

SERMON

***HYMN OF THE DAY**
“Oh Love, How Deep”

ELW Hymn 322

***APOSTLES' CREED**

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***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

...Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

...Receive our prayers, O God, through Jesus Christ, our strength and salvation. **Amen**

***PEACE**

The Peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

OFFERTORY - "I Want Jesus to Walk With Me" arranged by David von Kampen

***OFFERING SONG**

“On My Heart Imprint Your Image”

ELW Hymn 811

***OFFERING PRAYER**

O God, maker of heaven and earth,
your steadfast love embraces all creation.
You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth
and bring forth its bounty.
Through these gifts of bread and wine,
draw us into the death and life of your Son,
who calls us to bear witness to his saving work.
We ask this in Jesus' name
Amen.

MEAL

***GREAT THANKSGIVING**

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

... with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS

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...together as the body of Christ,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes:
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

...all our sins and sorrows will be no more.
Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

...that we may be a living tree, sharing your bounty with all the world.
Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

...all glory and honor is yours, O God, O Living One,
with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, now and forever.
Amen.

***LORD'S PRAYER**

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Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

***INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

At the direction of the usher, please come forward, forming two lines in the center aisle, to stand or kneel at the chancel rail to receive the gift of God's living Word in bread and wine. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request, and you may choose wine (glass) or alcohol-free juice (stainless steel). To receive communion at your seat, simply notify an usher. All are welcome at this table.

COMMUNION HYMNS

“Lamb of God”
“Lord Jesus, Think on Me”

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***TABLE BLESSING**

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace. **Amen.**

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

God of our salvation,
we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls,
reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey.
Through the body and blood of your Son,
may we become Christ's body in the world,
bearing witness to your love for all creation,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

SENDING

***BLESSING**

Receive the blessing of the holy Trinity:
God, who calls all things into existence,
Jesus Christ, who redeems us,
and the Holy Spirit, whose breath sustains creation,
✠ bless you now and always.
Amen.

***SENDING HYMN**

“Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song”

ELW Hymn 808

***DISMISSAL**

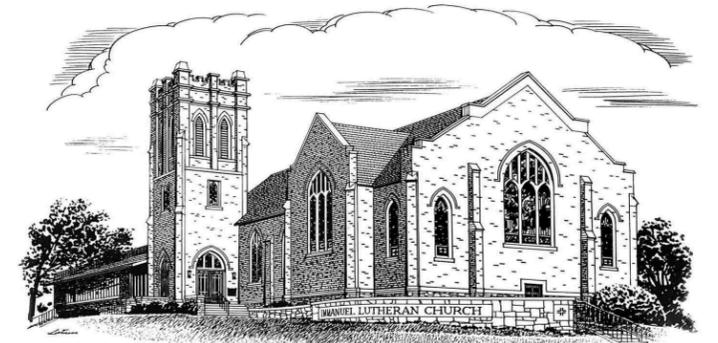
Go in peace. Believe the good news.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

"Erhalt uns, Herr," by Johann Gottfried Walther (1684-1748)
Based on ELW 320

Welcome to Worship

First Sunday of Lent



February 22, 2026

10:00 a.m



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February 22, 2024

10:00 a.m.

Find page numbers in the front of the ELW (red hymnal), and hymns in the back.

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Bold=All

*Please stand as you are able

GATHERING

PRELUDE - "Tierce en taille" by Nicolas Lebègue (1631-1702)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Gracious God,

have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

For seeking worldly delights that deceive us and dishonor you:

Gracious God,

have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

For desiring self-reliance instead of hungering for your word:

Gracious God,

have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

For failing to recognize your coming reign,

and for hindering the work of the Spirit: Gracious God,

have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

For drawing from the well of self-serving ambition,

and for disdaining the living water Christ offers: Gracious God,

have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

For disregarding voices from the margin,

and for distrusting signs of your healing and hope in the world:

Gracious God,

have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

For dwelling in tombs of self-pity and discontent,

and for disregarding Christ's call to come forth to life:

Gracious God,

have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

God's steadfast love, grace, and forgiveness abound.

Through faith, the free gift of God,

you have been clothed in the righteousness of Christ.

In the name of ☩ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

The Spirit of the One who raised Christ from the dead

dwells in you,

pours God's love into your hearts,

and gives you life and peace.

Amen.

***GATHERING HYMN**

"Eternal Lord of Love, Behold Your Church" ELW Hymn 321

***GREETING**

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

***KYRIE**

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***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Lord God, our strength, the struggle between good and evil rages within and around us, and the devil and all the forces that defy you tempt us with empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your word, and when we fall, raise us again and restore us through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

WORD

FIRST READING: Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

15 The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. 16 And the Lord God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden, 17 but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die."

3:1 Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?'" 2 The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, 3 but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" 4 But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die, 5 for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." 6 So 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. 7 Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked, and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God**

PSALMODY: Psalm 32



1 Happy are they whose transgressions | are forgiven,
and whose sin is | put away!

**2 Happy are they to whom the Lord im- | putes no guilt,
and in whose spirit there | is no guile!**

3 While I held my tongue, my bones with- | ered away,
because of my groaning | all day long.

**4 For your hand was heavy upon me | day and night;
my moisture was dried up as in the | heat of summer.**

5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not con- | ceal my guilt.

I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord." Then you forgave me the guilt | of my sin.

**6 Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in
| time of trouble;**

**when the great waters overflow, they | shall not reach
them.**

7 You are my hiding-place; you preserve | me from trouble;
you surround me with shouts | of deliverance.

**8 "I will instruct you and teach you in the way that | you
should go;**

I will guide you | with my eye.

9 Do not be like horse or mule, which have no | understanding;
who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will | not stay
near you."

**10 Great are the tribulations | of the wicked;
but mercy embraces those who trust | in the Lord.**

11 Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice | in the Lord;
shout for joy, all who are | true of heart.

SECOND READING: Romans 5:12-19

12 Just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned 13 for sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. 14 Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who did not sin in the likeness of Adam, who is a pattern of the one who was to come.

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

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

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***GOSPEL: Matthew 4:1-11**

¹ Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tested by the devil. ² He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterward he was famished. ³ The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." ⁴ But he answered, "It is written,

'One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'

⁵ Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, ⁶ saying 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,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'

⁷ Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

⁸ Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory, ⁹ and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

'Worship the Lord your God,
and serve only him.'

¹¹ Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.
The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**