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Office hours Tuesdays to Fridays

9:00 am to 12:00 noon

**Sunday In-person Worship at 10 AM**

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**Pianist – Marion D.**

**Worship Leader – Val W.  
Song Leader – Ken D.**

### *Lent 1 Shaped by Testing*

#### **We Gather**

##### **Prelude**

**Gathering Song** HWB #76 *Praise, I will praise you, Lord*

##### **Welcome**

##### **Call to Worship**

Leader: Sing together! Celebrate God!

**People: God protects us from all our trouble.**

Leader: God forgives us and covers our sins.

**People: God surrounds us with songs of deliverance.**

**All: Therefore, let all God's people pray with thanksgiving and worship God.**

#### **We Hear God's Word**

##### **Scripture Reading**

Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7; Psalm 32; Romans 5:12-19; Matt.4:1-11

##### **Message**

**Mel F.**

**Lois Bukar**

#### **We Respond**

**Singing** HWB #494 *Christian, do you hear the Lord?*

HWB #570 *We walk by faith*

##### **Sharing and Opportunities**

##### **Prayer and Confession**

Leader: Lord, our desire for control has separated us from you.

In our stubborn independence, we have turned from your love. We hide our failure and guilt, yet we feel their weight both day and night. Here and now, we acknowledge our sins before you and reveal our transgressions. We confess to the Lord . . .

Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven. Our slate is wiped clean. We are free to follow Jesus in obedience and experience love in every test. Amen.

**Theme Song** HWB #350 *Lord, teach us how to pray aright*

**Offering**

**Closing Song** HWB #527 *Lord Jesus, think on me*

##### **Benediction**

Leader: Many are the woes of the wicked,

**People: but the Lord's unfailing love surrounds those who trust in God.**

Leader: Rejoice in the Lord and be glad, you righteous.

**People: Sing, all you who have been forgiven!**

**All: The Lord's unfailing love surrounds those who trust in God.**

**Closing Song** HWB #527 *Lord Jesus, think on me*

##### **Postlude**

#### **Guiding Questions:**

1. Life is full of challenging experiences and testing. Recall an experience of testing in your life. How did you handle the testing?
2. What positive effect did this testing have in your life?
3. How does this test shape the way you see Jesus?

**Tuesday** 9:30 am **tying quilts** for MCC

Everyone is welcome, come for awhile or stay longer.  
63 quilts have been completed

**Thursday** noon **Lent Worship Service** and lunch  
at St. Olaf Lutheran Church

3 pm **Women in Mission** meeting

**Friday** noon **World Day of Prayer** and lunch  
at St. Stephen's Anglican Church

**Next Sunday** potluck lunch

This year for **Lenten Guided Prayers**, we invite people to participate from home, or work, alone, or with friends, using the document we will provide here each Sunday. Choose a time and place that works for you.

**Thank you** so much for the gift card and messages! I appreciate it a lot. Braydon

### ***Pray for:***

- our shut-ins and those with ongoing health concerns and their caregivers
- those grieving the loss of loved ones
- our Leadership Team / Executive
- Camp Elim and the study on our MC Sask camps
- Swift Current: St. Stephen's Anglican Church
- Mennonite Church Sask: Tiefengrund Rosenort Mennonite Church near Laird, pastor Patrick Preheim
- Continue to pray for peace and wisdom in Ukraine, Russia and in places throughout our world where the people cry out for peace.

### **Bible Knowledge Challenge**

Feel free to join the challenge any time. It is fun to hear people researching the answers and maybe discussing them as well, that is all good. Previous Question papers are on the back table. The chart is for participation only. Prices for the winners will be handed out March 26. Have fun.  
Bd. of Ed.

### **Coming Events**

March 12 - 19 Music Festival

Sunday afternoon and evening,  
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday,  
Thursday, Sunday evening

March 19 2:30 pm Minute-to-Win-It

April 1 Camp Elim perogy supper

The Swift Current annual **Music Festival** will be held in the Zion sanctuary from **March 12 to March 19 (Sunday to Sunday)**.

This is a **rental**, so someone from Zion is required to be present in the building while it is in use. There are morning, afternoon and evening time slots available for most days within this time period. Would you consider covering one or more of them? Call Grace at the Zion Office, or Bart (773-1974) for more information.