

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

March 6, 2022

THE SERVICE OF PREPARATION

PRELUDE

THE RINGING OF THE BELLS

Pastor: Lent is the whole of our Christian lives in summary. Our lives in Christ are a journey from the wilderness of sin into the promised land of God's mercy and from slavery into freedom through forgiveness. Remembering how God delivered the children of Israel, we are pointed to Christ, our Savior, through whom we are delivered from the tyranny of sin, strengthened in the face of temptation, and equipped to do the good works we were created to do. Remembering our Baptism into Christ, we daily repent of our sin and rejoice in His forgiveness. Though we often do not see the progress, God is ever guiding us through daily repentance and the Means of Grace until we are brought to everlasting life.

(please stand)

✠ PREPARATION ✠

HYMN

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” *LSB 656 vs 1,3,4*

**A mighty fortress is our God,
A trusty shield and weapon
He helps us free from ev'ry need
That hath us now o'er-taken
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**

**Though devils all the world should fill
All eager to devour us,
We tremble not, we free no ill
They shall not overpower 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
Though these all be gone
Our vic'try has been won
The Kingdom ours remaineth**

INVOCATION

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

People: (spoken) **Amen.**

(please be seated or kneel (as you feel you are able) for the confession and absolution)

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Based on Psalm 91:15–16

Pastor: When you call to Me, I will answer you, says the Lord.

People: I will be with you in trouble; I will rescue you and honor you.

Pastor: With long life the Lord will satisfy you

People: and show you His salvation.

Silence for meditation and reflection

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

People: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. 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. To the impenitent and unbelieving I declare that so long as you continue in your impenitence, God will not forgive your sins and will visit your iniquity upon you until you turn from your sinful ways, come to repentance, and trust in the merits of Jesus Christ alone.

People: (spoken) **Amen.**

Pastor: May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: (spoken) **Amen.**

(Please stand)

✠ WORD ✠

LITANY OF REPENTANCE

Pastor: O Lord, who came to call sinners to repentance,

People: call them still that they may yet answer.

Pastor: Lord, who met the hardness of the thief,

People: soften the hearts of all who are im- penitent.

Pastor: You who did restore the woman caught in sin,

People: restore all those who have fallen away from

You.

Pastor: You who spoke words of spirit and life,
People: enlighten the ignorant and teach them Your way.

Pastor: Dispel the darkness of prejudice and correct all error;

People: establish Your people in the truth of Your Gospel.

Pastor: You who prayed for those who crucified You,

People: look in compassion upon those who persecute Your servants.

Pastor: You who called out many devils,

People: set free by Your grace all who are victims of their lies and ways.

Pastor: You who met with mercy the doubts of St. Thomas,

People: deal gently with those who scarcely believe.

Pastor: You who saved St. Peter from drowning,

People: rescue all those who are weak and fearful.

Pastor: You who proclaimed deliverance to the captives,

People: release the prisoners from the bonds of their sins.

Pastor: You who made the deaf to hear and the mute to speak,

People: open deaf ears to the voice of Your Word and loosen our tongues to confess.

Pastor: You who raised the dead to life,

People: quicken our souls by Your Holy Spirit to lives of faith and righteousness.

Pastor: You who came to save Your people from their
sins,

People: save us, O Lord, who put our trust in You.

Pastor: Lord, have mercy upon us.

People: Christ, have mercy upon us.

Pastor: Lord, have mercy upon us.

People: Save us, O Lord, for the sake of Your name.

Amen.

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: (spoken) And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

Almighty God, Your Son was led by the Spirit to fast forty days in the wilderness and was tempted as we are, yet without sin. Give us Your grace and Spirit that we may be faithful before temptation and delivered from slavery to sin through forgiveness to serve You faithfully all our days; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: (spoken) Amen.

(Please be seated)

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE DAY

Pastor: With the First Sunday in Lent, we mark the first week of our journey to the cross. Remembering how God delivered His people of old from their slavery to freedom, we are called to stand in the strength of Jesus and the Word of God before the tempter's power. From **Deuteronomy**, we hear how Israel recalled their journey in the wilderness and their deliverance at the hand of the Lord. In **Romans**, Paul describes how near the Word of the Lord is to us and how all who call on the name of the Lord will be saved. In the **Gospel**, we hear how Jesus went from the Jordan into the wilderness where He was tempted by the devil and answered him with the Word of the Lord.

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Deuteronomy 26:1–11 ESV*

“When you come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you for an inheritance and have taken possession of it and live in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from your land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket, and you shall go to the place that the LORD your God will choose, to make his name to dwell there. And you shall go to the priest who is in office at that time and say to him, ‘I declare today to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our fathers to give us.’ Then the priest shall take the basket from your hand and set it down before the altar of the LORD your God. “And you shall

make response before the LORD your God, 'A wandering Aramean was my father. And he went down into Egypt and sojourned there, few in number, and there he became a nation, great, mighty, and populous. And the Egyptians treated us harshly and humiliated us and laid on us hard labor. Then we cried to the LORD, the God of our fathers, and the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. And the LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with great deeds of terror, with signs and wonders. And he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. And behold, now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground, which you, O LORD, have given me.' And you shall set it down before the LORD your God and worship before the LORD your God. And you shall rejoice in all the good that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house, you, and the Levite, and the sojourner who is among you.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: (spoken) **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE *Romans 10:8b–13* ESV

But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. For the Scripture

says, “Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.” For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: (spoken) **Thanks be to God.**

VERSE *Ephesians 6:11*

Pastor: Put on the whole armor of God, put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. Put on the whole armor of God, put on the whole armor of God.

(Please stand)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fourth chapter.

People: (sing) **Glory to You, O Lord.**

HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 4:1–13 ESV*

And Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness for forty days, being tempted by the devil. And he ate nothing during those days. And when they were ended, he was hungry. The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread.” And Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘Man shall not live by bread alone.’” And the devil took him up and showed him all the kingdoms of

the world in a moment of time, and said to him, "To you I will give all this authority and their glory, for it has been delivered to me, and I give it to whom I will. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." And Jesus answered him, "It is written, "'You shall worship the Lord your God, and him only shall you serve.'" And he took him to Jerusalem and set him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, "'He will command his angels concerning you, to guard you,' and "'On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.'" And Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.'" And when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from him until an opportune time.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: (sing) **Praise to You, O Christ.**

CREED *Nicene Creed*

People: **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 Spirit 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 sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to
judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.
And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the
Son,
who with the Father and the Son
together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in 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.

HYMN

“The Lamb, The Lamb” *LSB 547 vs 1,2,3*
**The Lamb, the Lamb,
O Father, where's the sacrifice?
Faith sees, believes
God will provide the Lamb of price!**

**Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me His own!
The Lamb is reigning on His throne.**

**The Lamb, the Lamb,
One perfect final offering.
The Lamb, the Lamb,
Let earth join heaven His praise to sing.**

**Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me His own!
The Lamb is reigning on His throne!**

**The Lamb, the Lamb,
As wayward sheep their shepherd kill.
So still, His will on our behalf the Law to fill.**

**Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me His own!
The Lamb is reigning on His throne!**

++ SERMON ++

“AND SO IT BEGINS”

Text: Deuteronomy 26:1–11

Theme: Recounting Israel’s journey from slavery to freedom pictures our journey in Christ.

Goal: That the faith of all listening is created or nourished and sustained to daily repentance, worship, and joy through the proclamation of our journey with Christ to the cross, the open tomb, and the promised land of eternal life in heaven.

HYMN OF THE DAY CONTINUES

“The Lamb, The Lamb” *LSB 547 vs 4,5*

He sighs, He dies,

He takes my sin and wretchedness.

He lives, forgives, He gives me His own righteousness.

Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me His own!

The Lamb is reigning on His throne!

He rose, He rose,

My heart with thanks now overflows.

His song prolong"till ev'ry heart to Him belong.

Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me His own!

The Lamb is reigning on His throne!

(Please remain seated or kneel for the prayer)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ and for all people according to their needs.

For the Church, the people of God led from slavery in the wilderness of death to freedom and life through the forgiveness of sin; for boldness to proclaim this saving Gospel to all those still captive; and for strength in the face of temptation, let us pray to the Lord.

People: (spoken) **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: **For all pastors and church workers**, that they be kept in holiness, and for those who receive their ministry that they be brought to faith and sustained in hope, let us pray to the Lord.

People: (spoken) **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: **For courage in the face of temptation**, strength in time of test, and hope in the face of despair that nothing may cause our faith to waver from our confidence in Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

People: (spoken) **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: **For blessing upon the government and institutions of our land**, for the light of God's Word to shine in the wilderness of unbelief, and for peace in our nation and among the nations of the world, let us pray to the Lord.

People: (spoken) **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For the sick and those who suffer any need of body, mind, or soul, that God grant them healing according to His will and strength to endure their afflictions, *especially . . .*, let us pray to the Lord.

People: (spoken) **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: **For hearts fully prepared through repentance and faith** to receive the gifts of the Lord's body and blood and for the will to show forth in our lives the fruits of this blessed communion, let us pray to the Lord.

People: (spoken) **Lord, have mercy.**

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

People: (spoken) **Amen.**

(please stand)

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you. *2 Timothy 4:22*

People: (spoken) **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: (spoken) **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: (spoken) **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is our privilege and delight, O Lord, to give You thanks and praise for all Your goodness in delivering Your people from slavery to freedom, but most especially are we grateful to You, O Lord, for delivering us from sin and its death through Your Son, Jesus Christ, and for keeping us in Him until we are reunited with all the saints, there to dwell in Your presence on high. Until then, we join with the angels and archangels and the whole company of heaven in their unending hymn of praise and thanksgiving:

SANCTUS (sing) LSB 195

**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

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Praise to You, Lord of heaven and earth. You have revealed Your mercy to us in granting us Your only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. We give thanks for the redemption prepared for us through Jesus Christ and pray You to grant us Your Holy Spirit, that enlightened with a living faith, we might be worthy to receive Him who comes to us in His body and blood.

People: (spoken) **Amen.**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25

Pastor: 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

1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

People: (spoken) **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Pastor: Remembering all that our Lord accomplished by His obedient life, life-giving death, and glorious resurrection, we give You thanks for keeping us from temptation and for restoring us through forgiveness when we have fallen, and we pray You to strengthen us for the journey until we rest in Your presence with all the saints forevermore.

People: (spoken) **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER *Matthew 6:9–13*

People: **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

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

People: (spoken) **Amen.**

AGNUS DEI (SUNG) LSB 198

**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. Amen.**

(Please be seated)

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

“Your Table I Approach” LSB 628

Your table I approach

Dear Savior hear my prayer

Let not an unrepentant heart

Prove hurtful to me there

Lord I confess my sins

And mourn their wretched bands

A contrite heart is sure to find

Forgiveness at your hands

Your body and Your blood

Once slain and shed for me

Are taken at Your table Lord

In blest reality

Search not how this takes place

This wondrous mystery

**God can accomplish vastly more
Than what we think could be**

**O grant most blessed Lord
That earth and hell combined
May not about this sacrament
Raise doubt within my mind**

**Oh may I never fail
To thank You day and night
For Your true body and true blood
O God my peace and light**

(please stand at the conclusion of the distribution for the blessing
followed by the Post-Communion Canticle)

THE POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

Pastor: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ
strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to
life everlasting.

People: (spoken) **Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

THE NUNC DIMITTIS (sung) TLH p. 29-30

**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**

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray.

O Lord, in Your great goodness You delivered Your people of old from slavery to freedom and brought them into the land of promise. We give You thanks for having delivered us from the slavery of our sins through the cleansing of our Savior's blood and for our communion upon His flesh and blood in this Sacrament, assuring us that we belong to Him; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: (spoken) **Amen.**

BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24–26*

Pastor: 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.

People: (spoken) **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

People: (spoken) **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN

"God Loved the World So That He Gave" LSB 571

**God loved the world so that He gave
His only Son the lost to save
That all who would in Him believe
Should everlasting life receive**

**Christ Jesus is the ground of faith
Who was made flesh and suffered death
All then who trust in Him alone
Are built on this chief cornerstone**

**God would not have the sinner die
His Son with saving grace is nigh
His Spirit in the Word declares
How we in Christ are heaven's heirs**

**Be of good cheer for God's own Son
Forgives all sins which you have done
And justified by Jesus' blood
Your Baptism grants the highest good**

**If you are sick if death is near
This truth your troubled heart can cheer
Christ Jesus saves your soul from death
That is the firmest ground of faith**

**Glory to God the Father, Son
And Holy Spirit Three in One
To You O blessed Trinity
Be praise now and eternally**

THOSE SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE

Rev. Paul Pollatz, Pastor

Marie Brown, Organist

Dave Brown, Elder & Reader

Gary Mason, Glenn Cairns, & Kim Armstrong, Ushers

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Easter Egg Hunt Donations

We are looking for donations of candy to fill eggs.

Please place donations in box in the narthex.

Deadline is April 3rd



Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 9th

Time: 12:00pm

Please arrive by 11:45am so we
have enough eggs.

Look for post cards in the
coming weeks.

Are you in need of

Snow Removal

Spring Clean Up

Grass Cutting

Small Landscaping jobs

Please call **Ryan Ladach Jr @ 947-252-0363**

Attendance

Sunday February 27th

9:30 am 36

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

Marie Brown – March 10th

For the Shut-Ins

Dorothy MacTavish, at home

George Morton, at home

Mack Mayfield, at home

Carmell Faulk, at home

Phyllis Witte, at home

Melvin Kimbrough, at home

Lynn Mayfield, at home

For Those Who Are Sick or Healing

Shari Ballard & Family, whose father was called to glory;

Paul Utcai, recovering from surgery;

Derick Kimbrough, Carolyn Kimbrough's Son, radiation treatments

Chris Sloan, Nephew of Glenn Cairns

Gail LaFave, Cheryl Tom's Sister, at home now, healing from surgery to repair injuries from fall.

Mark Greenaway, Amy, Frank's Daughter, Amy's father in law, hospitalized, biopsy;