



First Sunday in Lent

Sunday, February 21, 2021

Messiah Lutheran Church, Valdosta, Georgia

(For an at-home Communion appointment, or for an at-church household Communion appointment, please contact Pastor Frank Kinast by phone or text message at 229 740 3303)



for 40 days
He was subjected to
Satan's temptation to sin

GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS

LSB 809

Verse 1

*Great is Thy faith-ful-ness, O God my Fa-ther;
There is no shad-ow of turn-ing with Thee.
Thou chang-est not: Thy com-pas-sions, they fail not;
As Thou hast been, Thou for-ev-er wilt be.*

Chorus

*Great is Thy faith-ful-ness! Great is Thy faith-ful-ness!
Morn-ing by morn-ing new mer-cies I see;
All I have need-ed Thy hand hath pro-vid-ed;
Great is Thy faith-ful-ness, Lord, un-to me!*

Verse 2

*Sum-mer and win-ter and spring-time and har-vest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their cours-es a-bove
Join with all na-ture in man-i-fold wit-ness
To Thy great faith-ful-ness, mer-cy, and love. (Chorus)*

Verse 3

*Par-don for sin and a peace that en-dur-eth,
Thine own dear pres-ence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for to-day and bright hope for to-mor-row,
Bless-ings all mine, with ten thou-sand be-side! (Chorus)*

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CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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

P: Let us now confess our sins to God our Father.

C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are sinners who have sinned against you by thought, word, and deed; by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with all our heart, nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve your wrath and punishment. Yet for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, we ask you to have mercy on us; to forgive us, renew us, and

lead us, that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. Amen

P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for you and for his sake forgives you all your sins. In the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ I therefore convey to you God's full forgiveness of all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

P: To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

C: O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies exult over me.

P: Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame; they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

C: Make me to know your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths.

P: Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long.

C: Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. Amen.

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

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.

FIRST READING:**GENESIS 22:1-18**

¹After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here am I." ²He 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." ³So 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. ⁴On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar. ⁵Then 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." ⁶And 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. ⁷And Isaac said to his father Abraham, "My father!" And he said, "Here am I, my son." He said, "Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" ⁸Abraham said, "God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So they went both of them together.

⁹When 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. ¹⁰Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. ¹¹But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here am I." ¹²He 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." ¹³And 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. ¹⁴So 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.”

¹⁵And the angel of the Lord called to Abraham a second time from heaven ¹⁶and said, “By myself I have sworn, declares the Lord, because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, ¹⁷I 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 enemies, ¹⁸and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice.”

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE:

JAMES 1:12–18

¹²Blessed 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. ¹³Let 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. ¹⁴But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. ¹⁵Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death.

¹⁶Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers. ¹⁷Every 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. ¹⁸Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL:

MARK 1:9-15

P: The holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 1st chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens opening and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

¹²The Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. ¹³And 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.

¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, ¹⁵and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD

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Verse 1

*A might-y for-tress is our God, A sword and shield vic-to-ri-ous;
He breaks the cruel op-pres-sor's rod And wins sal-va-tion glo-ri-ous.
The old sa-tan-ic foe Has sworn to work us woe.
With craft and dread-ful might He arms him-self to fight.
On earth he has no e-qual.*

Verse 2

*No strength of ours can match his might. We would be lost, re-ject-ed.
But now a champ-ion comes to fight, Whom God Him-self e-lect-ed.*

*You ask who this may be? The Lord of hosts is He,
Christ Je-sus, might-y Lord, God's on-ly Son, a-dored.
He holds the field vic-to-rious.*

Verse 3

*Though hordes of dev-ils fill the land All threat-'ing to de-vour us,
We trem-ble not, un-moved we stand; They can-not o-ver-pow'r us.
Let this world's ty-rant rage; In bat-tle we'll en-gage.
His might is doomed to fail; God's judg-ment must pre-vail!
One lit-tle word sub-dues him.*

Verse 4

*God's Word for-ev-er shall a-bide, No thanks to foes, who fear it;
For God Him-self fights by our side With weap-ons of the Spir-it.
Were they to take our house, Goods, hon-or, child, or spouse,
Though life be wrenched a-way, They can-not win the day.
The King-dom's ours for-ev-er!*

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SERMON

The Prayer of the Church

P: ...Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, they 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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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 give you peace. **C: Amen.**

THE LAMB

LSB 547

Verse 1

***The Lamb, the Lamb, O Fa-ther, where's the sac-ri-fice?
Faith sees, be-lieves God will pro-vide the Lamb of price!***

Chorus

***Wor-thy is the Lamb whose death makes me His own!
The Lamb is reign-ing on His throne!***

Verse 2

***The Lamb, the Lamb, One per-fect fi-nal of-fer-ing.
The Lamb, the Lamb, Let earth join heav'n His praise to sing. (Chorus)***

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P: Go forth to spread near and far the love of Christ our Lord!
C: Amen! We go forth in the name of the Lord. Amen!

Announcements

Annual LCMS Convention Update

The measure to delay the 2021 Synod convention until 2022 was approved by over 90% in favor, with more than 60% of the congregations participating in the vote.

COVID 19 Vaccinations:

The South Health District is making appointments for the vaccine via internet signup for those 65 and older! Sign up at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/shdcovidvaccine>

They will call you back to schedule your appointment!

South Georgia Medical Center is also now giving vaccinations for COVID-19. Please see their link for more details. - <https://www.sgmc.org/sgmc-regional-vaccination-site/>

Financial Report through February 14

2020-2021 Budget Goal	\$184,417.56
Goal per Week	\$3,546.49

2020-2021 Goal to Date	\$85,115.80
2020-2021 Collected to Date	\$67,403.20
Above / Below Goal to Date	-\$17,712.60