

The First Sunday in Lent

Sunday, February 21, 2021 9:30 am

THE SERVICE OF PREPARATION

PRELUDE

THE RINGING OF THE BELLS

HYMN OF INVOCATION (Please Stand)

“O Bless the Lord, My Soul” LSB 814

O bless the Lord, my soul!

Let all in me join

And aid my tongue to bless His name

Whose favors are divine.

O bless the Lord, my soul,

Nor let His mercies lie

Forgotten in unthankfulness

And without praises die.

‘Tis He forgives thy sins

‘Tis He relieves thy pain;

‘Tis He that heals thy sicknesses

And makes thee young again

He crowns thy life with love,

When ransomed from the grave;

He that redeemed my soul from hell

Have sov'reign pow'r to save.

He fills the poor with good;

He gives the suff'ers rest;

The Lord has judgments for the proud,

And justice for th' oppressed

**His wondrous works and ways
He made by Moses known
But sent the world His truth and grace
By His beloved Son**

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

Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]

People: (Sing) **Amen.**

Pastor: 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.

Hebrews 10:22

(You are invited to kneel, or to be seated)

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: (Sing) **who made heaven and earth.**

Psalms 124:8

Pastor: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the
Lord,

People: (Sing) **And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.**

Psalms 32:5

**People: 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.**

Pastor: 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 of your sins in the name of
the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

[John 20:19-23]

People: (Sing) **Amen.**

(Please Sit)

THE FIRST READING *Genesis 22: 1-18 ESV*

After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He 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." So 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. On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar. Then 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." And 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. And Isaac said to his father Abraham, "My father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" Abraham said, "God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So they went both of them together. When 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. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He 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." And 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. So 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." And the angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven and said, "By myself I have sworn, declares the LORD, because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, I 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^[d] enemies, and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice."

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE EPISTLE *James 1:12-18 ESV*

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. Let 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. But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death. Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers. 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. Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

(Please Stand for the Gospel)

People: (Sing) **Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

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

People: (Sing) **Glory be to Thee, O Lord!**

HOLY GOSPEL *Mark 1:9-15 ESV*

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." The Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. And 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. Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel."

Reader: Here endeth the Gospel.

People: (Sing) **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

HYMN OF THE DAY (Please Sit)

"Lift High the Cross" LSB 837 vs 1-4

**Lift high the cross the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore His sacred name**

**Come Christians follow where our Captain trod
Our King victorious
Christ the Son of God**

**Lift high the cross the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore His sacred name**

**Led on their way by this triumphant sign
The hosts of God in conqu'ring ranks combine**

**Lift high the cross the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore His sacred name**

**All newborn soldiers of the Crucified
Bear on their brows the seal of Him who died**

**Lift high the cross the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore His sacred name**

**O Lord once lifted on the glorious tree
As Thou hast promised
draw us all to Thee**

+++ SERMON +++

“Trials and/or Gifts”

Text: *James 1:12-18 (The Epistle Lesson)*

Theme: The giver of every good and perfect gift is on our side, even in trial and temptation.

Our Goal: That each and every one present believe God is with his people in all trials and temptations of this world and supplies all they need to deal with both by the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Outline: The Giver of Every Good and Perfect Gift Is on Our Side, Even in Trial and Temptation.

- I. James deals with trials by pointing us to God and his purposes for the trials, rather than pointing to the trials themselves.
- II. James deals with temptations by pointing us to the Word of truth, the Gospel, where the focus is on God’s work for us, not on our attempts to defeat temptation.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH (Please remain seated)

Reader: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen

(Please rise for the Lord’s Prayer)

THE LORD’S PRAYER (Spoken)

**All: 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**

THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

(Spoken by the Pastor)

THE DISTRIBUTION (Please Sit)

(See Communion policy on the front “Welcome” page of the bulletin or on the screen.)

Before approaching The Altar: (Kneel and say)

O Lord Jesus Christ Son Of The Living God, Who according to the will of The Father and through the operation of The Holy Spirit has given life to the world through Your death; by Your Most Sacred Body and Precious Blood deliver me from all my iniquities and from every evil, and make me ever cling to Your commandments, and permit me never to part from You.

Let not my reception of Your Body and Blood, which I, all unworthy, presume to eat and drink, be to my judgment and condemnation; but by Your mercy may it be to me for protection and health both of soul and body. Who lives and reigns with The Father and The Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen!

After Returning to The Pew: (Kneel and say this or another prayer) O Lord Christ, I can never thank You enough for instituting this Most Blessed Sacrament of Your Most Holy Body and Blood. May it ever be for me salvation to life everlasting and strength for godly living. Who lives and reigns with The Father and The Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen!

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

“Jesus, Lead Thou On” LSB 718
**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 through 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

Pastor: Oh, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.

People: (Sing) **And His mercy endureth forever.**

Pastor: O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve you; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: (Sing) **Amen**

THE BENEDICTION

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

People: (Sing) **Amen, Amen, Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

“Oh, That the Lord Would Guide my Ways” LSB 707

**Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways
To keep His statutes still
Oh, that my God would grant me grace
To know and do His will**

**Order my footsteps by Thy Word
And make my heart sincere
Let sin have no dominion, Lord
But keep my conscience clear**

**Assist my soul too apt to stray
A stricter watch to keep
And should I e'er forget Thy way
Restore Thy wand'ring sheep**

**Make me to walk in Thy commands
'Tis a delightful road
Nor let my head or heart or hands
Offend against my God**

THOSE SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE

Rev. Paul Pollatz, *Pastor*

Marie Brown, *Organist*

Glenn Cairns, *Elder/Comm. Assist*

Glenn Cairns, *Reader*

Jim Bumgarner & Frank Pignanelli, *Ushers*

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Looking for a small microwave

The quilters are looking for a good, used small microwave for the sewing room. Please see Bev, Ruth or Pastor

Church Website

www.mthopelutheranchurch.com

Have you checked it out? We now have Newsletters, Bulletins, Lent service Schedule & soon Church service Videos

Cards for members & friends of others

Everyone can sign the cards and they are in the narthex, or entry into the church sanctuary.

ATTENDANCE

February 14 th	9:30am	36
Ash Wednesday Feb. 17	12:00pm	11
	7:00pm	21

PRAYER LIST

If sudden illness or the need for immediate prayers occurs, please feel free to contact our Prayer Chain leader, Joan Hafkesbrink, at 313.565.6871. Prayer requests will remain on the list for two weeks.

Anniversary

Birthdays

Kayla Cox – February 21st

Ken Kosmalski – February 21st

Sandy Cairns – February 23rd

Glenn Cairns – February 26th

For the Shut-Ins

Gladys Hill, at Beaumont Commons

Ken Knick, at home

Dorothy MacTavish, at home

George Morton, at home

For Those Who Are Sick or Healing

Vicki Eisenman, friend of Gayle French,
Various Cancers - Stage 4

Family of Juanita Haflen, Shirley Griffin's Sister, was
called to her eternal home

Barbra Parise, Frank Pignanelli's Sister, Hospitalized with
brain tumor, undergoing Chemo

The Family of Jenny Amsis, age 39, leaving behind
amongst other family members, her stepsister
Anita. Jenny was laid to rest Friday, the 19th.

The Family of Stella Milewski, leaving behind amongst
family members, her close friend Gayle French.

LENTEN MIDWEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

Our Website: www.mthopelutheranchurch.com

ASH WEDNESDAY - February 17th

In person worship 12 Noon & 7:00 PM
(With Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes)

MIDWEEK OF LENT 1--February 24th

In person worship 12 Noon
(To be recorded for viewing on church's FB page and Website)

MIDWEEK OF LENT 2—March 3rd

In person worship 12 Noon
(To be recorded for viewing on church's FB page and Website.)

MIDWEEK OF LENT 3—March 10th

In person worship 12 Noon
(To be recorded for viewing on church's FB page and Website.)

MIDWEEK OF LENT 4—March 17th

In person worship 12 Noon
(To be recorded for viewing on church's FB page and Website.)

MIDWEEK OF LENT 5—March 24th

In person worship 12 Noon
(To be recorded for viewing on church's FB page and Website.)

PALM SUNDAY—March 28th

In person worship with Holy Communion 9:30 am

HOLY (MAUNDY) Thursday—April 1st

In person worship 12 Noon & 7:00 PM w/HC
Stripping of the altar for Good Friday

GOOD FRIDAY—April 2nd

In person worship 12 Noon
(To be recorded for viewing on church's FB page and Website.)

THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

April 4th EASTER SUNDAY

In person worship with Holy Communion 9:30 am