



The Episcopal Church of the Advent
February 24, 2026 Newsletter
First Sunday in Lent



Sermon Reflection from Father Tryggvi

On the First Sunday of Lent, we follow Jesus into the wilderness. Famished after forty days, he faces the tempter not at the height of strength, but in the fullness of his humanity. Lent begins the same way for us: marked by ashes, aware of mortality, and invited into an inward journey of self-discovery. The wilderness becomes a place to explore who Jesus is, who we are, and what it means to share in his humanity.

The temptations test not Jesus's morality, but his identity and motivation. Turning stones into bread would deny the reality of hunger and dependence on God. Demanding angelic protection would reject the truth that belovedness does not shield us from suffering. Accepting worldly power would trade humility for domination. Each temptation invites Jesus to avoid the vulnerability of being human. Instead, he embraces hunger, risk, and humility, trusting that God's love is just as present in our weakness as anywhere else.

Lent invites us to do the same. Rather than escaping our vulnerability, or limitation, we are called to learn from them. We are both beloved and fragile, walking through uncertain wilderness. Yet we do not walk alone. Lent is not about rejecting our humanity, but about embracing it fully—trusting that God meets us there with grace, love, and companionship.

For contemplation:

What hunger—physical, emotional, or spiritual—might be inviting me to trust God more deeply rather than seeking quick satisfaction?

How might I embrace my vulnerability this Lent, trusting that I am beloved even without certainty, control, or strength?

Peace, Tryggvi+

Wednesday evenings at Advent in Lent – First program tomorrow!

Lenten Wednesday Nights - Light Supper & Program: On **February 25, March 11, 18 and 25**, we will gather in the Parish House from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm for light supper of soup and bread, fellowship, and conversation centered around the Lenten devotional: **Bless the Lent We Actually Have** - by Kate Bowler, Jessica Richie, Brenda Thomsson and Harriet Putman. "My hope and prayer is that ... our actual days - pain-filled, lovely, ordinary - might be blessed. So let's stop waiting for the perfect life. This is the one we have. Let's bless it all" - Kate Bowler.

**** [Link to the devotional](#) ****

**** [RSVP to supper February 25, March 11, 18, 25](#) ****

**** [Volunteer for making soup](#) ****

First Wednesday volunteers

Hey church family! A "First Wednesday" drop-in is a casual gathering where participants bring a snack, dessert, or beverage to share and where guests are welcome. Want to host a First Wednesday? It's really easy!

Here's how it works:

Choose a month – It's always the first Wednesday of the month. Easy to remember! (**March is available!**)

Choose a time – usually two hours in the evening, but it's flexible!

Open your home – Just welcome everyone in for a great time together. Don't feel like having it at home?

Use the Parish House!

Let the guests bring the food – Everyone will pitch in with food and drinks so you don't have to do much.

Let the church know that you are hosting on a certain date, time, and location. Call, email, or send a message through the website.

When we get the notice then you'll see it appear in the newsletter.

Enjoy the fellowship – It's all about connecting, sharing, and growing in community with each other. Hosting is simple, and it's a great way to bring everyone together.

Rota for the Second Sunday in Lent March 1, 2026

LEM: 8:00 A.M. Booker—10:30 A.M. Booker

1st Reading: R Thompson

2nd Reading: G Thompson

Altar Guild: McCauley-Burriss-Harrell

Flower Guild:

Organ Tech: M Dartnell

Vestry of the Day: Sigman

Readings for the Second Sunday in Lent March 1, 2026

[Link to Readings](#)

First Reading: Genesis 12:1-4a

Psalm 121

Second Reading: Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

The Gospel: John 3:1-17

Parish Prayer List

Robert Boswell, Fr. Dann Brown, Susan Crosher, Liz Cunningham, Lynn Cupples, Bob Cupples, Flossie Dodge, Mary Ann Edelman, June Harrell, Ed Hogan, Anita Hunt, Kate Jackson, Kim Jackson, Beth Tamplin Jones, Marcy Lay, Kathy Lehman, Brian Lehman, Gloria Leo, Jack Leo, Jennifer Mize, Jennie Newton, Annette Piazza, Lynne Roach, Dick Schmidt, Kathie Schmidt, Helga H. Stefnisdóttir, Betty Thomas, Etwanda "Tink" Wade, Gloria Ward, Jack Ward, Eric Wiemann, Jay Whitcomb, Laura, Caroline

February Birthdays: 4 Emily Buck, 7 Sally Green, 8 Harrison Buck, 11 Doug Adkins, 12 Debbie Permar, 19 Nancy Bush, 21 Grace Yost, Kate Jackson, Francis Ramfos, 23 Woody Burriss, 28 Kathy Lehman, Rick Thompson

Anniversaries: 17 Dianne and Patrick Yost, 21 Annie Hunt and Woody Burriss

Recurring weekly calendar

- Rite I Eucharist: Sunday, 8:00 AM
- Sunday school (adult): Sunday, 9:15 AM
- Rite II Eucharist: Sunday, 10:30 AM
- Morning Prayer service: Wednesday, 9:00 AM
- Off the Rails AA group: M, Tu, Th @ noon
- Madison AA group: Th, F, Su @ 7:00 PM

Volunteer for service: To learn about and volunteer to be a lay reader, organ tech, or lay eucharistic minister, or to be a member of the flower and/or altar guild, click this link!

Pastoral Care Requests: email pastoral-care@adventmadisonga.com for:

- Additions to the Prayer List
- Inquiries about weddings, baptisms, or funerals
- Use of the Memorial Garden

- Requesting Eucharistic visits
- Short-term meals following surgery or during illness

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