.com)  
Cell Phone: 220-3055      Cell Phone: 226-3535

If you would like a pastoral visit please contact Pastor Dan or Pastor Michelle

## **Remember in Prayer**

Lisa Carlson, Roland Froehlich, Kelly Rodenberg, Beverly Johnson, Obert Gjerde,  
Gwen Thayer, Jon Froehlich, Addysen Hamstad and Lyle Stai

### **Today, Sunday, March 10** - *Daylight Saving Time begins!*

9:30am – After Bethesda’s worship there will be a pizza party & build a sundae, followed with Bingo & games!

### **Tuesday, March 12**

9:30am – Coffee & Conversation at Bethesda  
1pm - Coffee & Conversation at Hope

### **Wednesday, March 13**

6-6:45pm – Lenten supper at St. John’s & Hope with 7pm worship service to follow

### **Thursday, March 14**

9:30am – Lakeland Conference Pastors meeting  
11:30am – “Thursday Food and Fun” at the Kerkhoven Civic Center for people who are 55 and older. The Kerkhoven Lutheran Church will be serving the freewill donation meal. Jeanne Ashburn of “Edward Jones” of Willmar will be the guest speaker talking about scams that are circulating in our area. There will be a basket for food shelf donations as March is the month for the food drive.

### **Friday, March 15**

1:30pm - “Helping Hands” will meet at the Kerkhoven Civic Center. They will continue to make items to be donated to *Safe Avenues*, as well as begin items for the *Heartland Girls' Ranch* in Benson. There's knitting, crocheting, embroidery, card making, blankets to tie, toddler toys to make and whatever else we come up with to do. Bring any donations of fabric, yarn, felt or embroidery floss. Please bring your own knitting needles, crochet hooks, hoops and needles. A scissor would be a good idea, too. Treats, coffee and cider will served. There's plenty to do. Come on over for a fun afternoon working to help agencies in our local area!

### **Sunday, March 17**

1:30pm registration, 2pm – Rescheduled “*Lakeland Conference Spring Assembly*” at Vinje Lutheran Church, Willmar.

5-7pm – Mamrelund’s Annual Spring Churchmen's Fish Fry. Cost: Adults \$10, Kids 6-12 \$5 & Under 6 eat free.



### **Tuesday, March 19**

9:30am – Coffee & Conversation at Bethesda  
1pm - Coffee & Conversation at Hope

**Wednesday, March 20**

6-6:45pm – Lenten supper at Mamrelund & Hope with 7pm worship service to follow

**Thursday, March 21**

5-7pm - W.O.W. “Women of Worship Outing” (formerly MOPS) at Bethesda

**Sunday, March 24**

Noon - First Communion Instruction class will be held for all ACT Parish 3rd, 4th, or 5th graders who would like to make their First Communion this spring, at Hope Lutheran in Sunburg. We will begin with pizza, veggie tray, and dessert followed by class. We ask that one or both parents attend with your child. If you plan on attending, please let Pastor Michelle or Pastor Dan ***know by March 20th.***



**Tuesday, March 26**

9:30am – Coffee & Conversation at Bethesda

1pm - Coffee & Conversation at Hope

**Wednesday, March 27**

6-6:45pm – Lenten supper at St. John’s & Hope with 7pm worship service to follow

**Saturday, April 6**

9am - Registration & Refreshments for the “Spring Gathering” at Kerkhoven Lutheran Church. Gathering event starts at 9:30am. Guest speaker is Marie Henricksen from Arco, MN speaking on “Laughter & Joy”! Cost is \$10 which includes lunch. ***Registration deadline is Friday, March 29.*** Please mail your registration to “Laurie Rothers, 20181 County Rd. 8, Glenwood, MN 56334. You can also register the day of the Gathering. Please make check payable to: Lakeland Conference.