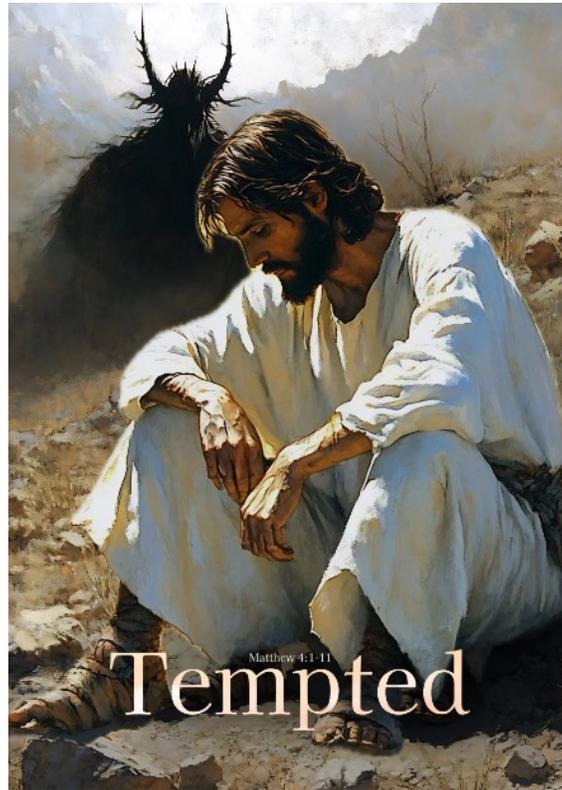


First Sunday in Lent



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About This Service: The heart of Christianity is not what we do for God but what God has done for us in Christ Jesus. We call our service the "Divine Service" because the Divine One, our Lord Jesus, promises to be present to serve us by His Word and with His body and blood.

Are My Children Welcome? Our Lord says, "Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God" (Mark 10:14). Yes, your little ones are more than welcome! We are delighted to have them with us in the service!

Visitors: Welcome to St. John's! If you have not already done so, please fill out the visitor's book outside of the sanctuary. If you don't yet have a church home, or have any questions about what we believe, teach, and confess, feel free to speak with Pastor; he would be happy to talk with you!

Communion: We ask that all visitors speak with Pastor before the service and prior to coming up for communion. We invite those who are communicant members of the LC-MS to commune with us. If you are not a communicant member of the LC-MS, please cross your arms when you come up to the communion rail to receive a blessing.

Ringing of the Bell

Prelude

Welcome

Opening Hymn TLH 369 "All Mankind Fell in Adam's Fall"

All mankind fell in Adam's fall, One common sin infects them all;
From sire to son the bane descends, And over all the curse impends.

Through all man's powers corruption creeps And him in dreadful bondage keeps;
In guilt he draws his infant breath And reaps its fruits of woe and death.

From hearts depraved, to evil prone, Flow thoughts and deeds of sin alone;
God's image lost, the darkened soul Nor seeks nor finds its heavenly goal.

But Christ, the second Adam, came To bear our sin and woe and shame,
To be our Life, our Light, our Way, Our only Hope, our only Stay.

As by one man all mankind fell And, born in sin, was doomed to hell,
So by one Man, who took our place, We all received the gift of grace.

We thank Thee, Christ; new life is ours, New light, new hope, new strength, new powers:
May grace our every way attend Until we reach our journey's end! Amen.

The Order of Worship, Page 15 TLH

Invocation: TLH Page 15 [Responses Sung]

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.

C: **Amen.**

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father,
beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Our help is in the name of the Lord.

C: **Who made heaven and earth.**

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

C: **And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.**

Confession of Sins TLH Page 16

ALL: **O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto Thee all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended Thee and justly deserved Thy temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray Thee of Thy boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Thy beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

Absolution TLH Page 16

P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.

C: [Sung] **Amen.**

Introit (P: Pastor C: Congregation) *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.

**C: With long life I will satisfy him
and show him my salvation.**

P: Because you have made the Lord your dwelling place—
the Most High, who is my refuge—

**C: 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.

Gloria Patri: *TLH Page 16 [Sung]*

**C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

The Kyrie: *TLH Page 17 [Sung]*

C: Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

During Lent, the Gloria in Excelsis is omitted

Salutation and Collect

TLH Page 19

P: The Lord be with you! **C: And with thy spirit!**

(prayed together) – **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.**

Response: [Sung] Amen.

Old Testament Reading – Genesis 3:1-21

¹Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the Lord God had made.

He said to the woman, “Did God actually say, ‘You shall not eat of any tree in the garden’?” ²And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, ³but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.’” ⁴But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die. ⁵For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” ⁶So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. ⁷Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.

⁸And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. ⁹But the Lord God called to the man and said to him, “Where are you?” ¹⁰And he said, “I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself.” ¹¹He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?”

¹²The man said, “The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate.” ¹³Then the Lord God said to the woman, “What is this that you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”

¹⁴The Lord God said to the serpent, “Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. ¹⁵I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.”

¹⁶To the woman he said, “I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children. Your desire shall be for your husband, and he shall rule over you.”

¹⁷And to Adam he said, “Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you, ‘You shall not eat of it,’ cursed is the ground because of you; in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life; ¹⁸thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field. ¹⁹By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return.”

²⁰The man called his wife’s name Eve, because she was the mother of all living. ²¹And the Lord God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them.

Epistle Reading – Romans 5:12-19

¹²Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned— ¹³for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. ¹⁴Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come.

¹⁵But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man’s trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many. ¹⁶And the free gift is not like the result of that one man’s sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brought justification. ¹⁷If, because of one man’s trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ.

¹⁸Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. ¹⁹For as by the one man’s disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man’s obedience the many will be made righteous.

Gradual *During Lent, the Hallelujah is omitted*

P: [O come, let us fix our eyes on] Jesus,
the founder and perfecter of our faith,
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.

As the Gospel reading is announced, the congregation sings...

C: GLORY BE TO THEE, O LORD!

Gospel Reading – Matthew 4:1-11

¹Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ²And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. ³And the tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.” ⁴But he answered, “It is written, “Man shall not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.””

⁵Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the temple ⁶and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written,
“He will command his angels concerning you,”

and

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

⁷Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.’” ⁸Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. ⁹And he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” ¹⁰Then Jesus said to him, “Be gone, Satan! For it is written,

“You shall worship the Lord your God
and him only shall you serve.”

¹¹Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him.

The Gospel ended, the congregation sings...

C: PRAISE BE TO THEE, O CHRIST!

The Nicene Creed *TLH Page 22*

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, Begotten, not made, Being of one substance with the Father, By whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary And was made man; And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures; And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father; And He shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord and Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spake by the Prophets. And I believe one holy Christian and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, And I look for the resurrection of the dead, And the life of the world to come. Amen.

Sermon Hymn TLH 262 “A Mighty Fortress is Our God”

**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.**

**With might of ours can naught be done, Soon were our loss effected;
But for us fights the Valiant One, Whom God Himself elected.
Ask ye, who is this? Jesus Christ it is,
Of Sabaoth Lord, And there’s none other God; He holds the field forever.**

**Tho’ devils all the world should fill, All eager to devour us,
We tremble not, we fear no ill, They shall not over-pow’r us.
This world’s prince may still Scowl fierce as he will,
He can harm us none, He’s judged; the deed is done; One little word can fell him.**

**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,
Let these all be gone, They yet have nothing won; The Kingdom ours remaineth. Amen.**

The Sermon

Offertory

TLH Pages 22-23 [Sung]

C: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation; And uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

Prayers

TLH Pages 23-24

ORDER OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Preface: *TLH Page 24 [Responses Sung]*

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And with thy spirit.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up unto the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

C: It is meet and right so to do.

P: It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to Thee, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God ... therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Thy glorious name, evermore praising Thee and saying:

The Sanctus: *TLH Page 26 [Sung]*

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth; Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory;

Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He, Blessed is He,

Blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord. Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.

The Lord's Prayer: *TLH Page 27*

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;

[Sung] **For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

The Words of Institution: *TLH Page 27*

Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread; and when He had given thanks, He brake it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of me."

After the same manner also He took the cup when He had supped, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of it; this cup is the New Testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the remission of sins. This do, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of Me."

The Pax Domini: *TLH Page 27*

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

C: *[Sung]* **A - - - - men.**

The Agnus Dei: *TLH Page 28 [Sung]*

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, Grant us Thy peace. A - - - - men.

The Distribution *(We invite those who are communicant members of the LC–MS to commune with us.)*

Distribution Hymns TLH 140 “Jesus, I Will Ponder Now”

Jesus, I will ponder now On Thy holy Passion;
With Thy Spirit me endow For such meditation.
Grant that I in love and faith May the image cherish
Of Thy suff'ring, pain, and death That I may not perish.

Make me see Thy great distress, Anguish, and affliction,
Bonds and stripes and wretchedness And Thy crucifixion;
Make me see how scourge and rod, Spear and nails, did wound Thee,
How for man Thou diedst, O God, Who with thorns had crowned Thee.

Yet, O Lord, not thus alone Make me see Thy Passion,
But its cause to me make known And its termination.
Ah! I also and my sin Wrought Thy deep affliction;
This indeed the cause hath been Of Thy crucifixion

Grant that I Thy Passion view With repentant grieving
Nor Thee crucify anew By unholy living.
How could I refuse to shun Ev'ry sinful pleasure
Since for me God's only Son Suffered without measure?

If my sins give me alarm And my conscience grieve me,
Let Thy cross my fear disarm, Peace of conscience give me.
Grant that I may trust in Thee And Thy holy Passion.
If His Son so loveth me, God must have compassion.

Grant that I may willingly Bear with Thee my crosses,
Learning humbleness of Thee, Peace mid pain and losses.
May I give Thee love for love! Hear me, O my Savior,
That I may in heaven above Sing Thy praise forever. Amen.

TLH 148 “Lord Jesus Christ, My Life, My Light”

Lord Jesus Christ, my Life, my Light, My Strength by day, my Trust by night,
On earth I'm but a passing guest And sorely by my sins opprest.

Far off I see my fatherland, Where thro' Thy blood I hope to stand.
But ere I reach that Paradise, A weary way before me lies.

My heart sinks at the journey's length, My wasted flesh has little strength;
My soul alone still cries in me: "Lord, take me home, take me to Thee!"

Oh let Thy suff'rings give me pow'r To meet the last and darkest hour!
Thy blood refresh and comfort me; Thy bonds and fetters make me free.

Oh, let Thy holy wounds for me Clefs in the rock forever be
Where as a dove my soul can hide And safe from Satan's rage abide.

And when my spirit flies away, The dying words shall be my stay.
Thy cross shall be my staff in life, Thy holy grave my rest from strife.

Lord, in Thy nail-prints let me read That Thou to save me hast decreed
And grant that in Thine opened side My troubled soul may ever hide.

Since Thou hast died, the Pure, the Just, I take my homeward way in trust.
The gates of heaven, Lord, open wide When here I may no more abide.

And when the last Great Day shall come And Thou, our Judge, shalt speak the doom,
Let me with joy behold the light And set me then upon Thy right.

Renew this wasted flesh of mine That like the sun it there may shine
Among the angels pure and bright, Yea, like Thyself in glorious light.

Ah, then I'll have my hearts' desire, When, singing with the angels' choir,
Among the ransomed of Thy grace, Forever I'll behold Thy face. Amen.

Nunc Dimittis

TLH Pages 29-30 [Sung]

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy Word,
For mine eyes have seen Thy Salvation: which Thou hast prepared before the Face of all people,
a Light to lighten the Gentiles and the Glory of Thy people Israel.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

The Thanksgiving: *TLH Page 30*

P: Oh, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good. C: *[Sung]* **And His mercy endureth forever.**

The Thanksgiving Prayer: *TLH Pages 30-31*

P: ...through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, ever one God,
world without end.

C: *[Sung]* **A- - - - men.**

The Benedicamus: *TLH Page 31*

P: The Lord be with you.

C: *[Sung]* **And with thy spirit.**

P: Bless we the Lord.

C: *[Sung]* **Thanks be to God.**

The Benediction: *TLH Page 31*

P: The Lord bless you and keep you, The Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto
you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

C: *[Sung]* **Amen, Amen, Amen!**

Closing Hymn TLH 410 "Jesus, Lead Thou On"

Jesus, lead Thou on Till our rest is won;
And although the way be cheerless, We will follow calm and fearless;
Guide us by Thy hand To our fatherland.

If the way be drear, If the Foe be near,
Let not faithless fears o'ertake us, Let not faith and hope forsake us;
For though many a woe To our home we go.

When we seek relief From a long-felt grief,
When temptations come alluring, Make us patient and enduring;
Show us that bright shore Where we weep no more.

Jesus, lead Thou on Till our rest is won;
Heav'nly Leader, still direct us, Still support, console, protect us,
Till we safely stand In our fatherland. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Announcements

Have A Blessed Week!

LENT MIDWEEK SERVICES

Wednesday, February 25th @ 7:00pm

Join us as we meditate on Psalm 6!

"The Lord has heard my plea; the Lord accepts my prayer."

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Hymn #369: Scripture: Romans 3:12; Durch Adams Fall ist ganz verderbt; All Mankind Fell in Adam's Fall; Author: Lazarus Spengler (1524, cento); Translator: Matthias Loy (1880, alt.); Tune: Wenn wir in höchsten Nöten; Source: "Genevan Psalter", 1547.

Hymn #262: Scripture: Psalm.46; Ein' feste Burg ist unser Gott; A Mighty Fortress Is Our God; Author: Martin Luther, 1529; Tr.: Composite; Tune: Ein feste Burg; Composer: Martin Luther, 1529.

Hymn #140: Scripture: Luke 18:31-34; Jesu Deine Passion; Jesus, I Will Ponder Now; Author: Sigismund V. Birken (1653); Translator: August Crull († 1923, alt.) Tune: Jesu Kreuz, Leiden und Pein; Composer: Melchior Vulpius (1609).

Hymn #148: Scripture: Luke 23:33; German Title: O Jesu Christ, mein's Lieben licht; Lord Jesus Christ, My Life, My Light; Author: Martin Behm (1610, cento.) Tran.: Catherine Winkworth (1858, 1863, alt.); O Jesu Christ, Mein's; Source: "Nurnbergeisches Gesangbuch, 1676.

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Daily Bible Reading:

- **Monday, Feb. 16th:** Acts 25
- **Tuesday, Feb. 17th:** Acts 26
- **Wednesday, Feb. 18th:** Acts 27
- **Thursday, Feb. 19th:** Acts 28
- **Friday, Feb. 20th:** Romans 1
- **Saturday, Feb. 21st:** Romans 2
- **Sunday, Feb. 22nd:** Romans 3

Catechism Recitation for the Week:

Lord's Prayer: Sixth Petition

And lead us not into temptation.

What does this mean?

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.