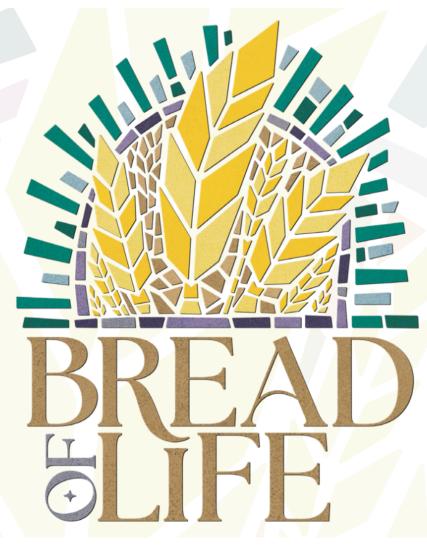


# FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

March 9, 2025



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One does not live by bread alone. ~ Deuteronomy 8:3

# ~ GATHERING TOGETHER ~

#### PRELUDE

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (John 6)

Jesus said to them, I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. **For all of us share in God's grace.** 

*GATHERING	LET US COME TO WORSHIP GOD	GTG #387
	by I-to Loh	HIAO HOIAN
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#### \*LITANY FOR LENT

For forty days and nights the rain fell, and the waters covered the face of the earth Lead us, O Lord, from death into life.

For forty years the people wandered, seeking the land of God's promise.

#### Lead us, O Lord, from death into life.

Moses spent forty days on the mountain, learning the commandments of God.

## Lead us, O Lord, from death into life.

Elijah traveled forty days in the wilderness to hear the voice of God in the silence.

## Lead us, O Lord, from death into life.

Jonah cried out to the people of Nineveh:

Repent, or in forty days you will perish

Lead us, O Lord, from death into life.

Jesus fasted and prayed for forty days and was tested by the Accuser.

Lead us, O Lord, from death into life.

\*HYMNLORD, WHO THROUGHOUT THESE FORTY DAYSGTG #166by Claudia F. I. HernamanST. FLAVIAN

**CHILDREN OF GOD** 

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

## **\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Holy God, even though we choose to follow Jesus, live his way, and share in the bread of life, we confess we have overlooked the hungry in our midst. We confess it is easier to avoid people and places that demand our attention and resources, and go about our days turning our eyes from those in need. But Jesus shows us a different way-a way of sharing, a way of justice. Forgive us for the times we have looked away from those who are hungry and their needs for food, clothing, friendship, or anything else. Forgive us for neglecting our neighbors and our community. Help us be faithful to this calling. Amen. [Silent Confession]

*Response	CREATE IN ME A CLEAN HEART	GTG #422
	PSALM 51	CREATE IN ME (Capers)

## \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON (based on Matthew 14)

And Jesus said: Bring them here to me.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

## **\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you. And also with you.

## SPREAD THE WORD

SACRED RECIPES

## ~ SHARING IN THE GOSPEL ~

## **PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

LUKE 4:1-13	THE TEMPTATION OF JESUS	Pew Bible p.57(NT)		
*Hymn	FORTY DAYS AND FORTY NIGHTS GTG #167			
	by George Hunt Smyttan	AUS DER TIEFE RUFE ICH		
John 6:25-40	THE BREAD OF LIFE	Pew Bible p.92(NT)		
Hear what the Holy Spirit is telling God's people.				

For all of us share in God's grace.

OUTREACH TEAM

BETTY LINGLER

### SERMON

NOT BY BREAD ALONE

## ~ TENDING THE GOOD NEWS ~

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from A Brief Statement of Faith) We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

**INVITATION TO THE OFFERING** 

Response

GLORY TO GOD,

GTG #582

WHOSE GOODNESS SHINES ON ME

by Paul M. Vasile

### **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** 

# ~ GOING FORTH TO NURTURE ~

\*Hymn

SAVIOR, LIKE A SHEPHERD LEAD US Thrupp's *Hymns for the Young*  GTG #187 BRADBURY

\*BENEDICTION (from John 6:58, Philippians 1:7) This is the bread that came down from heaven. For all of us share in God's grace.

POSTLUDE

NEXT WEEK: MISTER ROGERS SUNDAY

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