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To the good people of St. Lukes,

Blessings to you as we begin the holy season of Lent.

As our Ash Wednesday liturgy reminded us, Lent is a season for self-examination, penitence, prayers, fasting, almsgiving and meditating on the word of God. Today's gospel reading for the first Sunday of Lent reminds us during Jesus' forty days in the wilderness the devil tempted him with the kingdoms of the world and their glory. Jesus rebukes the devil saying, worship the Lord and only him.

I invite you, this Lenten season, to join me in prayerfully considering what signs and symbols are and are not appropriate in our worship spaces. This Lent we have chosen to lower the four flags that had been hanging in your chancel and to leave only the military flags that are hung at the back of the sanctuary.

Daniel and the wardens have invited me to lead a session where we can share and talk about this on Tuesday, March 10 at 7 pm. I look forward to being with you then.

In gratitude for our shared life of faith and discernment,

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