***St. John Lutheran Church***

March 9, 2025                        9:30 a.m.

*These forty days called Lent are like no other. This is no small pilgrimage on which we have just embarked. It is a struggle Jesus knew. It is a struggle Jesus shares. The nearness of the Lord will uphold and sustain us.*

**GATHERING**

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP

OPENING REFLECTION                Lent (Return to Me)                     Shift Worship

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

PROMISE OF FORGIVENESS

GATHERING HYMN    ***Bless Now, O God, the Journey*** ***#326***

GREETING, KYRIE AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

LENTEN HYMN ***Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery (vs 1 & Lent 1 #334***

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**THE WORD**

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

FIRST READING Deuteronomy 26:1-11

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

PSALM Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

SECOND READING Romans 10:8b-13

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

SPECIAL MUSIC *Fear Is a Liar* Worship Choir

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION            ***Return to the Lord*                                         *p. 142***

The Holy Gospel according to Luke

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL                                    Luke 4:1-13

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to You, O Christ.**

MESSAGE                                          Life After 40                Pastor Steve

**OUR RESPONSE**

HYMN OF THE DAY      ***O Lord Throughout These Forty Days #319***

APOSTLES’ CREED                      **p. 105**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH ***(Sung)***

THE LORD’S PRAYER ***(Sung)***

OFFERING

THE OFFERTORY           ***Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus*** (vs. 1)***#802***

OFFERING PRAYER

**THE SENDING**

SENDING REFLECTION             Ephesians 3 Benediction                     Shift Worship

SENDING PRAYER

BENEDICTION & DISMISSAL

RECESSIONAL HYMN           ***A Mighty Fortress Is Our God       #504***

POSTLUDE

*Welcome* to St. John Lutheran Church

*Whether you are looking for a place of worship or are just passing through, we hope our service has blessed you on your journey as* your *presence has been a blessing to* us.