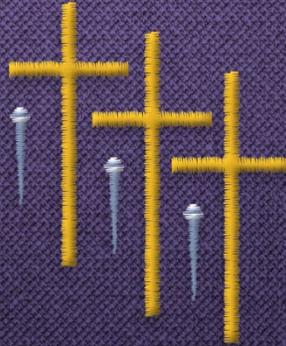


FIRST SUNDAY in LENT

February 21, 2021



+ DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING FOUR +

Confession and Absolution

HYMN - 424 *O Christ, You Walked the Road*

- 1 O Christ, You walked the road / Our wand'ring feet must go.
You faced with us temptation's pow'r / And fought our ancient foe.
- 2 No bread of earth alone / Can fill our hung'ring hearts.
Lord, help us seek Your living Word, / The food Your grace imparts.
- 3 No blinding sign we ask, / No wonder from above.
Lord, help us place our trust alone / In Your unswerving love.
- 4 When lures of easy gain / With promise brightly shine,
Lord, help us seek Your kingdom first; / Our wills with Yours align.
- 5 O Christ, You walked the road / Our wand'ring feet must go.
Stay with us through temptation's hour / To fight our ancient foe.

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

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C **who made heaven and earth.**

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

P Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 91:9–13; antiphon: vv. 15–16

When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble;

I will rescue him and honor him.

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

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

no evil shall be allowed to befall you,
no plague come near your tent.

For he will command his angels concerning you
to guard you in all your ways.

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

You will tread on the lion and the adder;
the young lion and the serpent you will trample underfoot.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;**

**as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble;
I will rescue him and honor him.

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

Kyrie

LSB 204

C **Lord, have mercy;
Christ, have mercy;
Lord, have mercy.**

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

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.

C **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING ~ Genesis 22:1-18

P The Old Testament Reading is from Genesis, the twenty-second chapter.

After the reading:

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM ~ Psalm 25:1-10; antiphon: v. 14

¹To you, O LORD,
I lift up my soul.

²O my God, in you I trust;
let me not be put to shame;
let not my enemies exult over me.

³Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame;
they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

⁴Make me to know your ways, O LORD;
teach me your paths.

⁵Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation;
for you I wait all the day long.

⁶Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love
for they have been from of old.

⁷Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions;
according to your steadfast love remember me,
for the sake of your goodness, O LORD!

⁸Good and upright is the LORD;
therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

⁹He leads the humble in what is right,
and teaches the humble his way.

¹⁰All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness,
for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

EPISTLE ~ James 1:12-18

P The Epistle is from James, the first chapter.

After the reading:

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 first chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

After the reading:

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Children's Message

HYMN OF THE DAY ~ 718 Jesus, Lead Thou On

1 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.

- 2 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.
- 3 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.
- 4 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.

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SERMON ~ “SURVIVING IN THE WILDERNESS” MARK 1:9-15

Nicene Creed

C 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.

Prayer of the Church

After each petition:

P Lord, in Your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

Offering (*Online giving is available on the website.*)

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

P The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.
C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

LSB 208

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

LSB 208

C **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

At Your command, Abraham prepared to offer his son Isaac as a sacrifice on the mountain; yet, in mercy You provided a ram as a substitute. We give You thanks that on Calvary You spared not Your only Son but sent Him to offer His life as a ransom for many.

As we eat and drink His body and blood, grant us, like Abraham our father, to trust in Your promise now fulfilled in Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

Lord's Prayer

C **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 Words of Our Lord

P 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 T 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 T blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **Amen.**

Agnus Dei

LSB 210

C **1 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, / You take the sin of the world away;
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, / Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.**

**2 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, / You take the sin of the world away;
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ, / And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.**

Distribution (*in the Sanctuary*)

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 211

C **1 O Lord, now let Your servant / Depart in heav'nly peace,
For I have seen the glory / Of Your redeeming grace:
A light to lead the Gentiles / Unto Your holy hill,
The glory of Your people, / Your chosen Israel.**

**2 All glory to the Father, / All glory to the Son,
All glory to the Spirit, / Forever Three in One;
For as in the beginning, / Is now, shall ever be,
God's triune name resounding / Through all eternity.**

Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Benedicamus

LSB 212

A Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Benediction

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 T give you peace.

C **Amen.**

HYMN - 657 *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

1 A mighty fortress is our God, / A sword and shield victorious;
He breaks the cruel oppressor's rod / And wins salvation glorious.
The old satanic foe / Has sworn to work us woe.

With craft and dreadful might / He arms himself to fight.
On earth he has no equal.

2 No strength of ours can match his might. / We would be lost, rejected.
But now a champion comes to fight, / Whom God Himself elected.
You ask who this may be? / The Lord of hosts is He,
Christ Jesus, mighty Lord, / God's only Son, adored.
He holds the field victorious.

3 Though hordes of devils fill the land / All threat'ning to devour us,
We tremble not, unmoved we stand; / They cannot overpower us.
Let this world's tyrant rage; / In battle we'll engage.
His might is doomed to fail; / God's judgment must prevail!
One little word subdues him.

4 God's Word forever shall abide, / No thanks to foes, who fear it;
For God Himself fights by our side / With weapons of the Spirit.
Were they to take our house, / Goods, honor, child, or spouse,
Though life be wrenched away, / They cannot win the day.
The Kingdom's ours forever!

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