



*The time is fulfilled,
and the kingdom of God
is at hand;
repent and believe
in the gospel*

First Sunday in Lent

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Our Mission

“To Know Jesus and to Make Him Known”

Our Vision

Educate, Equip and Encourage ourselves and our families through worship and study, and engage our community through discipleship, example and Acts of Kindness, using the unique gifts bestowed on each member of our congregation by the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Worship Information

Parents with Young Children: We encourage families to worship together.

Worship Bulletin: Our order of service is printed out in your worship folder.

Worship Form: There are 5 “Movements” in our Worship.

- God grants us the gift of forgiveness.
- God speaks to us from His Word.
- God receives our offerings and prayers.
- God offers us His real presence in Holy Communion.
- God blesses us and sends us out.

Communion: Please read the Statement of Communion below.

(If you are **gluten intolerant** please speak with Pastor or an elder prior to the worship service so we can accommodate you.)

STATEMENT OF COMMUNION

BECAUSE THE WORD OF GOD TEACHES THAT:

- We are all sinners in need of forgiveness.
- Jesus is our only Savior from sin through His death and resurrection.
- The True Body and Blood of Christ is present in the Sacrament of the Holy Communion

 **Please see Pastor if you have any questions about this or do not believe in the Lord's Supper in this way. You are welcome to come forward for a blessing if you are not communing.**

- **TO PREPARE:** Please use the Christian Questions with Their Answers from “The Sacrament of the Altar” on page 329 in the front of the Lutheran Service Book. You are not obligated to partake if you feel, for whatever reason, the need to refrain from the Lord's Supper for a short time.
- **Please see Pastor if there is something going on in your life that needs the attention of Christ in private confession *and* absolution.**

AS WE GATHER

Today we hear of God testing Abraham and of Satan tempting Jesus. James reminds us that God tempts no one. So, how can we know whether God is testing us or Satan is tempting us? James reminds us that “Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change” (James 1:17). As we go through life, striving to live out our calling as God’s people, we will hit obstacles and face tests to our faith and to how we live that faith. God can work through these tests to draw us closer to Him. On the other hand, Satan wants to lure and entice us away from the path God would have us walk.

WITNESS & OUTREACH

Mark 1:9-15: The devil constantly tempts us to keep the news of salvation through Christ to ourselves. The devil loves to make us think that we are inadequate messengers, or too busy, or unable to make a difference in someone else’s life. The Good News is that Christ was tempted in every way just like us, but He remained without sin. By His own resistance to the devil, our Lord strengthens us in the midst of our own temptations and failures and equips us to be bold witnesses to Christ’s victory over sin, death and the devil.

Hymns will be from the Lutheran Service Book (LSB).

WELCOME to GUESTS & VISITORS

HYMN “O Lord, throughout These Forty Days” LSB 418 vv. 1, 4

O Lord, throughout these forty days
You prayed and kept the fast;
Inspire repentance for our sin,
And free us from our past.

Be with us through this season, Lord,
And all our earthly days,
That when the final Easter dawns,
We join in heaven’s praise.

INVOCATION *(The sign of the cross + may be made by all in remembrance of your Baptism.)*

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES *Mark 14:38; 1 Peter 5:8; 1 Corinthians 10:12–13*

Pastor: Jesus said, “Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.”

People: **Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.**

Pastor: Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man.

People: **God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION (*Silence for reflection on the Word of God and self-examination.*)

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

People: **Most merciful God, I confess that I am by nature sinful and unclean. I have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what I have done and by what I have left undone. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved my neighbors as myself. I justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on me. Forgive me, renew me, and lead me, so that I may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

Pastor: Almighty God in his mercy has given his Son to die for you and for his sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of the Word I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

INTROIT *Psalm 91:9–13*

Pastor: When he calls to Me, I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will rescue him and honor him. With long life I will satisfy him and show him My salvation.

People: **Because you have made the LORD your dwelling place—the Most High, who is my refuge—no evil shall be allowed to befall you, no plague come near your tent.**

Pastor: For He will command His angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways.

People: **On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.**

Pastor: You will tread on the lion and the adder; the young lion and the serpent you will trample underfoot.

People: **When he calls to Me, I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will rescue him and honor him. With long life I will satisfy him and show him My salvation.**

KYRIE Lord Have Mercy *James 1:18; Psalm 102:1*

Pastor: Lord, have mercy.

People: Christ, have mercy.

Pastor: Lord, have mercy.

People: Of His own will He brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of His creatures.

Pastor: O LORD, hear our prayer.

People: And let our cry come to You!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: O Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the Promised Land. Guide the people of Your Church that following our Savior we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING Genesis 22:1–18 (*God tested Abraham.*)

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM Psalm 25:1–10 [READ RESPONSIVELY]

Reader: To You, O LORD, I lift up my soul. O my God, in You I trust; let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies exult over me.

People: Indeed, none who wait for You shall be put to shame; they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

Reader: Make me to know Your ways, O LORD; teach me Your paths. Lead me in Your truth and teach me, for You are the God of my salvation; for You I wait all the day long.

People: Remember Your mercy, O LORD, and Your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to Your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of Your goodness, O LORD!

Reader: Good and upright is the LORD; therefore He instructs sinners in the way. He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble His way.

People: All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep His covenant and His testimonies.

EPISTLE James 1:12–18 (*The path temptation treads*)

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN's MESSAGE

VERSE *Ephesians 6:11*

Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil.

HOLY GOSPEL Mark 1:9–15 (*Jesus is baptized and sent to be tempted.*)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

(The Gospel is read.)

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

HYMN "On Eagles' Wings"

LSB 727

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,
Who abide in His shadow for life,
Say to the Lord, "My Refuge,
My Rock in Whom I trust."

Refrain:

And He will raise you up on eagle's wings,
Bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun,
And hold you in the palm of His Hand.

The snare of the fowler will never capture you,
And famine will bring you no fear;
Under His Wings your refuge,
His faithfulness your shield. **Refrain**

You need not fear the terror of the night,
Nor the arrow that flies by day,
Though thousands fall about you,
Near you it shall not come. **Refrain**

For to His angels He's given a command,
To guard you in all of your ways,
Upon their hands they will bear you up,
Lest you dash your foot against a stone. **Refrain**

SERMON

CATECHISM *The Sixth Petition and Explanation*

Pastor: And lead us not into temptation. What does this mean?

People: God tempts no one. We pray in this petition that God would guard and keep us so that the devil, the world, and our sinful nature may not deceive us or mislead us into false belief, despair, and other great shame and vice. Although we are attacked by these things, we pray that we may finally overcome them and win the victory.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH *Psalm 25:4–6, adapted*

Pastor: Friends in Christ, I urge you to lift up your souls to our God in whom we trust, as Christ, our Lord, promises to hear us.

Lord Jesus, You are the Lord of the Church.

People: Bless the work of our congregation and all who bear Your name.

Pastor: Remember Your mercy, O LORD,

People: and Your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.

Pastor: Lord Jesus, the government is on Your shoulders.

People: Watch over all in this world. Guide the world's leaders with Your wisdom, as well as our elected officials—our president, our governor, and our local authorities—that we may live peaceful and quiet lives.

Pastor: Remember Your mercy, O LORD,

People: and Your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.

Pastor: Lord Jesus, You are our Teacher.

People: Make us to know Your ways, O LORD; teach us Your paths. Lead us in Your truth and teach us, for You are the God of our salvation; for You we wait all the day long.

Pastor: Remember Your mercy, O LORD,

People: and Your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.

Pastor: Lord Jesus, You are the God of our salvation.

People: Guide us, Lord, in living lives that bear witness to Your truth. Lead us to connect with those who are wandering or who do not know You.

Pastor: Remember Your mercy, O LORD,

People: and Your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.

Pastor: Lord Jesus, You are the Great Physician.

People: **Bind up the brokenhearted, give sight to the blind, make the lame to walk and the deaf to hear.**

Pastor: We name before You those who are struggling in body, mind, and spirit and ask You to heal them: [*names*]. Remember Your mercy, O LORD,

People: **and Your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.**

Pastor: Into Your hands, Lord Jesus, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your great mercy to hear and answer us.

People: **Amen.**

OFFERTORY PRAYER

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you. *2 Timothy 4:22*

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts. *Colossians 3:1*

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *Psalms 136*

People: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

PROPER PREFACE

Isaiah 6:1, 3; Mark 11:9–10 (SPOKEN)

Pastor: Isaiah wrote, “I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of His robe filled the temple. Above Him stood the seraphim. . . . And one called to another and said:

People: **‘Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of His glory!’”**

Pastor: When Jesus entered Jerusalem, “those who went before and those who followed were shouting,

People: **‘Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!’”**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD *Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My \times body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and

when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying:
“Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My
✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.
This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST *1 Corinthians 11:26, Revelation 22:20*

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we
proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Pastor: O Lord Jesus Christ, remember us in Your kingdom and
teach us to pray:

LORD’S PRAYER *(Matthew 6:9–13)*

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the
kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: And also with you. Amen.

AGNUS DEI Lamb of God

Genesis 22:8; John 1:29; Revelation 7:17

Pastor: Abraham said, “God will provide for Himself the lamb.”

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: John said, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away
the sin of the world!”

People: Christ, have mercy.

Pastor: John saw “the Lamb in the midst of the throne.”

People: Lord, have mercy and grant us Your peace. Amen.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

“Christ, the Life of All the Living”

LSB 420

Christ, the Life of all the living,
Christ, the death of death, our foe,
Who, Thyself for me once giving
To the darkest depths of woe:
Through thy sufferings, death, and merit
I eternal life inherit.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

Thou, ah! Thou, hast taken on Thee
Bonds and stripes, a cruel rod;
Pain and scorn were heaped upon Thee,
O Thou sinless Son of God!
Thus didst Thou my soul deliver
From the bonds of sin forever.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

Thou hast borne the smiting only
That my wounds might all be whole;
Thou hast suffered, sad and lonely,
Rest to give my weary soul;
Yea, the curse of God enduring,
Blessing unto me securing.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

Heartless scoffers did surround Thee,
Treating Thee with shameful scorn
And with piercing thorns they crowned Thee.
All disgrace Thou, Lord, hast borne,
That as Thine Thou mightest own me
And with heav'nly glory crown me.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

Thou hast suffered men to bruise Thee,
That from pain I might be free;
Falsely did Thy foes accuse Thee:
Thence I gain security;
Comfortless Thy soul did languish
Me to comfort in my anguish.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

Thou hast suffered great affliction
And hast borne it patiently,
Even death by crucifixion,
Fully to atone for me;
Thou didst choose to be tormented
That my doom should be prevented.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

Then, for all that wrought my pardon,
For Thy sorrows deep and sore,

For Thine anguish in the Garden,
I will thank Thee evermore,
Thank Thee for Thy groaning, sighing,
For Thy bleeding and Thy dying,
For that last triumphant cry,
And shall praise Thee, Lord, on high.

“I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table”

LSB 618

I come, O Savior, to Thy Table,
For weak and weary is my soul;
Thou, Bread of Life, alone art able
To satisfy and make me whole:

Refrain:

Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood
Be for my soul the highest good!

Thy heart is filled with fervent yearning
That sinners may salvation see
Who, Lord, to Thee in faith are turning;
So I, a sinner, come to Thee. **Refrain**
Unworthy though I am, O Savior,
Because I have a sinful heart,
Yet Thou Thy lamb wilt banish never
For Thou my faithful Shepherd art! **Refrain**

Weary am I and heavy laden,
With sin my soul is sore opprest;
Receive me graciously, and gladden
My heart, for I am now Thy guest. **Refrain**

What higher gift can we inherit?
It is faith's bond and solid base;
It is the strength of heart and spirit,
The covenant of hope and grace. **Refrain**

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Lord Jesus, we thank You for pouring out Your body
and blood and serving it to us in this Meal in bread and
wine. In Your mercy, strengthen and lead us as we face
temptations and testing in this life on our way to the life
to come, for You live and reign with the Father and the
Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION James 6:12

Pastor: Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love Him.
The almighty and merciful Lord—the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit—bless and preserve you.

People: Amen.

HYMN “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” LSB 656 vv.1, 4

A mighty fortress is our God,
A trusty shield and weapon;
He helps us free from ev'ry need
That hath us now o'ertaken.
The old evil foe
Now means deadly woe;
Deep guile and great might
Are his dread arms in fight;
On earth is not his equal.

The Word they still shall let remain
Nor any thanks have for it;
He's by our side upon the plain
With His good gifts and Spirit.
And take they our life,
Goods, fame, child, and wife,
Though these all be gone,
Our vict'ry has been won;
The Kingdom ours remaineth.

SENDING

Pastor: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God.

TITHE & OFFERING – our sacrifice of thanksgiving to the Lord

Our “**tithes**” are our first fruits returned to God in proportional, joyful, thankful and faithful response to His grace. “**Offerings**” are special gifts for ministries, memorials and needs over and above the tithe.

(If you are a guest, we welcome you as a guest, so please do not feel obligated to give an offering unless you feel moved to do so by the Spirit)

NEXT WEEK’S READINGS

OLD TESTAMENT READING Genesis 17:1–7, 15–16 (*God makes a covenant promise to Abram.*)

PSALM Psalm 22:23–31

EPISTLE Romans 5:1–11 (*Grace: Christ died for the ungodly.*)

HOLY GOSPEL Mark 8:27–38 (*Truly knowing Christ means following Him.*)

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Old Testament Reading:

Genesis 22:1–18

¹After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here am I." ²He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you." ³So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac. And he cut the wood for the burnt offering and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. ⁴On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar. ⁵Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy will go over there and worship and come again to you." ⁶And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together. ⁷And Isaac said to his father Abraham, "My father!" And he said, "Here am I, my son." He said, "Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" ⁸Abraham said, "God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So they went both of them together.

⁹When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. ¹⁰Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. ¹¹But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here am I." ¹²He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." ¹³And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. ¹⁴So Abraham called the name of that place, "The Lord will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided."

¹⁵The angel of the Lord called to Abraham a second time from heaven ¹⁶and said, "By

myself I have sworn, declares the Lord, because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, ¹⁷I will surely bless you, and I will surely multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of his enemies. ¹⁸And in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice."

Epistle: James 1:12–18

¹²Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him. ¹³Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am being tempted by God," for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one. ¹⁴But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. ¹⁵Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death.

¹⁶Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers. ¹⁷Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. ¹⁸Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

Holy Gospel: Mark 1:9–15

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens opening and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

¹²The Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. ¹³And he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. And he was with the wild animals, and the angels were ministering to him.

¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, ¹⁵and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel."



About the Cover: As Jesus began His public ministry, He announced that all things were finding fulfillment in Him. Now is the time for repentance and faith, for the Savior is here. As we begin this journey of Lent, this same Jesus encounters us today in His Word by the power of the Holy Spirit. There is no better day than today to hear His Word, repent, and believe the Gospel. "Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation" (2 Corinthians 6:2).

