

First Sunday in Lent

06 March 2022



This is the Kvindherred Church in Rosendal, Norway established in 1255. Many of our early pioneers were baptized and confirmed in this church. On leaving Norway, some of our people carried letters written by the Kvindherred pastor attesting to their membership.



Our Savior's Lutheran Church
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Service of Holy Communion

Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Setting 3

*The liturgy is in the front of the ELW with numbers at the bottom of the pages.
The hymns begin in the middle of the ELW with numbers at the top of the pages.*

Prelude

Ringing of the Bell

Welcome and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness (pages 94-96)

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another.
There is a time of silence for reflection.

P: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are captive 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.

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God 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.

C: Amen.

Hymn #802 “Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus”

Greeting (page 138)

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

C: And also with you.

Kyrie (pages 138-139; spoken responsively)

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen.

Prayer of the Day

Readings

L: The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation (page 142)

**Return to the Lord, your God,
for he is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love,
and abounding in steadfast love.**

Gospel

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke. **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

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

Children’s Sermon – Pastor Roberta

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Hymn #445 “Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters”

Holy Baptism

Presentation

P: In baptism our gracious heavenly Father frees us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; by water and the Holy Spirit we are reborn children of God and made members of the church, the body of Christ. Living with Christ and in the communion of saints, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

Sponsor: I present Addison and Jackson to receive the sacrament of Holy Baptism.

P: Isaac and Megan, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have your children baptized into Christ?

Parents' Response: We do.

P: As you bring your children to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with gifts and responsibilities:

to live with them among God's faithful people,
bring them to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach them the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten
Commandments,
place in their hands the holy scriptures,
and nurture them in faith and prayer,
so that they may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made,
and work for justice and peace.

Isaac and Megan, do you promise to help your children grow in the Christian faith and life?

Parents' response: We do.

P: Brittany, do you promise to nurture these children in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help them live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Sponsor's response: I do.

P: People of God, do you promise to support Addison and Jackson and pray for them in their new life in Christ?

C: We do.

Profession of Faith

P: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

C: We renounce them.

P: Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

C: We renounce them.

P: Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you away from God?

C: We renounce them.

P: Do you believe in God, the Father?

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

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

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

P: Do you believe in God, the Holy Spirit?

**C: 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.**

Thanksgiving at the Font

P: The Lord be with you!

C: And also with you!

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: 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, and 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 the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you. Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Baptism

P: Addison Jane, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

P: Jackson James, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

P: Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your sons and daughters new birth, cleanse them from sin and raise them to eternal life.

Sustain Addison and Jackson with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and

might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

C: Amen.

P: Addison Jane, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

C: Amen.

P: Jackson James, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

Welcome

Congregation Representative: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

P: Let us welcome the newly baptized.

C: We welcome you into the body of Christ and the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

Prayers of Intercession

(Each petition ends: P: Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.)

Offering

Great Thanksgiving (page 144; spoken responsively)

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right....and join their unending hymn:

♫ Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might,

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna, Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer (page 145)

**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 is celebrated today.

*All who are baptized into Christ Jesus are invited to receive Holy Communion
Gluten-free wafers and white grape juice are available.*

"Lamb of God..." (page 146)

Hymn #609 "Chief of Sinners Though I Be"

**Post Communion Blessing & Prayer
Blessing**

Hymn #543 "Go, My Children, with My Blessing"

Dismissal

**P: Go in peace. Jesus meets you on the way. C: Thanks be to
God!**

Ringing of the Bell / Postlude

This morning through Holy Baptism, Addison Jane Chadwick and Jackson James Chadwick, children of Isaac and Megan Chadwick, will be received into the family of God and the membership of Our Savior's Lutheran Church. Their sponsor is Brittany Dehner.

We welcome Isaac and Megan Chadwick as new members of Our Savior's Church.

Pastor: Rev. Roberta Pierce
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This Week At A Glance

Wednesday 5:45 pm Education committee at Faith
6:30 pm Lenten Worship at Faith
Council Meeting following service
7:00 pm Bible Jam at Faith
Sunday 8:00 am Worship Service at Faith
9:25 am Sunday School at Our Savior's
10:30 Worship Service at Our Savior's

Those to keep in prayer: Sis Youngers, Lucy Lee Petersen, Yale Christensen, Paul Rock, Megan Mineck Wentland, Ryan Dick, Neil Mason, Betty Schau, Tim Burke, Jim Goddard, Barb Johnson; the homebound: Bus Seastrand, Rusty Porth, Hazel Richards, Ron Gasper, Norman Bousselot, Joan Shelton, and Myrna Kay Petersen; and those serving in the military.

We have some organ pipes from the previous pipe organ that are in need of a new home. There are a few short wood pipes and several

wood pipes approximately 7-8 feet long. If interested, please talk with Jason.

The **Worship committee and Joint Council** will meet following the Lenten service on Wednesday at Faith.

Upcoming events:

March 27th – Worship service led by God Squad

April 9th – Clean up day

Temptation Can Take on Many Guises

by Al Smith, mission co-worker | Special to Presbyterian News Service

Luke 4: 1-13 The Temptation of Jesus

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and at the end of them he was hungry.

The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread.”

Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Man shall not live on bread alone.’”

The devil led him up to a high place and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And he said to him, “I will give you all their authority and splendor; it has been given to me, and I can give it to anyone I want to. If you worship me, it will all be yours.”

Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Worship the Lord your God and serve him only.’”

The devil led him to Jerusalem and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. “If you are the Son of God,” he said, “throw yourself down from here. For it is written:

‘He will command his angels concerning you to guard you carefully; they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.’”

Jesus answered, “It is said: ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’”

When the devil had finished all this tempting, he left him until an opportune time.

All of us face temptations in the course of our lives. It is an inevitable part of the human condition. We pray “lead us not into temptation,” but temptations are going to come in any event. Jesus was, as a fully authentic human being, also subject to temptation, in this case, at the hands of Satan himself. Unlike us, however, Jesus withstood temptation.

Temptations come in different forms. In our passage from Luke, the first temptation seems pretty mundane — bread for a ravenously hungry man. Of course, there is nothing intrinsically wrong or evil about food. Jesus taught us to pray for our daily bread and was concerned to see that the 5,000 men (and women and children besides) were fed when they came out to hear him speak. There is not even an insidious quid pro quo for the bread; Satan is not asking that Jesus worship him in exchange for the bread.

So why, then did Jesus refuse to do what he clearly had the power to do? Perhaps because of the danger that it would distract Him from the more important issue of his Father’s will. Bread itself is not the problem: we need food in order to survive from one day to the next, and God is well aware of that fact. Food is not meant, however, to be an end in itself, but rather a means to an end, namely our living in service to God and our neighbors. Food becomes a stumbling block when we allow it to become more than God intended it to be.

The temptation of food, or more generally, material wealth, is relative. For those of us accustomed to the plenty of life in the industrialized world, a loaf of bread is not much of a temptation, but we are easily tempted by the latest bit of consumer electronics or the flashy new car. Seen from a different perspective, imagine the perceived loss when a prosperous person is faced with the threat of losing some of that prosperity, even though the new state of affairs might look like the promised land to someone whose daily life is a struggle for survival. We are more often than not at

least as concerned with our position relative to our neighbors than with any absolute standard of well-being.

For the Roma Christians I work with in Russia, having food on the table every day is not a given, nor is a working automobile or indoor plumbing. Help from Western partners to buy livestock that can be raised and sold for a profit, or a car that is not constantly broken down, enables our brothers and sisters in Christ to devote more of themselves to doing God's work in the communities where they live, and less to the question of mere survival. It has been humbling to see how much they do for God's kingdom with the little that they have, and the intensity of their devotion.

A reflection by Al Smith, a mission co-worker based in Germany, serving also in Russia and Belarus.

To learn more about Al and Ellen's ministry, visit presbyterianmission.org/ministries/missionconnections/alan-and-ellen-smith.