

**February 26, 2023**

*The First Sunday  
In Lent*



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# THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

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## † PREPARATION †

**Today we will observe The Lord's Supper...** The Lord's Supper is celebrated at Grace Lutheran Church in the confession and glad confidence that, as he says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but his very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another. Our Lord invites to his table those who trust his words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as he forgives and loves us, that they may show forth his death until he comes. Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked you first to speak with the pastor, an elder or an usher. (For further study, see Matthew 5:23f; 10:32f; 18:15-35; 26:26-29; I Cor. 11:17-34). Wine is used in the individual and common cup. It may also be received by intinction. A gluten free wafer is available upon request.

## PRELUDE

Prelude in C

arr. L. Smith

"A Mighty Fortress is Our God"

setting: R. Schultz

## WELCOME

*Stand*

## HYMN

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

**LSB 656**

1 A might - y for - tress is our God,  
2 With might of ours can naught our be done,  
3 Though dev - ils all the world should fill,  
4 The Word they still shall let re - main

A trust - y shield and weap - on;  
Soon were our loss ef - fect - ed;  
All ea - ger to de - your us,  
Nor an - y thanks have for it;

He helps us free from ev - 'ry need  
 But for us fights the val - iant One,  
 We trem - ble not, we fear no ill;  
 He's by our side up - on the plain

That hath us now o'er - tak en.  
 Whom God Him - self e - lect ed.  
 They shall not o - ver - pow'r us.  
 With His good gifts and Spir it.

The old e vil foe Now means  
 Ask ye, Who is this? Je - sus  
 This world's prince may still Scowl fierce  
 And take they our life, Goods, fame,

dead - ly woe; Deep guile and great might  
 Christ it is, Of Sab - a oth Lord,  
 as he will, He can harm us none.  
 child, and wife, Though these all be gone,

Are his dread arms in fight; On earth  
 And there's none oth - er holds  
 He's judged; the deed is done;  
 Our vic - t'ry has been won; The lit - King -

is not his e qual.  
 the field for - ev er.  
 tle word can fell him.  
 dom ours re - main eth.

## INVOCATION

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

## **OPENING SENTENCES**

- P** Hear my cry, O God, listen to my prayer;
- C** **from the end of the earth I call to You when my heart is faint.**
- P** Send out Your light and Your truth; let them lead me;
- C** **let them bring me to Your holy hill and to Your dwelling!**
- P** Then I will go to the altar of God, to God my exceeding joy,
- C** **and I will praise You with the lyre, O God, my God.**
- P** Hope in God; for I shall again praise Him,
- C** **my salvation and my God.**

## **CONFSSION AND ABSOLUTION**

- P** Let us make confession of our sins to God, our heavenly Father.
- C** **Merciful Father, our Lord and King, we are sinful people. We have inherited the legacy of original sin from our first parents, Adam and Eve, who disobeyed You in Eden. We are by nature sinful and unclean. In our daily lives we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. We sincerely repent of our sins and humbly ask Your grace and forgiveness in Jesus Christ. By the renewing work of the Holy Spirit, lead us to change what is sinful in our lives that each day we may grow in righteousness and godly living to the glory of Your holy name.**
- P** God is gracious and forgiving. He has shown His merciful power in ways that renew, restore, and heal. To those who come to Him with repentant and contrite hearts, our Lord says, "Fear not!" and promises pardon, life, and salvation. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the **†** Son and of the Holy Spirit. As you believe, so may it be.
- C** **Amen.**

**† SERVICE OF THE WORD †**

**C When he calls to Me, I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will rescue him and honor him.**

- I** With long life I will satisfy him and show him My salvation.
  - II** 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.
  - I** For He will command His angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways. On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.
  - II** You will tread on the lion and the adder; the young lion and the serpent you will trample underfoot.
- C Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

**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

LSB 204



**C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

## SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

**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.**

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Genesis 3:1–21*

The Word is read...

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

**PSALM**, *I font side, II Pulpit side*

*Psalm 32:1–7; antiphon: v. 7a*

- C** **Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.**
- I** *Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.*
- C** **For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.**
- II** *I acknowledged my sin to You, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.*
- C** **Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to You at a time when You may be found; surely in the rush of great waters, they shall not reach him. You are a hiding place for me; You preserve me from trouble; You surround me with shouts of deliverance.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

**Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.**

## EPISTLE

*Romans 5:12–19*

The Word is read...

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

*Stand*

**GRADUAL AND VERSE, I font side, II Pulpit side**

*Ephesians 6:11; Hebrews 12:2*

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

- I** O come, let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith,  
**II** who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

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

**HOLY GOSPEL**

*Matthew 4:1-11*

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fourth 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**

"In Adam We Have All Been One"

**LSB 569**

1 In Ad - am we have all been one, One huge re - bel-lious man;  
 2 We fled Thee, and in los - ing Thee We lost our broth - er too;  
 3 But Thy strong love, it sought us still And sent Thine on - ly Son  
 4 O Thou who, when we loved Thee not, Didst love and save us all,

We all have fled that eve - ning voice That sought us as we ran.  
 Each sin - gly sought and claimed his own; Each man his broth-er slew.  
 That we might hear His Shep-herd's voice And, hear - ing Him, be one.  
 Thou great Good Shep-herd of man - kind, O hear us when we call.

5 Send us Thy Spirit, teach us truth;  
Thou Son, O set us free  
From fancied wisdom, self-sought ways,  
To make us one in Thee.

△6 Then shall our song united rise  
To Thine eternal throne,  
Where with the Father evermore  
And Spirit Thou art one.

## SERMON

*Stand*

### CATHECHISM

*The Third Article*

**P** The Gospel appointed for the First Sunday in Lent begins by telling us that "Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil" (Matthew 4:1). These words remind us of the close interworking of the three Persons of the Holy Trinity all through the earthly life and ministry of our Lord Jesus Christ. Today, we confess the words of the Apostles' Creed regarding the work of the Holy Spirit and also speak the words from Luther's Small Catechism regarding the work of the Spirit.

**C** **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**P** What does this mean?

**C** **I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith.**

**In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.**

**In this Christian Church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers.**

**On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ.**

**This is most certainly true.**

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

- P** As we begin our observance of Lent, Lord, we pray, "Lead us not into temptation." Assure us that You are with us in every place, and defend us from the assaults of the evil one. Help us to treasure the cross in our hearts as it reveals Your loving purpose, and enable us to show our thankfulness for our full salvation in lives that are wholly given to Your service. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- A** Support and ever defend Your Church, purchased with the precious blood of Christ. Strengthen Your faithful people through the Word that is able to make us wise unto salvation. Grant us every blessing through the Holy Sacraments, making us perfect in love and in all good works, especially to those of the household of faith. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Grant Your wisdom and heavenly grace to all pastors and to those who hold office or discharge responsibility in Your Church that, by their devoted service, faith may be nurtured and Your kingdom increase. We pray for officers of congregations and all those who serve in groups and on committees and individually where the tasks completed are often visible only to You. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- A** Into a world that is dark and often hostile, send the light of Your truth. Raise up faithful and courageous servants of Christ to advance the Gospel both at home in urban, suburban, and rural settings, and also in distant lands around the globe. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Preserve our nation in justice and honor that we may lead safe and peaceable lives. Grant health and favor to all who bear office in our land, especially the president and congress, the governor and legislature of this state, and to all those who make, administer, and judge our laws. Help them to serve the people in their areas of responsibility according to Your holy will. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- A** Bestow Your blessings on the schools of the Church and upon all seminaries, colleges, universities, and centers of research, and those who teach and work in

them. Sanctify our homes with Your presence, and bless them with joy. Maintain our children in the covenant of their Baptism, and enable their parents or other family caregivers to bring them up in lives of faith and devotion. Unite the members of all families in a spirit of affection and service that they may show Your praise in our land and in all the world. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

- P** By Your Word and Holy Spirit, comfort all who are in sorrow or need, sickness or adversity, [especially . . .]. Bring consolation to those in sorrow, and grant to all with special needs a full measure of Your love, taking them into Your tender care. Enable us to be instruments of care according to Your will. All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of Him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever.

**C Amen.**

**"Cross" Reference Ap XXIV 56**

- P** There are numerous references to the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Lutheran Confessions. These documents present the truth of our faith in Jesus, the ultimate sacrifice for sin that brings us reconciliation with God for time and eternity. In the Apology of the Augsburg Confession, a document that expands on previous expressions of the beliefs of Lutherans, it is written, "In the Old Testament, sacrifices did not merit reconciliation, except as a picture (for they merited civil reconciliation), but they illustrated the coming sacrifice. This means that Christ is the only sacrifice applied on behalf of the sins of others. Therefore, in the New Testament, no sacrifice is left to be applied for the sins of others, except the one sacrifice of Christ upon the cross."

The cross of Jesus Christ is frequently called "the tree" in Lenten hymns—as it is in "Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted." This classic Passiontide hymn, written in Ireland by writer Thomas Kelly in the nineteenth century, underscores the theme of the sacrifice of Jesus on our behalf.

*Sit*

**HYMN**

"Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted"

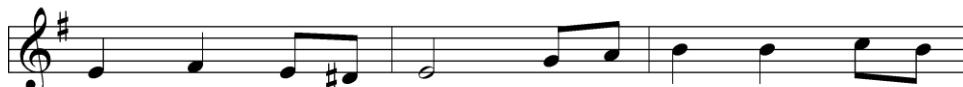
**LSB 451**



1 Strick-en, smit-ten, and af - flict - ed, See Him dy - ing on the  
 2 Tell me, ye who hear Him groan-ing, Was there ev - er grief like  
 3 Ye who think of sin but light - ly Nor sup - pose the e - vil  
 4 Here we have a firm foun - da - tion, Here the ref - uge of the



tree! 'Tis the Christ, by man re - ject - ed; Yes, my  
 His? Friends through fear His cause dis - own - ing, Foes in -  
 great Here may view its na - ture right - ly, Here its  
 lost: Christ, the Rock of our sal - va - tion, Is the



soul, 'tis He, 'tis He! 'Tis the long - ex - pect - ed  
 sult - ing His dis - tress; Man - y hands were raised to  
 guilt may es - ti - mate. Mark the sac - ri - fice ap -  
 name of which we boast; Lamb of God, for sin - ners



Proph - et, Da - vid's Son, yet Da - vid's Lord; Proofs I  
 wound Him, None would in - ter - vene to save; But the  
 point - ed, See who bears the aw - ful load; 'Tis the  
 wound - ed, Sac - ri - fice to can - cel guilt! None shall



see suf - fi - cient of it: 'Tis the true and faith - ful Word.  
 deep - est stroke that pierced Him Was the stroke that jus - tice gave.  
 Word, the Lord's a - noint - ed, Son of Man and Son of God.  
 ev - er be con - found - ed Who on Him their hope have built.

**OFFERING**

**VOLUNTARY**

"Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted"

setting: R. Wienhorst

*Stand*

## OFFERTORY

LSB 955

The musical notation consists of six staves of music in common time, treble clef, and G major. The lyrics are integrated into the music, appearing below each staff. The lyrics are:

Let the vine - yards be fruit-ful, Lord, And fill to the brim our  
cup of bless-ing. Gath - er a har-vest from the seeds that were  
sown, That we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the  
hopes and the dreams of all; U - nite them with the prayers we  
of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with Your pres - ence, and  
give us A fore-taste of the feast to come.

## † 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

¶ It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## SANCTUS

LSB 208

The musical notation consists of four staves of common time, treble clef, with quarter and eighth note heads. The lyrics are as follows:

C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;  
Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo - ry of Your name.  
Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord;  
Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

¶ Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us

together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

## THE 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  $\text{\textt{T}}$  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  $\text{\textt{T}}$  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

**C 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

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

## AGNUS DEI

LSB 210

C 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
 2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
 You take the sin of the world a - way;  
 You take the sin of the world a - way;  
 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God, Christ,  
 Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,  
 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.  
 And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

*Sit*

## DISTRIBUTION HYMN

"O Christ, You Walked the Road"

LSB 424



1 O Christ, You walked the road Our wan - d'ring feet must go.  
 2 No bread of earth a - lone Can fill our hun - g'ring hearts.  
 3 No blind - ing sign we ask, No won - der from a - bove.  
 4 When lures of eas - y gain With prom - ise bright - ly shine,  
 5 O Christ, You walked the road Our wan - d'ring feet must go.



You faced with us temp - ta - tion's pow'r And fought our an - cient foe.  
 Lord, help us seek Your liv - ing Word, The food Your grace im - parts.  
 Lord, help us place our trust a - lone In Your un - swerv - ing love.  
 Lord, help us seek Your king - dom first; Our wills with Yours a - lign.  
 Stay with us through temp - ta - tion's hour To fight our an - cient foe.

## VOLUNTARY

"O Christ You Walked the Road"

setting: T. Beck

"As the Heart Pants for You, O Lord"

R. Blake

*Stand*

## NUNC DIMITTIS

LSB 211

C 1 O Lord, now let to Your ser - vant De -  
 2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All

part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the  
 glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the

glo - ry, Of Your re - deem - ing grace:  
 Spir - it, For ev - er Three in One;

A light to lead the be - Gen - tiles, Un -  
 For as in the be - gin ning, Un Is

to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -  
 peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.  
 sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

## POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

**A** Let us pray. Blessed are You, heavenly Father and King eternal, for You have once again fed and nourished us at Your Table through the body and blood of Your Son, Jesus Christ, who is the way, the truth, and the life. Strengthen us through this gracious Meal that we may live with purpose, confidently resist temptation, and through acts of mercy share Your blessings. Support us in this life, and bring us at last to the unending feast in Your eternal kingdom, where You live and reign with the Son 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  $\ddagger$  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 bore  
 4 For us He prayed; for us He taught;

Be - yond all thought and fan - ta - sy,  
 Of high - er or of 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.

To guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.

6 For us He rose from death again;  
 For us He went on high to reign;  
 For us He sent His Spirit here

△ 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

- A** Go in peace as you serve the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

"Festive Episode"

L. Scarmolin

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