

St. Luke 4:1-13

The Message

4 ¹⁻² Now Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wild. For forty wilderness days and nights he was tested by the Devil. He ate nothing during those days, and when the time was up he was hungry.

³ The Devil, playing on his hunger, gave the first test: "Since you're God's Son, command this stone to turn into a loaf of bread."

⁴ Jesus answered by quoting Deuteronomy: "It takes more than bread to really live."

⁵⁻⁷ For the second test he led him up and spread out all the kingdoms of the earth on display at once. Then the Devil said, "They're yours in all their splendor to serve your pleasure. I'm in charge of them all and can turn them over to whomever I wish. Worship me and they're yours, the whole works."

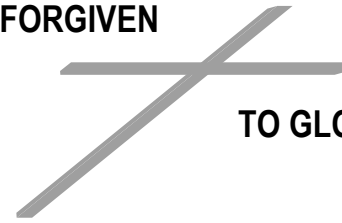
⁸ Jesus refused, again backing his refusal with Deuteronomy: "Worship the Lord your God and only the Lord your God. Serve him with absolute single-heartedness."

⁹⁻¹¹ For the third test the Devil took him to Jerusalem and put him on top of the Temple. He said, "If you are God's Son, jump. It's written, isn't it, that 'he has placed you in the care of angels to protect you; they will catch you; you won't so much as stub your toe on a stone'?"

¹² "Yes," said Jesus, "and it's also written, 'Don't you dare tempt the Lord your God.'"

¹³ That completed the testing. The Devil retreated temporarily, lying in wait for another opportunity.

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Lent 1: Sunday 09th March 2025 10:30 am
The Church of Jesus the Saviour
Celebrates the Good News
of God's Love for the World
Made Manifest in Jesus His Son
as we learn to share Christ's Love with everyone

Celebrating the Truth of the Presence of God – Alleluia!

Call to Worship:

Praise: “And can it be” vs 1 **BP #173**

Lenten Liturgy: on screen

Welcome, and announcements:

Celebrating the Truth of Forgiveness – We Receive New Life!

Praise: “Thou didst leave Thy throne” **BP #165**

Prayer, and the Lord's Prayer:

Celebrating the Truth of God's Word! - We are Listening!

Scripture: St. Luke 4:1-13 NLT

Message: “Why do we have wilderness times in our lives?”

Celebrating the Truth of God's gifts to us – We Are Accountable

Celebrating the Sacrament of The Lord's Supper

Presentation of our Tithes and Offerings:

+ Offertory

Doxology: **“Praise God from Whom”** **BP #603**

Prayer of Dedication

Praise: “Lord, Who throughout these 40 days” **BP #177**

Celebrating the Truth of our Going Forth – We Leave for Ministry

Benediction:

Interpersonal Benediction: “Go now in peace”

SB #80

Worship & Sacraments Team: Prayer Requests

Gladys Brown – at home

Frank De Vries – at home

Frank Ingold – at home

Bob Kenzie – Sunnyside Home

Mary Master – Conestoga Lodge

Dolly McCormack – Court at Laurelwood Retirement Home

Marg & Terry McCorriston – at home

Julie Phoenix – Southbridge London Long Term Care Home

Curt Ryan – AgeCare West Williams LTC

Shirley Steinberg – Winston Park LTC

Dirk Vanderhide – at home

Glen Verheye – at home

George Ziegler – Grand River Hospital

Sunday School:

The dates this term for our regular bi-weekly Sunday School are: **March 23; April 06, & 20; May 04, & 18; June 01, & 15.** We are looking for more Sunday School teachers, helpers, or back-ups to join the team permanently but also specifically to help with the younger group. If interested, please contact Cathrine (gcejtaylor@gmail.com), Nicolene (nclemens7@yahoo.ca).

We are thrilled to share and grow with the children this year. Peace and Joy, Cathrine and Nicolene

Mission & Outreach Team:

Mission & Outreach is planning a **fund-raiser soup luncheon** on Sunday March 23rd following our worship service. Soup donations are welcome. Please speak to a member of the M&O team if you are willing to make soup.

KEPC Senior's January time together: Wednesday 19th March 2025. Coffee, tea & Dessert, at 12 noon, then Court Whist cards 1-3 pm

Events This Week: 09th – 16th March 2025

Sunday: 10:30 am – Worship Service; coffee, & conversation in the Gray Hall.
Tuesday: No Bible study group this week.
12 – 1:30 pm – Music Therapy
6:30 – 8 pm – Sparks in the Gray Hall
7 pm – Presbytery meeting via Zoom
Wednesday: 6:30 – 9 pm – Scouts in the Gray Hall
Thursday: No Sonshine Corner this week
10 am – VBS decorating time in the Gray Hall
Friday: 12 – 3:30 pm – Music Therapy
Sunday: 10:30 am – Worship Service

From the Finance Team: options for financial giving to KEPC:

- 1) **Canada Post:** send your offering envelope in an envelope addressed to the Church: 10 Zeller Dr, Kitchener, ON, N2A 4A8
- 2) **E – transfer:** This involves using your online banking application using the e-transfer option & sending the transaction to the Church email: kepc@golden.net
- 3) **PAR: pre-authorized remittance.** This is set up once and an amount is withdrawn from your bank account monthly until you choose to stop it or change the amount. Contact Chris Clemens clemensc78@yahoo.ca and he can set you up.
- 4) **Tithe.ly** on our website, (click on the menu “Donate Now”) and donations can be through your Visa, Mastercard, or Debit.
- 5) The locked, **black box** on the wall of the sanctuary by the main doors for your offerings.

Thank-you for your ongoing and prayerful support of the mission and ministry of KEPC.

Offering Envelopes: If you are interested in having assigned envelopes for 2025 and are not on PAR, please reach out to Chris. For anyone that has changed addresses, please let Chris and Mark know so that we can check our records and update them as required.

Thank-you, from the Finance & Stewardship Team.

Grocery Cards:

We are participating in the grocery gift card program in our Region. If you would like to purchase grocery gift cards for the PC group of stores, and/or the Metro group of stores, please speak with Barb Cook, Rob Gloin, or Emmie Richardson. They are available every week. For each card we sell we receive a small amount back from the Community Charity Services.

Women of Worship:

WOW - The next meeting of WOW will be held on Saturday, March 29th from 10:00 till noon. As the Grey Hall is in use that morning, we will be meeting upstairs. At this meeting we will be making a surprise for the Congregation that we will be sharing with them on Palm Sunday. All ladies from KEPC are welcome and we hope to see many of you on the 29th. Please contact Jo Anne Aitken if you have any questions. 519-886-6559 or aitkenj09@gmail.com

PD Day Camp: Hello volunteers for this next PD Day camp, Details so far are as follows:

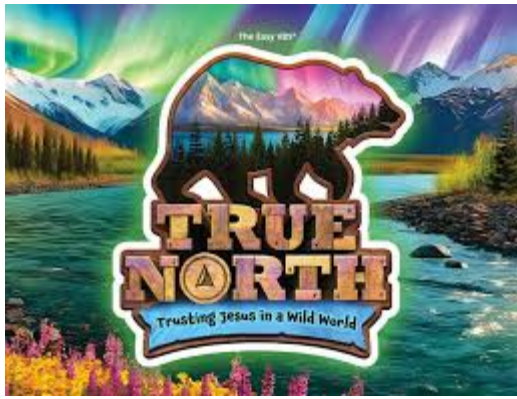
Monday, March 31, 2025

Arrival: 8am (kids arrive at 8:30am)

Departure: by 4:15pm (kids leave at 4pm)

Volunteers are welcome for a half day or full day. Please reply to let me know if you are interested in volunteering for March 31 (and spread the word to anyone else you think may be interested in joining us!)

Kindly, Sarah & Kerry.



Help wanted for
VBS True North
decorating day
Thursday March 13, 2025 @ 10:00

We need painters, builders and creative geniuses

Tasks:

Repurposing props

Building a cabin

Creating Northern lights backdrop

Painting animals

Building fire

Assembling props

