**PRAYER OF THE DAY:**

**O Lord God, you led your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide now the people of your Church, that, following our Savior, we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the holy Spirit, one God Now and forever.**

**First Reading:**  **Deuteronomy 26:1-11**

1When 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, 2you 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. 3You 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.” 4When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, 5you 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. 6When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, 7we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. 8The 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; 9and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. 10So 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. 11Then 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.

**Psalm: Psalm 91:1-13**

1You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty,

**2will say to the Lord, “My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust.”**

3For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence;

**4he will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness is a shield and buckler.**

5You will not fear the terror of the night, or the arrow that flies by day,

**6or the pestilence that stalks in darkness, or the destruction that wastes at noonday.**

7A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand, **but it will not come near you.**

**8You will only look with your eyes and see the punishment of the wicked.**

9Because you have made the Lord your refuge, the Most High your dwelling place,

**10no evil shall befall you, no scourge come near your tent.**

11For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways.

**12On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.**

13You will tread on the lion and the adder, the young lion and the serpent you will trample under foot.

**Second Reading: Romans 10:8b-13**

8But what does it say? “The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); 9because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. 10For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. 11The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.”12For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. 13For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

**Gospel:**  **Luke 4:1-13**

4Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, 2where 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. 3The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.” 4Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone.’” 5Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. 6And 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. 7If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.” 8Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.’” 9Then 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, 10for it is written, ‘He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,’ 11and ‘On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’” 12Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’” 13When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

 **THIS WEEK AT BETHANY**

**Today: March 9th Sunday: March 16th**

**First Sunday in Lent Second Sunday in Lent**

9:15- Adult SS 9:15 Adult- SS

9:30-Youth SS 9:30-Youth SS

9:30-Coffee Fellowship 9:30-Coffee Fellowship

10:30-Worship 10:30-Worship w/Communion

**Tuesday: March 9th** 11:30-Potlluck

8:30-Prayer Group 4:00-4-H Club Mtg

9:30-Morning Coffee @ BLC 6:00-Bethany Prayer Group

7:00-Confirmation

**Wednesday: March 12th**

12:00-Lenten Luncheon @ Laurens Care Center

5-7:00-UMC Men’s Soup Supper

6:30-Lenten Evening Service

Council Meeting following Service

**Prayer Concerns****:** Bethany Lutheran Church members, nursing home residents, storm/flood/fire victims, those suffering any illness, Myra Reese, John Wills, Tami Hawk, Don & Brenda DeHaan, Dorothy Smith, Janelle Mason, Linda Galbraith, Tim Burton, Desiree Welty, Roberta Baker, Pastor John Mayer, Elizabeth Dunbar, Monica Isom, Don Ehlers, Bill Alexander, Eli Honer, Dorothy Sandvig, Gloria Bell, Helen Dodge, Patricia Bentsen.  Our youth, parents & teachers, our military & missionaries.

**Lectors:** Kelly Gordon

**Ushers:** March 9-Shirley Kruse & Jan Hersom

 March 16-Rich & Marilyn Ehlers

**Acolytes:** Bethany Youth

**Weekly Budget Needs:** $2817.00

Faith Promise$ 5370.00 Worship 30

Sunday School $6.00 Youth SS 9 Adult SS 5

Ash Wednesday $200.00 Worship 21

***Birthdays:*** March 11-Dorthy Smith

**\*\*\*Please note that the blue CH (Celebration Hymnal) is located under the pew in front of you.**

***Altar Flowers:***

*An asterisk (\*) indicates when to stand (as able)*

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**March 9, 2025**

**First Sunday in Lent**

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To our visitors! Welcome to our Sunday Service. We are happy to have you sharing in our worship service and ask for the opportunity to meet you. We invite you to complete the visitor card in front of you and give to an usher. Please come again!

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