

# First Sunday in Lent

March 9 & 10, 2019

5:00 p.m. & 8:30 a.m.

## AS WE GATHER

Like an army runs to find refuge in a castle, we run to Jesus in every time of need. He is our fortress, our God. Today He mercifully invites us into His presence and shields us from the power of our adversary. He will guard and defend us! What makes Him completely trustworthy to be our fortress? What gives us confidence in knowing that He will deliver us from sin, death, and the devil? He Himself was tempted and can understand our temptation. He Himself was protected from the evil one and can protect us in our hour of need. He Himself battled Satan and won. He invites us to share in the victory of His cross and resurrection. Find refuge in Him today! He is our mighty fortress. He is our God.

## PRELUDE

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

Dan Forrest

*The congregation turns and faces the cross as the procession approaches the altar reminding us that Christ leads us into the presence of God.*

## ✠ PREPARATION ✠

*Please stand*

## ENTRANCE HYMN

**656** A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

## INVOCATION

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

**People:** Amen.

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Leader: Return to the LORD, your God, for He is gracious and merciful,

People: **slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.**

Leader: Confident in His steadfast love, let us confess our sins to the Lord our God.

*Silence for reflection and confession*

Leader: O Lord, our gracious and merciful Father,

People: **we confess our unworthiness to be in Your presence. Our sins of thought, word, and deed leave us hopeless without Your saving work in our lives. Hear us as we call out for mercy and grace. Save us by the power of Your name. Help us find our refuge in the cross of Your only Son. By Your steadfast love, draw us to Jesus that we worship You with cleansed minds and hearts. In His saving name, we pray. Amen.**

Leader: In the mercy of the Lord our God, we are redeemed by Jesus Christ, and in Him we are fully and freely forgiven. Since He alone is our refuge and fortress, we find peace in the forgiveness earned for all people by Jesus' death and resurrection. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: **Amen!**

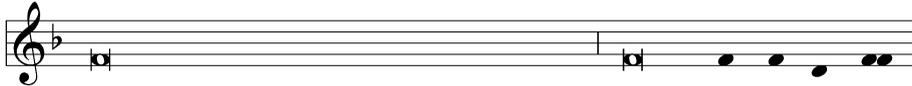
## KYRIE



**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



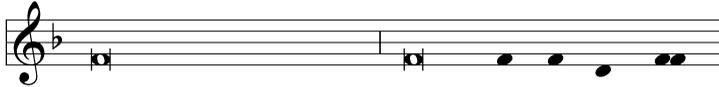
**A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



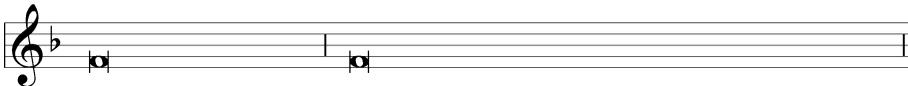
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



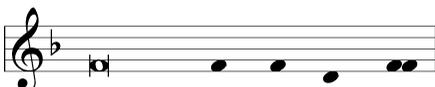
and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



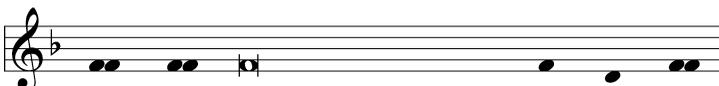
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



**C** A - men.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

People: **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. Amen.**

## EXCHANGE OF PEACE

## WELCOME

### ✠ WORD ✠

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

Deuteronomy 26:1–11

*(We rejoice in all the good things the Lord has given as our inheritance.)*

<sup>1</sup> When you have entered the land the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance and have taken possession of it and settled in it, <sup>2</sup> take some of the firstfruits of all that you produce from the soil of the land the LORD your God is giving you and put them in a basket. Then go to the place the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his Name <sup>3</sup> and say to the priest in office at the time, "I declare today to the LORD your God that I have come to the land the LORD swore to our forefathers to give us." <sup>4</sup> The priest shall take the basket from your hands and set it down in front of the altar of the LORD your God. <sup>5</sup> Then you shall declare before the LORD your God: "My father was a wandering Aramean, and he went down into Egypt with a few people and lived there and became a great nation, powerful and numerous.

<sup>6</sup> But the Egyptians mistreated us and made us suffer, putting us to hard labor. <sup>7</sup> Then we cried out to the LORD, the God of our fathers, and the LORD heard our voice and saw our misery, toil and oppression. <sup>8</sup> So the LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with great terror and with miraculous signs and wonders. <sup>9</sup> He brought us to this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey; <sup>10</sup> and now I bring the firstfruits of the soil that you, O LORD, have given me." Place the basket before the LORD your God and bow down before him. <sup>11</sup> And you and the Levites and the aliens among you shall rejoice in all the good things the LORD your God has given to you and your household.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM

Psalm 91:1–13

Leader: He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.

People: **I will say of the LORD, "He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust."**

Leader: Surely he will save you from the fowler's snare and from the deadly pestilence.

People: **He will cover you with his feathers, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness will be your shield and rampart.**

Leader: You will not fear the terror of night, nor the arrow that flies by day,

People: **nor the pestilence that stalks in the darkness, nor the plague that destroys at midday.**

Leader: A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand, but it will not come near you.

People: **You will only observe with your eyes and see the punishment of the wicked.**

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Leader: If you make the Most High your dwelling-- even the LORD, who is my refuge—

**People: then no harm will befall you, no disaster will come near your tent.**

Leader: For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways;

**People: they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.**

Leader: You will tread upon the lion and the cobra;

**People: you will trample the great lion and the serpent.**

## EPISTLE

Romans 10:8b–13

*(Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.)*

"The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart," that is, the word of faith we are proclaiming: <sup>9</sup> That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup> For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved. <sup>11</sup> As the Scripture says, "Anyone who trusts in him will never be put to shame." <sup>12</sup> For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile--the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, <sup>13</sup> for, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## ANTHEM

"He Will Hold Me Fast"

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*Soloist:*

*When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;*

*When the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast.*

*I could never keep my hold Through life's fearful path;*

*For my love is often cold; He must hold me fast.*

*Chorus:*

*He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;  
For my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast.*

*Those He saves are His delight, Christ will hold me fast;  
Precious in his holy sight, He will hold me fast.  
He'll not let my soul be lost; His Promises shall last;  
Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast. (Chorus)*

**Congregation:**

**For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;  
Justice has been satisfied; He will hold me fast.  
Raised with Him to endless life, He will hold me fast  
'Till our faith is turned to sight, When He comes at last!**

**Chorus:** *(Sung twice)*

**He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;  
For my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast.**

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*Please stand*

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

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

**HOLY GOSPEL**

Luke 4:1–13

*(Jesus is protected from the devil in His time of temptation.)*

<sup>1</sup> Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the desert, <sup>2</sup> where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and at the end of them he was hungry.

<sup>3</sup> The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread."

<sup>4</sup> Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man does not live on bread alone.'"

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<sup>5</sup> The devil led him up to a high place and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. <sup>6</sup> And he said to him, "I will give you all their authority and splendor, for it has been given to me, and I can give it to anyone I want to. <sup>7</sup> So if you worship me, it will all be yours."

<sup>8</sup> Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Worship the Lord your God and serve him only.'"

<sup>9</sup> The devil led him to Jerusalem and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. "If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down from here. <sup>10</sup> For it is written: "'He will command his angels concerning you to guard you carefully; <sup>11</sup> they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.'"

<sup>12</sup> Jesus answered, "It says: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

<sup>13</sup> When the devil had finished all this tempting, he left him until an opportune time.

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

## HYMN OF THE WORD

418 O Lord, throughout These Forty Days

## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

*Please stand*

### APOSTLES' CREED

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

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come 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.**

## OFFERING

"O Lord, Throughout These Forty Days"

Walter L. Pelz

*Please stand*

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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

**+++ Special Intercessions +++**

**Each concluding:** Leader: Lord, in Your mercy, **People: hear our prayer.**

Leader: 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.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

## BENEDICTION

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: Amen.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please turn towards the cross as it is carried out of the church, and remain facing it until the hymn is completed. This symbolizes our following Christ into the world as we leave.*

**RECESSIONAL HYMN**

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

**POSTLUDE**

“My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness”

Thomas Keesecker

Prepare for next weekend's worship by reading:  
Jeremiah 26:8-15; Philippians 3:17-4:1; Luke 13:31-35

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## Serving at Chapel

Preacher:	Theodore Laesch	
Liturgists:	5:00 p.m.	Ellory Glenn
	8:30 a.m.	James Marriott
	11:00 a.m.	Alex Goodwin
Lectors:	8:30 a.m.	Carolyn Brutlag
	11:00 a.m.	Alex Goodwin
Acolytes:	8:30 a.m.	Cassie Dunn
	11:00 a.m.	Zachary Oliver
Soloists:	5:00 p.m.	Ellory Glenn
	8:30 a.m.	Denise Koch
Choir:	11:00 a.m.	Joyful Noise
Instrumentalists:	Matt McEuen, guitar Ellory Glenn, bass guitar Glenn Lackey, percussion	
Organist & Accompanist:	Carolyn Rusnak	
Radio Announcer:	Leon Steinbrueck	