

# **WELCOME**

## **FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT**

### **SAT. FEBRUARY 17/SUN. FEBRUARY 18, 2024**



## **“BAPTIZED, TEMPTED, FORGIVEN”**

### **AS WE GATHER**

The season of Lent lasts for forty days (excluding Sundays). This forty-day season of Lent is a time of fasting and repentance. It is a time when we recall Jesus’ forty days of fasting and temptation in the wilderness. Throughout these forty days, remember where we are going. We are headed toward the cross and empty tomb of Jesus. We are headed toward Jesus’ victory over sin, death, and the devil.

### **WELCOME**

#### **✠ PREPARATION ✠**

**OPENING HYMN** “Come to Calvary’s Holy Mountain” *LSB 435*

- 1. Come to Calv’ry’s holy mountain,  
Sinners, ruined by the fall;  
Here a pure and healing fountain  
Flows for you, for me, for all,  
In a full, perpetual tide,  
Opened when our Savior died.**

**2. Come in poverty and meanness,  
Come defiled, without, within;  
From infection and uncleanness,  
From the leprosy of sin,  
Wash your robes and make them white;  
Ye shall walk with God in light.**

**3. Come in sorrow and contrition,  
Wounded, impotent, and blind;  
Here the guilty, free remission,  
Here the troubled, peace may find.  
Health this fountain will restore;  
They that drink shall thirst no more.**

**4. They that drink shall live forever;  
'Tis a soul-renewing flood.  
God is faithful; God will never  
Break His covenant of blood,  
Signed when our Redeemer died,  
Sealed when He was glorified.**

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NAAR MIT ÖIE 87 87 77 Zech. 13:1; Heb. 9:14; Matt. 27:33–35; Is. 25:6–8

## **INVOCATION**

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

**People:** Amen.

## **OPENING SENTENCES**

**Pastor:** It was in this triune name of God that we were baptized—

**People:** the name of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Pastor: As we begin our Lenten journey, we remember our Baptism.

**People: We remember we were washed and forgiven.**

Pastor: We remember we were made members of God's family.

**People: We remember we were united with Jesus.**

### **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**    *1 John 1:8–9*

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

**People: 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.*

Pastor: Almighty God, merciful Father,

**People: 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.**

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.

**People: Amen.**

**☩ WORD ☩**

**KYRIE**

*(LSB, page 186)*

**Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

**SALUTATION**

**Pastor:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** **And also with you.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**Pastor:** 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.

**People: Amen.**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** *Genesis 22:1–18* *(God spares Isaac.)*

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

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

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

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**CHOIR ANTHEM** “Christ, the Life of All the Living”

*Homburg/Darmstadt*

**EPISTLE** *James 1:12–18* (Every good and perfect gift comes from God.)

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

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

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**VERSE**

*(LSB, page 157)*

**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.**

**HOLY GOSPEL** *Mark 1:9–15 (Jesus is baptized, tempted,  
and begins His ministry.)*

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.

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

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

<sup>12</sup>The Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. <sup>13</sup>And 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.

<sup>14</sup>Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, <sup>15</sup>and saying, **“The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.”**

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

**HYMN OF THE DAY “Rise! To Arms! With Prayer Employ You”**  
*LSB 668*

**1. Rise! To arms! With prayer employ you,  
O Christians, lest the foe destroy you;  
For Satan has designed your fall.  
Wield God’s Word, the weapon glorious;  
Against all foes be thus victorious,  
For God protects you from them all.  
Fear not the hordes of hell,  
Here is Emmanuel.  
Hail the Savior!  
The strong foes yield  
To Christ, our shield,  
And we, the victors, hold the field.**

**2. Cast afar this world’s vain pleasure  
And boldly strive for heav’nly treasure.  
Be steadfast in the Savior’s might.  
Trust the Lord, who stands beside you,  
For Jesus from all harm will hide you.  
By faith you conquer in the fight.  
Take courage, weary soul!  
Look forward to the goal!  
Joy awaits you.  
The race well run,  
Your long war won,  
Your crown shines splendid as the sun.**

**3. Wisely fight, for time is fleeting;  
The hours of grace are fast retreating;  
Short, short is this our earthly way.**



**When the Lord the dead will waken  
And sinners all by fear are shaken,  
The saints with joy will greet that day.  
Praise God, our triumph's sure.  
We need not long endure  
Scorn and trial.  
Our Savior King  
His own will bring  
To that great glory which we sing.**

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WACHET AUF 898 D 664 448 Eph. 6:10–18; Rom. 8:31–39; Phil. 1:27–28; 1 Cor. 9:24–25

**SERMON**

*Rev. Dr. Timothy Oswald*

**CONFESSION OF FAITH – THE NICENE CREED**

**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**

### **OFFERING**

#### **✠ SACRAMENT ✠**

#### **PREFACE**     *2 Timothy 4:22*

**Pastor:**     The Lord be with you.

**People:**     **And also with you.**

**Pastor:**     Lift up your hearts.

**People:**     **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

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

#### **PROPER PREFACE**

**Pastor:**     It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the Paschal Feast in sincerity and truth. Therefore with

angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

**SANCTUS**

*(LSB, page 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.**

**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**

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

**People:     Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Pastor:     Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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:** Amen.

**AGNUS DEI** “O Christ, God’s Sacrificial Lamb” Tune: *LSB 791*

**O Christ, God’s sacrificial Lamb,  
Who died to take our sin away,  
Have mercy on us, great I AM;  
Grant pardon, peace, and rest, we pray.**

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## **+DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION+**

***By communing, a person says publicly that they -***

- are baptized and confirmed*
- believe Christ’s words*
- repent of their sins*
- fully agree with all that the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod teaches.*

***How to receive –***

- anyone may come to the altar but keep hands folded if not receiving Communion*

- the center of the tray has a cup with just a drop of wine for those who must minimize alcohol

- smile, exude your joy, but keep a reverent demeanor as others commune

## **DISTRIBUTION HYMN**

**“Just As I Am, Without One Plea”**

*LSB 570*

**1. Just as I am, without one plea  
But that Thy blood was shed for me  
And that Thou bidd'st me come to Thee,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

**2. Just as I am and waiting not  
To rid my soul of one dark blot,  
To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

**3. Just as I am, though tossed about  
With many\_a conflict, many\_a doubt,  
Fightings and fears within, without,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

**4. Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;  
Sight, riches, healing of the mind,  
Yea, all I need, in Thee to find,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

**5. Just as I am, Thou wilt receive,  
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;  
Because Thy promise I believe,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

**6 Just as I am; Thy love unknown**

**Has broken ev'ry barrier down;  
Now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

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## **POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE**

“On My Heart Imprint Your Image”

(*LSB 422*)

**On my heart imprint Your image,  
Blessed Jesus, King of grace,  
That life's riches, cares, and pleasures  
Never may Your work erase;  
Let the clear inscription be:  
Jesus, crucified for me,  
Is my life, my hope's foundation,  
And my glory and salvation!**

## **POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

**Pastor:** Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this Meal. Help us to resist temptation by daily reminding us of our identity as Your baptized children; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: 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: Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN** “My Faith Has Found A Resting Place”

**1 My faith has found a resting place,  
from guilt my soul is freed;  
I trust the ever-living One,  
his wounds for me shall plead.**

**Refrain:**

**I need no other argument,  
I need no other plea,  
it is enough that Jesus died,  
and that he died for me.**

**2 Enough for me that Jesus saves,  
this ends my fear and doubt;  
a sinful soul, I come to him,  
he'll never cast me out. [Refrain]**

**3 My heart is leaning on the Word,  
the written Word of God,  
salvation by my Savior's name,  
salvation thro' his blood. [Refrain]**

**4 My great Physician heals the sick,  
the lost he came to save;  
for me his precious blood he shed,  
for me his life he gave. [Refrain]**

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT:  
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known to others”**

Creative Worship for the Lutheran Parish, Series B, Quarter 2.

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- **Pastor:** Rev. Dr. Timothy Oswald
- **Liturgist (Sun.)** Rev. Maurice Lind, Pastor Emeritus
- **Sat. Organist:** Lina Schaal
- **Sun. Organist:** George Kelm
- **Choir Director:** Gail Feick
- **Ensemble Coordinator:** Tabra Gomski
- **A/V Team:** Brian & Amanda Larie, Josh Walton  
Stan & Cheryl Grey
- **ALTAR FLOWERS:** The altar flowers today are given for the glory of God by Al and Evie Benedeck in celebration of their 61<sup>st</sup> wedding anniversary on February 16.
- **BAPTISM:** Greyson Christensen, the great-grandson of Patti Holbek, will be baptized at our altar this afternoon.
- **EGG YOUR NEIGHBOR:** We will be doing this again for Easter and need your help. First, we need donations of bags of candy to stuff the eggs. Candy needs to be wrapped and should be bite size/snack size that will fit in the eggs. A box is in the Narthex to collect the candy. AND, we need your help to stuff the eggs and put them in the bags that will be distributed. There will also be an insert showing the Holy Week and Easter services. The plan is to stuff the eggs and get the bags ready after Bible class on Sunday, March 10, so please join us for the fun!



- **INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY:** Scheduled services will be held in spite of inclement weather. Please use your best judgment to determine if you can safely attend.
- Please call (757-831-6948) or e-mail Pastor Oswald (oswald1@charter.net) with your prayer requests.
- Please join us Wednesdays for Lenten Supper at 6pm and Lenten Worship at 7pm through March 20.

### WORSHIP ASSISTANTS TODAY

**Reader:** Wayne Olsen  
**Communion:** Mike Gomski  
**Acolyte:** Amanda Siemers  
**Ushers:** Sue Robinson & Peter Voigt  
**Fellowship:** Beth Schneider

### NEXT WEEK

**Reader:** Mike Gomski  
**Communion:** Mike Gomski  
**Acolyte:** James Urban  
**Ushers:** Phyllis Klen & Kim Zembal  
**Fellowship:** Peggy Tueting

### BIRTHDAYS

2/23 George Kelm  
 2/24 Jaclyn Tueting

### ANNIVERSARIES

2/16 Al & Evie Benedeck  
 2/20 Stan & Cheryl Grey

**Opportunities to Serve the Lord This Week**  
**2/19/24 – 2/25/24**

**Wednesday: 6:00pm Lenten Supper**  
**7:00pm Lenten Worship**

**Saturday: 9:30am Worship Service**  
**10:30am Women of Hope Meeting**

**Sunday: 8:15am Choir Rehearsal**  
**9:00am Worship Service**  
**10:20am Bible Study “Theology of Suffering” and Sunday School**