

## The First Reading

## Deuteronomy 26:1-11

26 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, **C: Thanks be to God**

**Psalm 91 will be led by the cantor. The congregation joins in on the refrain.**

Refrain: **For he will command his angels over you**

**To guard you in all your ways.**

1. If you make the Most High your dwelling,  
Even the Lord, who is my refuge,  
They no harm will befall you, no disaster will come near your tent. **R:**
2. They will lift you up in their hands,  
So that you will not strike your foot against a stone.  
You will tread upon the lion and the cobra;  
You will trample the great lion and the serpent. **R:**
3. Because he loves me, says the Lord, I will rescue him  
And protect him, for he acknowledges my name. **R:**
4. He will call on me and I will answer him;  
I will be with him in trouble. I will deliver him; I will honor him;  
With long life I will satisfy him, and show him my salvation. **R:**

## The Second Reading

Romans 10:8b-13

<sup>8</sup>“The word is near you,  
on your lips and in your heart”

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); <sup>9</sup> because 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. <sup>10</sup> For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. <sup>11</sup> The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” <sup>12</sup> For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. <sup>13</sup> For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

The Word of the Lord, **C: Thanks be God**

## The Holy Gospel

Luke 4:1-13

Gospel Response **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>4</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.

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 10, 2019

ASSISTING MINISTER: Christian Muthler

LECTOR: Jen McMurray

USHERS: Jeff and Marcy Miller

BELL RINGER: David Williamson

CRY ROOM: Located downstairs in the youth room. Also available are coloring books and crayons on the last pew in a green basket.

### CALENDAR

TODAY                    10:00 Sunday School  
                              11:00 Confirmation  
MONDAY                7:00 Council Meeting  
WEDNESDAY         6:15 Lenten Dinner and Service at Zion Lutheran



**CONTINUED PRAYER:** Shonna Ash, Tom Brosenitsch, Cynthia sister of Bev Brosenitsch diagnosed with breast cancer, Karen Campell, Jenny, Bernie Fedorka, Adrienne Haegg, Tina Lawson, William Loveridge, Tom Wilson.

[The complete prayer list is in the March newsletter.]

ATTENDANCE and OFFERING LAST SUNDAY: 34 - \$1753.00

### FOOD CUPBOARD – MARCH

Jars or cans of Sloppy Joe mix.

### EASTER LILIES

Order form is now in the bulletin. Please consider purchasing a lily for our Easter Worship. Money and order form may be given to Marty Goetz or Colleen Cipro. Last Sunday to order will be March 31.

### FISH FRY DINNERS AT THE AMERICAN LEGION

**We will be joining Zion and English Lutheran in providing desserts for the April 5 Fish Fry Dinner.** Each church needs to provide 200 desserts. Desserts can be delivered to the American Legion on New Castle Street between 12:00 PM and 4:00 PM. No need to cut your dessert, volunteers will handle the portions. A sign up sheet is located in the narthex. We need everyone's participation in helping us to meet our 200 desserts obligation.

### LOST AND FOUND

Necklace was found between Strobel Hall and the Church on Sunday, February 10. Please see Colleen Cipro if you think it may belong to you or if you know of someone who has lost a necklace recently.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT

We are still in need for someone to volunteer as our Sunday School Superintendent. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, please see Linda Flora.

### **2019 FLOWER CHART**

Is now up in the narthex. Please consider providing flowers for the Altar in the coming year.

### **MIDWEEK LENTEN TAIZE SERVICE**

We will be joining with Zion Lutheran for a midweek Lenten service beginning on Wednesday, March 13. At Zion Lutheran we will have a soup dinner at 6:15 followed by a 30 minute Taizé service from the *Seeds of Trust, Reflecting on the Bible in Silence and Song* and will be focusing on Hope. At St. Paul's we will have a soup dinner at 6:15 followed by a discussion on Hope led by either Pastor Bev or John Bulger. We will need volunteers to provide a crockpot of soup on the Wednesdays that we are hosting the service [March 20 and April 3]. A sign up sheet is in the narthex.

### **ONE VOICE FOR CHRIST**

Schedule of performances:

March 17, 2:00 PM, Holy Trinity Polish National Catholic Church, 200 Grace St., Mckees Rocks, PA 15136

March 31, 2:00 PM, Fairmount Presbyterian Church, 2535 Fairmount Church Road, Sewickley, PA 15143

April 7, 7:00 PM, St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, 608 High Street, Freeport, PA 16229

April 14, 2:00 PM, Grace Anglican Church, 319 West Sycamore Street, Mt. Washington, PA 15211

April 28, 3:00 PM, Claysville Presbyterian Church, 134 Wayne Street, Claysville, PA 15323

It would be wonderful if we could get a group from the church to go to the March 31, 2:00 PM, performance. More about this concert is in your March newsletter.

### **ZELIENOPLE-HARMONY COMMUNITY BAND CONCERT**

The Community Band will present its annual Spring concert on Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup>, at 2:00 PM. Trumpeter Wendell Banyay (Pastor Bev's brother) will perform a solo with the band, and the featured group will be a woodwind ensemble from the high school, under the direction of Sara Snyder. The concert will be held in the auditorium at Seneca Valley Intermediate High School, and admission is free, though donations are welcome!

### **VISITORS**

If you are a visitor, please fill out one of the welcome cards in the pew racks. Also, please feel free to take home a monthly newsletter. We welcome all visitors and invite you to make our church your church.