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*The First Sunday
In Lent*



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8:00, 9:30 & 11:00am

Communion:

1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays

Adult Bible Study &
Sunday School:

9:30 am

(Grace Hall)

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Deaconess:

Karen Suter

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✠ PREPARATION ✠

PRELUDE

"Joyous Litany"

S. Scott

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

M. Luther; arr. O. Young

(Fri. only)

Trumpet Solo, Susan Messersmith

WELCOME

Stand

HYMN

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

LSB 657 sts. 1-4



1 A might - y for - tress is our God, A sword and shield vic -
2 No strength of ours can match his might. We would be lost, re -
3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land All threat'ning to de -
4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, No thanks to foes, who



to - rious; He breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod And wins sal -
ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, Whom God Him -
vour us, We trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; They can - not
fear it; For God Him - self fights by our side With weap - ons



va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe Has sworn to
self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be? The Lord of
o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage; In bat - tle
of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house, Goods, hon - or,



work us woe. With craft and dread - ful might He
hosts is He, Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord, God's
we'll en - gage. His might is doomed to fail; God's
child, or spouse, Though life be wrenched a - way, They



arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.
on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.
judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.
can - not win the day. The King - dom's ours for - ev - er!

INVOCATION

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- G** Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

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

- P** Jesus said, "Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak."
- G** **Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.**
- P** Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man.
- G** **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

Romans 6:20, 22–23, adapted; Mark 1:15

- P** God's Word reminds us that when we were slaves of sin, we were free in regard to righteousness.
- G** **But now that we have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit we get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life.**
- P** For the wages of sin is death,
- G** **but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.**
- P** Let us confess our sins to God, who has brought us out of slavery and promises to lead us to the promised land of heaven.

A moment for silent confession.

P Heavenly Father, we know we are blessed when we remain steadfast under trial, yet we fall prey to the devil’s schemes and give in to temptation. We are lured and enticed by our own evil desires—desires that contradict your good and gracious will.

C **For Jesus’ sake, forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

P As Jesus began His ministry, He said, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.” As you have repented of your sins, believe these words as if Jesus was standing here speaking them to you: I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

† SERVICE OF THE WORD †

INTROIT

Psalm 91:9–13; antiphon: vv. 15–16

P 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.

C **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.**

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

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

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

C **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

James 1:18; Psalm 102:1, adapted

P Lord, have mercy.

C **Christ, have mercy.**

P Lord, have mercy.

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

P O LORD, hear our prayer.

C And let our cry come to You!

SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

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.

C Amen.

Sit

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 22:1–18

The Word is read...

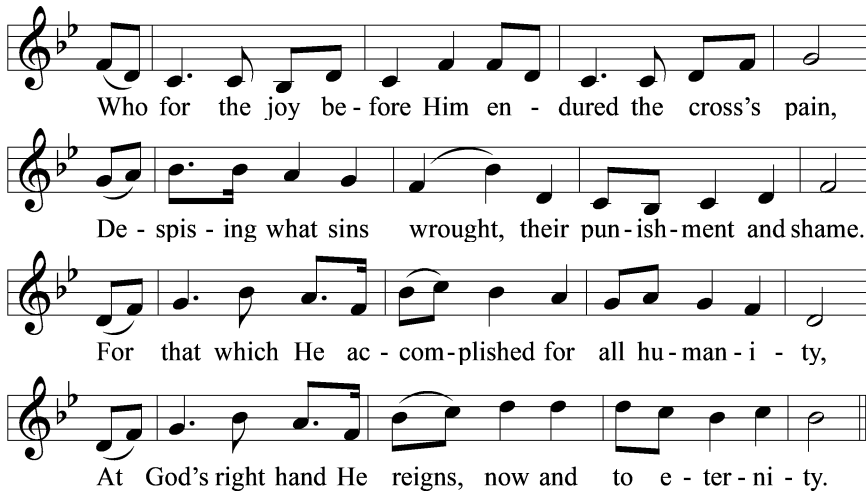
A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

"O Come, and Let Us Look Up"

O come, and let us look up to Je - sus Christ, our Lord,
The found - er and per - fec - ter of faith placed in God's Word.



Who for the joy be-fore Him en - dured the cross's pain,
 De - spis - ing what sins wrought, their pun - ish - ment and shame.
 For that which He ac - com - plished for all hu - man - i - ty,
 At God's right hand He reigns, now and to e - ter - ni - ty.

EPISTLE

James 1:12–18

The Word is read...

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.**

Stand

VERSE

Ephesians 6:11

- P** 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

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.
- C** Glory to You, O Lord.

The Gospel is read...

- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to You, O Christ.**

Sit

HYMN

"Not All the Blood of Beasts"

LSB 431



1 Not all the blood of beasts On Jew-ish al-tars slain
 2 But Christ, the heav'n-ly Lamb, Takes all our sins a-way;
 3 My faith would lay its hand On that dear head of Thine,
 4 My soul looks back to see The bur-den Thou didst bear
 5 Be-liev-ing, we re-joice To see the curse re-move;



Could give the guilt-y con-science peace Or wash a-way the stain.
 A sac-ri- fice of no- bler name And rich-er blood than they.
 While as a pen-i-tent I stand, And there con-fess my sin.
 When hang-ing on the curs-ed tree; I know my guilt was there.
 We bless the Lamb with cheer-ful voice And sing His bleed-ing love.

SERMON

Stand

CATECHISM

The Sixth Petition and Explanation

- P** And lead us not into temptation. What does this mean?
- C** **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.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Psalm 25:4–6, adapted

- P** 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.
- C** **Bless the work of our congregation and all who bear Your name.**
- A** Remember Your mercy, O Lord,
- C** **and Your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.**
- P** Lord Jesus, the government is on Your shoulders.

C 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.

A Remember Your mercy, O Lord,

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

P Lord Jesus, You are our Teacher.

C 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.

A Remember Your mercy, O Lord,

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

P Lord Jesus, You are the God of our salvation.

C 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.

A Remember Your mercy, O Lord,

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

P Lord Jesus, You are the Great Physician.

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

P 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,

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

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

C Amen.

OFFERTORY

“Create in Me”

LSB 956

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new

The image shows a single line of musical notation on a five-line staff. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody consists of the following notes: a quarter rest, a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a half note C5, a quarter note D5, a quarter note E5, a quarter note F#5, a quarter note G5, a quarter note A5, a quarter note B5, a quarter note C6, a quarter note B5, a quarter note A5, a quarter note G5, a quarter note F#5, a quarter note E5, a quarter note D5, a quarter note C5, a quarter note B4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note G4. The lyrics 'Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new' are written below the staff, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes.

a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way
 from Thy pres - ence; and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
 from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va - tion;
 and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

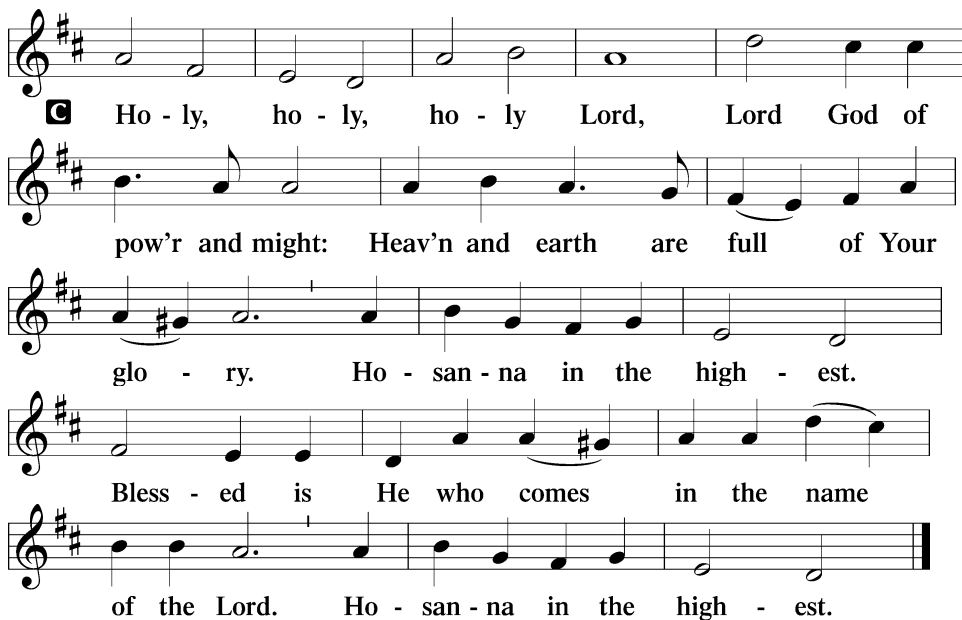
✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**
- P** Lift up your hearts.
- C** **We lift them to the Lord.**
- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

PROPER PREFACE

- P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of
 pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your
 glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Bless - ed is He who comes in the name
 of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

- P** Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given your only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your great wisdom, You tested Abraham and provided a ram as a substitute sacrifice. In Your great mercy, You allowed Your Son to be tempted in every way that we are, and as He did not sin, You provided Him as the substitute sacrifice for our sins, including the temptations we so easily fall prey to.

We thank You for the forgiveness You freely offer us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G Amen.

WORDS OF OUR LORD

- P** 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 † 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

- P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
- C** **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**
- P** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER, *As printed on the forward screens*

PAX DOMINI

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C** **Amen.**

AGNUS DEI

LSB 180

C Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world;
have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the



sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of
 God, You take a - way the sin of the world;
 grant us peace, grant us peace.


Sit

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

HYMN

"I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table"

LSB 618

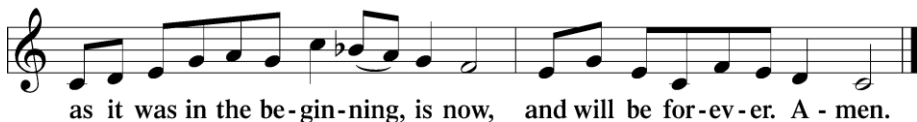
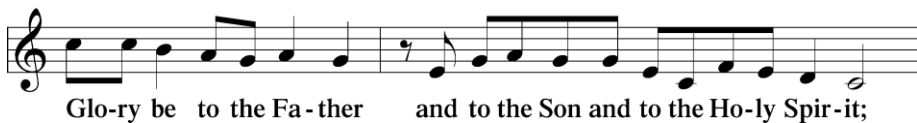
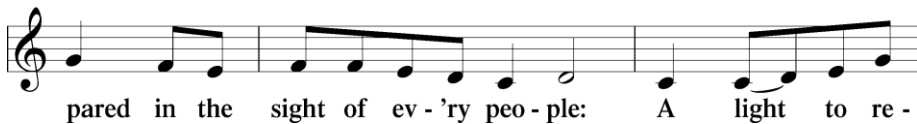
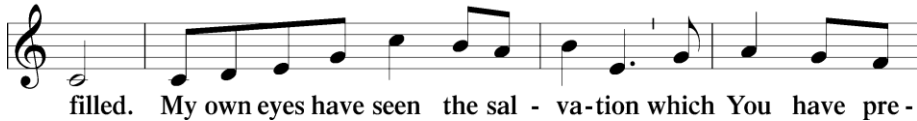
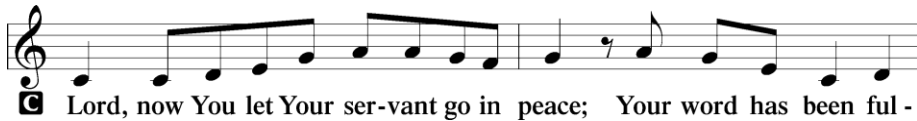


1 I come, O Sav - ior, to Thy ta - ble, For weak and
 2 Thy heart is filled with fer - vent year - ing That sin - ners
 3 Un - wor - thy though I am, O Sav - ior, Be - cause I
 4 Wea - ry am I and heav - y lad - en; With sin my
 5 What high - er gift can we in - her - it? It is faith's
 wea - ry is my soul; Thou, Bread of Life, a -
 may sal - va - tion see Who, Lord, to Thee in
 have a sin - ful heart, Yet Thou Thy lamb wilt
 soul is sore op - pressed; Re - ceive me gra - cious -
 bond and sol - id base; It is the strength of
 lone art a - ble To sat - is - fy and make me whole:
 faith are turn - ing; So I, a sin - ner, come to Thee.
 ban - ish nev - er, For Thou my faith - ful shep - herd art:
 ly and glad - den My heart, for I am now Thy guest.
 heart and spir - it, The cov - e - nant of hope and grace.
Keiram
 Lord, may Thy bod - y and Thy blood Be for my soul the high - est good!

Stand

NUNC DIMITTIS

LSB 182



POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

- P** Let us pray. 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.

C Amen.

BENEDICTION

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
 The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

HYMN

"O Love, How Deep"

LSB 544

1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high,
 2 He sent no an - gel to our race,
 3 For us bap - tized, for us He taught;
 4 For us He prayed; for us He taught;

Be - yond all thought and fan - ta - sy,
 Of high - er or - low - er place,
 His ho - ly fast and hun - gered sore;
 For us His dai - ly works He wrought,

That God, the Son of God, should take
 But wore the robe of hu - man frame,
 For us temp - ta - tion sharp He knew;
 By words and signs and ac - tions thus

Our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake!
 And to this world Him - self He came.
 For us the tempt - er o - ver - threw.
 Still seek - ing not Him - self but us.

- 5** For us by wickedness betrayed,
 For us, in crown of thorns arrayed,
 He bore the shameful cross and
 death;
 For us He gave His dying breath.

For us He sent His Spirit here
 To guide, to strengthen, and to
 cheer.

- 6** For us He rose from death again;
 For us He went on high to reign;

△ **7** All glory to our Lord and God
 For love so deep, so high, so broad;
 The Trinity whom we adore
 Forever and forevermore.

Sit

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND DISMISSAL

Deaconess Karen Suter

A Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

"O Love, How Deep"
(Fri. only) Trumpet Solo, Susan Messersmith

Setting: M. Costello

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