

First Sunday in Lent

March 9, 2025

PRESERVICE: “If You but Trust in God to Guide You”

Organ

~Paul Manz

“Andante Sostenudo from Suite Gothique, Opus 70”

~Charles-Marie Widor

WELCOME

HYMN OF INVOCATION: “God Loved the World So that He Gave” LSB 571



1 God loved the world so that He gave His on - ly
2 Christ Je - sus is the ground of faith, Who was made
3 God would not have the sin - ner die; His Son with
4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son For - gives all
6 Glo - ry to God the Fa - ther, Son, And Ho - ly



Son the lost to save, That all who would in
flesh and suf - fered death; All then who trust in
sav - ing grace is nigh; His Spir - it in the
sins which you have done; And, jus - ti - fied by
Spir - it, Three in One! To You, O bless - ed



Him be - lieve Should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.
Him a - lone Are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.
Word de - clares How we in Christ are heav - en's heirs.
Je - sus' blood, Your Bap - tism grants the high - est good.
Trin - i - ty, Be praise now and e - ter - nal - ly!

INVOCATION:

[L]: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

[P]: Amen.

[L]: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

[P]: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:

L: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

P: **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

L: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

P: **Amen.**

✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

Psalm 91 *(Read responsively)*

L: Whoever lives under the shelter of the Most High

P: **will remain in the shadow of the Almighty.**

L: I will say to the LORD,

P: **“You are my refuge and my fortress, my God in whom I trust.”**

L: He is the one who will rescue you from hunters’ traps

P: **and from deadly plagues.**

L: He will cover you with his feathers,

P: **and under his wings you will find refuge.**

His truth is your shield and armor.

L: You do not need to fear

P: **terrors of the night,
arrows that fly during the day,**

L: plagues that roam the dark,

P: **epidemics that strike at noon.**

L: They will not come near you,

P: **even though a thousand may fall dead beside you
or ten thousand at your right side.**

L: You only have to look with your eyes

P: **to see the punishment of wicked people.**

L: You, O LORD, are my refuge!

P: **You have made the Most High your home.**

L: No harm will come to you.
P: **No sickness will come near your house.**
L: He will put his angels in charge of you
P: **to protect you in all your ways.**
L: They will carry you in their hands
P: **so that you never hit your foot against a rock.**
L: You will step on lions and cobras.
P: **You will trample young lions and snakes.**
L: Because you love me, I will rescue you.
P: **I will protect you because you know my name.**
L: When you call to me, I will answer you.
P: **I will be with you when you are in trouble.**
I will save you and honor you.
L: I will satisfy you with a long life.
P: **I will show you how I will save you. — GW®**
P: **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.

KYRIE:

The musical score for the Kyrie is written for two voices (Soprano and Bass) and piano accompaniment. It consists of two systems of staves. The first system has a treble and bass staff for the voices, with a piano accompaniment staff below. The second system also has a treble and bass staff for the voices, with a piano accompaniment staff below. The lyrics are: "Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us." The music is in a simple, homophonic style, with the piano accompaniment providing a steady harmonic background.

EPISTLE READING: *Romans 10:8b-13*

“This message is near you. It’s in your mouth and in your heart.” This is the message of faith that we spread. If you declare that Jesus is Lord, and believe that God brought Him back to life, you will be saved. By believing you receive God’s approval, and by declaring your faith you are saved. Scripture says, “Whoever believes in Him will not be ashamed.”

There is no difference between Jews and Greeks. They all have the same Lord, who gives His riches to everyone who calls on Him. So then, “Whoever calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. — GW®

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

P: **Thanks be to God.**

LENTEN VERSE:

L: Return to the Lord, your God, for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and abounding in steadfast love.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

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

P: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

HOLY GOSPEL: *Luke 4:1-13*

Jesus was filled with the Holy Spirit as He left the Jordan River. The Spirit led Him while He was in the desert, where He was tempted by the devil for 40 days. During those days Jesus ate nothing, so when they were over, He was hungry.

The devil said to Him, “If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become a loaf of bread.”

Jesus answered him, “Scripture says, ‘A person cannot live on bread alone.’ ”

The devil took Him to a high place and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world in an instant. The devil said to Him, “I will give you all the power and glory of these kingdoms. All of it has been given to me, and I give it to anyone I please. So if You will worship me, all this will be Yours.”

Jesus answered him, “Scripture says, ‘Worship the Lord your God and serve only Him.’ ” Then the devil took Him into Jerusalem and had Him stand on the highest part of the temple. He said to Jesus, “If You are the Son of God, jump from here! Scripture says, ‘He will put His angels in charge of you to watch over you carefully. They will carry you in their hands so that you never hit your foot against a rock.’ ”

Jesus answered him, “It has been said, ‘Never tempt the Lord your God.’ ”

After the devil had finished tempting Jesus in every possible way, the devil left Him until another time. — GW®

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

P: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

SERMON HYMN: “O Christ, You Walked the Road”

LSB 424



- 1 O Christ, You walked the road Our wan-d'ring feet must go.
2 No bread of earth a-lone Can fill our hun-g'ring hearts.
3 No blind-ing sign we ask, No won-der from a-bove.
4 When lures of eas-y gain With prom-ise bright-ly shine,
5 O Christ, You walked the road Our wan-d'ring feet must go.

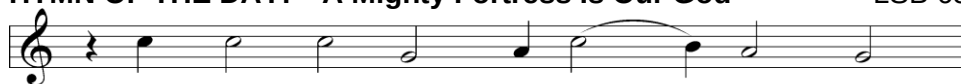


You faced with us temp-ta-tion's pow'r And fought our an-cient foe.
Lord, help us seek Your liv-ing Word, The food Your grace im-parts.
Lord, help us place our trust a-lone In Your un-swerv-ing love.
Lord, help us seek Your king-dom first; Our wills with Yours a-lign.
Stay with us through temp-ta-tion's hour To fight our an-cient foe.

SERMON: “Yearning to Be Turning” (Luke 4:1-13)

HYMN OF THE DAY: "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

LSB 656



1 A might - y for - tress is our God,
2 With might of ours can naught be done,
3 Though dev - ils all the world should fill,
4 The Word they still shall let re - main



A trust - y shield and weap - on;
Soon were our loss ef - fect - ed;
All ea - ger to de - vour us;
Nor an - y thanks have for it;



He helps us free from ev - 'ry need
But for us fights the val - iant One,
We trem - ble not, we fear no ill;
He's by our side up - on the plain



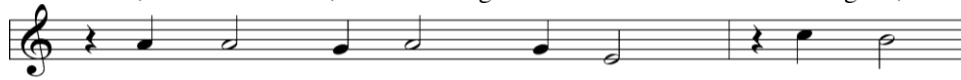
That hath us now o'er - tak - en.
Whom God Him - self e - lect - ed.
They shall not o - ver - pow'r us.
With His good gifts and Spir - it.



The old e - vil foe Now means
Ask ye, Who is this? Je - sus
This world's prince may still Scowl fierce
And take they our life, Goods, fame,



dead - ly woe; Deep guile and great might
Christ it is, Of Sab - a - oth Lord,
as he will, He can harm us none.
child, and wife, Though these all be gone,



Are his dread arms in fight; On earth
And there's none oth - er God; He holds
He's judged; the deed is done; One lit -
Our vic - t'ry has been won; The King -



is not his e - qual.
the field for - ev - er.
tle word can fell him.
dom ours re - main eth.

CONFESSION OF FAITH: NICENE CREED: *(*catholic means the universal Christian Church)*

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven;
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy *catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

L: Almighty God, Your Spirit led Your Son into the wilderness to battle and defeat our ancient foe. Though defeated, the adversary still wages battle on Your children and it rages within and around us. When we find ourselves tempted by the empty promises of the deceiver, Lord keep us firm in Your Word, guide us through this wilderness world toward the glory of the world to come and when we fall, raise us again and restore us to Yourself through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever.

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CONSECRATION OF GIFTS:

L: Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a tribute far too small;

P: love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all!

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH:

L: Friends in Christ, I urge you all to lift up your hearts to God and pray with me as Christ our Lord has taught us and freely promised to hear us.
God, our Father in heaven, look with mercy on us, Your needy children on earth, and grant us grace that Your holy name be hallowed by us and all the world through the pure and true teaching of Your Word and the fervent love shown forth in our lives. Graciously turn from us all false doctrine and evil living whereby Your precious name is blasphemed and profaned. Lord, in Your mercy,

P: hear our prayer.

L: May Your kingdom come to us and expand. Bring all transgressors and those who are blinded and bound in the devil's kingdom to know Jesus Christ, Your Son, by faith that the number of Christians may be increased. Lord, in Your mercy,

P: hear our prayer.

L: Strengthen us by Your Spirit according to Your will, both in life and in death, in the midst of both good and evil things, that our own wills may be crucified daily and sacrificed to Your good and gracious will. Into Your merciful hands we commend [name(s)] and all who are in need, praying for them at all times: Thy will be done. Lord, in Your mercy,

P: hear our prayer.

L: Grant us our daily bread, preserve us from greed and selfish cares, and help us trust in You to provide for all our needs. Lord, in Your mercy,

P: hear our prayer.

L: Forgive us our sins as we also forgive those who sin against us so that our hearts may be at peace and may rejoice in a good conscience before You, and that no sin may ever frighten or alarm us. Lord, in Your mercy,

P: hear our prayer.

L: Lead us not into temptation, O Lord, but help us by Your Spirit to subdue our flesh, to turn from the world and its ways, and to overcome the devil with all his wiles. Lord, in Your mercy,

P: hear our prayer.

L: And lastly, O heavenly Father, deliver us from all evil of both body and soul, now and forever. Lord, in Your mercy,

P: hear our prayer.

- L**: We trust, O Lord, in Your great mercy to hear and answer us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- P**: Amen.

***** For our 8:00 a.m. worshippers, the service continues on page 11 with Announcements.**

***** For our 9:30 a.m. worshippers, the service continues with the Celebration of Holy Communion:**

✠ Holy Communion ✠

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at Bethany in the joyful confession that our Lord gives us His very Body and Blood for the forgiveness of sins in this sacrament. God intends this gift for His children who recognize their sin, trust in Christ as their Savior, desire to live for Him alone and join in this joyful confession.

To help you prepare for communion we invite you to take a few moments of quiet prayer. For aid there are prayers on the front page of the hymnal for both before and after the reception of communion. Or simply pray, "Dear Lord Jesus, at Your gracious invitation You invite me to come to You, to eat and drink Your holy body and blood as You Yourself have promised to give in this sacrament of Your altar. Forgive me of my sin, through this Your meal of Forgiveness. Let me experience the fullness of Your love, through this Your meal of love. Strengthen my faith, through this meal of Yours that calls for and bestows faith. Empower me to live for You, through this Your meal that promises life everlasting and equips me for daily living as one who has received You and Your gifts."

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

For those communing, who so desire, the center cups in each tray are alcohol free. The wafers on the stand next to the pillar pulpit side (when kneeling for communion) or on the stand in front of the baptismal font (when processing for communion) are gluten free.

In our 9:30 a.m. service we will practice the Easter tradition of continuous communion. We will not kneel at the altar, rather we will join the procession of saints and come forward and remain standing as we receive the bread and wine. After receiving the elements, you are invited to return to your seat and continue in meditation, prayer and song.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS: “Be Present at Our Table, Lord”

LSB 775

Be pres - ent at our ta - ble, Lord; Be here and
ev - 'ry - where a - dored; Thy crea - tures bless, and
grant that we May feast in par - a - dise with Thee.

“Your Table I Approach”

LSB 628

1 Your ta - ble I ap - proach; Dear Sav - ior, hear my prayer.
2 Lord, I con - fess my sins And mourn their wretch - ed bands;
3 Your bod - y and Your blood, Once slain and shed for me,
4 Search not how this takes place, This won - drous mys - ter - y;
Let not an un - re - pen - tant heart Prove hurt - ful to me there.
A con - trite heart is sure to find For - give - ness at Your hands.
Are tak - en at Your ta - ble, Lord, In blest re - al - i - ty.
God can ac - com - plish vast - ly more Than what we think could be.

- 5 O grant, most blessèd Lord,
That earth and hell combined
May not about this sacrament
Raise doubt within my mind.
- 6 Oh, may I never fail
To thank You day and night
For Your true body and true blood,
O God, my peace and light.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

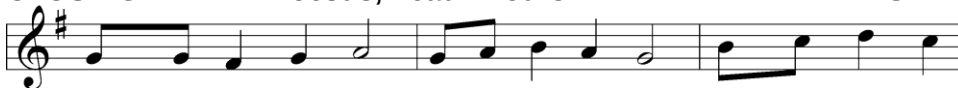
BENEDICTION:

[L]: 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.

[P]: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: “Jesus, Lead Thou On”

LSB 718



1 Je - sus, lead Thou on Till our rest is won; And al-though the
2 If the way be drear, If the foe be near, Let not faith - less
3 When we seek re - lief From a long-felt grief, When temp - ta - tions
4 Je - sus, lead Thou on Till our rest is won. Heav'n-ly lead - er,



way be cheer - less, We will fol - low calm and fear - less.
fears o'er - take us; Let not faith and hope for - sake us;
come al - lur - ing, Make us pa - tient and en - dur - ing.
still di - rect us, Still sup - port, con - sole, pro - tect us,



Guide us by Thy hand To our fa - ther - land.
For through man - y a woe To our home we go.
Show us that bright shore Where we weep no more.
Till we safe - ly stand In our fa - ther - land.

POSTLUDE:

“Prière, Op. 37, No. 3”

Organ

~Joseph Jongen

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SERVING GOD’S HOUSE TODAY:

Acolyte 8:00...Reenie Long

Acolyte 9:30...Alice Kienitz

Lectors 8:00...Harper Lee, Jamie Long, Zoe Vokoun

Liturgist...Pastor Kyle Blake

Organist...Robert Bottoms

Crucifer 8:00...Jamie Long

Crucifer 9:30...Reenie Long

Lectors 9:30...Emma Case, Reenie Long

Preacher...Pastor Kevin Kritzer

Children’s Message...Alissa Brege

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Mid-Week Lenten Worship: “The Prophet & the palate”

In both prophetic utterance and descriptive reflection The Prophet, Isaiah, employs meal metaphors when speaking of the rebellion of the Lord’s people and the redemption and deliverance He has worked on their (our) behalf. So that we might again taste and see the goodness of the Lord, this Lent we will gather together, connect over a meal and conversation, and hear the Word of the Lord through the mouth of Isaiah:

“The Prophet & the palate”

Wednesday Lenten Worship

Wednesdays at 6:00 pm

March 12 - “*Good Grapes Planted...bad fruit yielded*” - Isaiah 5:1-7

March 19 - “*The False Fast vs. Factual Fasting*” - Isaiah 42:10-21

March 26 - “*THE Death Eater*” - Isaiah 25:1-7

April 2 - “*The Menu: wine, milk and bread*” - Isaiah 55:1-7

April 9 - “*Belly Up to the Well of Salvation*” - Isaiah 12:1-6

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