

# Invocabit

The First Sunday in Lent  
The Sunday of the Temptation  
February 22, 2026



*“I will put enmity between you and the woman,  
and between your offspring and her Offspring;  
He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel.”*

### **Theme of Today's Liturgy**

Doubt, lack of faith, unbelief – that is ultimately what Satan wanted from Jesus (*Gospel*). It is what he wants from us, seeking it ever since the Garden of Eden, using it to drag us into condemnation and death (*Old Testament*). Therefore we pray that our Lord “mercifully hear our prayer and stretch forth the right hand of [His] majesty to defend us from all that rise up against us” (*Collect*). Our confidence is in the Lord, and so we call upon Him, and He will answer and deliver us (*Introit*), by grace, through faith in Jesus Christ, the One who has already resisted and defeated Satan for us.

### **Guests**

Welcome to the Divine Service! We are delighted to have you with us. If we can assist you in any way, please let us know. It is our prayer that the Gospel of Jesus Christ will strengthen and comfort you. Please note your attendance with us on the card in your pew and pass it towards the center aisle during the offering. We hope you will visit us again!

### **Our Belief and Practice Concerning the Lord's Supper**

Lent is a season of penitential reflection, to consider our sin and its wages. All the more, however, it is a time to contemplate the saving work of Christ's sacrifice on the cross in our place which won our forgiveness. Intending to amend our sinful lives, we receive with thankfulness the forgiveness He has promised to give in the Lord's Supper with His true body and blood. Because we care about the spiritual welfare of all who commune at the Lord's Table, guests desiring to commune today are asked to speak with Pastor Gerike before the service.

### **A Special Welcome to Those with Young Children**

You and your children are welcome here. Jesus knows that children tend to wiggle and squawk, so don't feel embarrassed by it. Feel free to sit toward the front where your children can see easily. Encourage them to chime in on their parts: *Amen! And with thy spirit! Lord, have mercy! Our Father!* Sing, say, and pray your parts as best you can; your children learn by your example. If you and your child must leave for a moment, there is a children's area downstairs underneath the narthex. Please know that while you are caring for your children, the rest of us rejoice in our Lord's words, “Let the little children come to Me...for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these” (Lk 18:16). You and your children are a gift to the church, so we will do our best to smile, encourage, and help you!

# The Divine Service

†-- congregation stands

*Please gather in silence to allow for quiet meditation.*

## The Preparation

### Organ Prelude

*Please STAND for the Processional Hymn when the chime rings three times*

† **Processional Hymn** 505 *God the Father Be Our Stay* (3 stanza version, Lenten ending)

† **Confession and Absolution** p. 184–85 **RIGHT-HAND COLUMN**

*Consider your place in life according to the Ten Commandments. Are you a father, mother, son, daughter, husband, wife, or worker? Have you been disobedient, unfaithful, or lazy? Have you been hot-tempered, rude, or quarrelsome? Have you hurt someone by your words or deeds? Have you stolen, been negligent, wasted anything, or done any harm?*

## The Service of the Word

### † Introit

*Psalm 91; antiphon: Psalm 91*



**H**E shall call upon Me, and I will | hear Him; \*  
yea, I am with him in trouble;  
I will deliver him and bring him to | honor.

**With long life will I sat- | isfy him, \*  
and show him My sal- | vation.”**

Whoever dwells under the defense of the | Most High \*  
shall abide under the shadow of the Al- | mighty.

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

**as it was in the be- | ginning, \***

**is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

He shall call upon Me, and I will | hear Him; \*

yea, I am with him in trouble;  
 I will deliver him and bring him to | honor.  
**With long life will I sat- | isfy him, \***  
**and show him My sal- | vation.”**

† Kyrie

Ky-ri - e! God, Fa-ther in heav'n a-bove, You a-bound in gra-cious love,  
 Of all things the mak-er and pre-serv - er. E - le - i-son! E - le - i - son!  
 Ky-ri - e! O Christ, our king, Sal-va - tion for all You came to bring.  
 O Lord Je-sus, God's own Son, Our me-di - a-tor at the heav'n-ly throne:  
 Hear our cry and grant our sup-pli-ca - tion. E - le - i-son! E - le - i - son!  
 Ky - ri - e! O God the Ho - ly Ghost, Guard our faith, the  
 gift we need the most, And bless our life's last hour, That we leave this  
 sin-ful world with glad - ness. E - le - i-son! E - le - i - son!

† Salutation & Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

**And with thy spirit.**

Let us pray. O Lord mercifully hear our prayer, and stretch forth the right hand of Your majesty to defend us from all that rise up against us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

### **Old Testament Reading**

*Genesis 3:1–21*

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God actually say, ‘You shall not eat of any tree in the garden?’” And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.’” But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die. For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths. And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, “Where are you?” And he said, “I heard the sound of You in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself.” He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?” The man said, “The woman whom You gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate.” Then the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this that you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.” The LORD God said to the serpent, “Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her Offspring; He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel.” To the woman He said, “I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children. Your desire shall be for your husband, but he shall rule over you.” And to Adam He said, “Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you, ‘You shall not eat of it,’ cursed is the ground because of you; in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life; thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field. By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return.” The man called his wife's name Eve, because she was the mother of all living. And the LORD God made for Adam and for his wife

garments of skins and clothed them.

## Gradual

*Psalm 91*



**H**E shall give His angels charge | over you, \*  
to keep you in | all your ways.  
**They shall bear you | in their hands, \***  
**that you hurt not your foot a- | gainst a stone.**

## Epistle

*Hebrews 4:14–16*

*Brethren:* Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

## † Tract

*Psalm 91*



**W**HOEVER dwells under the defense of the | Most High \*  
shall abide under the shadow of the Al- | mighty.  
**I will say unto the LORD, “You are my hope and my | stronghold, \***  
**my God, in Him | will I trust.”**  
For He shall deliver you from the snare of the | hunter \*  
and from the noisome | pestilence.  
**He shall defend you under His wings,**  
**and you shall be safe under His | feathers; \***  
**His faithfulness and truth shall be your shield and | buckler.**  
You shall not be afraid of any ter- | ror by night, \*  
nor of the arrow that | flies by day,  
**Of the pestilence that walks in | darkness, \***  
**nor of the sickness that destroys in the | noonday.**  
A thousand shall fall beside you, and ten thousand at your | right hand, \*  
but it shall not come | near you.  
**For He shall give His angels charge | over you, \***  
**to keep you in | all your ways.**

They shall bear you | in their hands, \*  
 that you hurt not your foot a- | gainst a stone.  
**You shall go upon the lion and | adder; \***  
**the young lion and the dragon you shall tread un- | der your feet.**  
 “Because he has set his love upon Me, therefore will I de- | liver him; \*  
 I will set him up, because he has | known My Name.  
**He shall call upon Me, and I will | hear Him; \***  
**yea, I am with him in trouble;**  
**I will deliver him and bring him to | honor.**  
 With long life will I sat- | isfy him, \*  
 and show him My sal- | vation.”

† **Holy Gospel**

*St. Matthew 4:1–11*

The Lord be with you.

**And with thy spirit.**

The continuation of the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

**Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

✠ *At that time* Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. And when He had fasted forty days and forty nights, afterward He was hungry. Now when the tempter came to Him, he said, “If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread.” But He answered and said, “It is written, ‘Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.’” Then the devil took Him up into the holy city, set Him on the pinnacle of the temple, and said to Him, “If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down. For it is written: ‘He shall give His angels charge over you,’ and, ‘In their hands they shall bear you up, Lest you dash your foot against a stone.’” Jesus said to him, “It is written again, ‘You shall not tempt the LORD your God.’” Again, the devil took Him up on an exceedingly high mountain, and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. And he said to Him, “All these things I will give You if You will fall down and worship me.” Then Jesus said to him, “Away with you, Satan! For it is written, ‘You shall worship the LORD your God, and Him only you shall serve.’” Then the devil left Him, and behold, angels came and ministered to Him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

† **Nicene Creed**

*p. 191/Inside back cover of hymnal*

Hymn of the Day    656    *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

Sermon

Offering/Organ Voluntary

*Please note your attendance on the card in your pew and pass to the center aisle.*

† Offertory    *p. 192–93*

† Prayer of the Church

*After each petition:* Lord, in Your mercy,  
hear our prayer.

... one God, now and forever.

Amen.

## The Service of the Sacrament of the Altar

*Page. 194 and following*

**Guests:** *if you have not previously received Holy Communion at Mount Calvary, please speak with Pastor Gerike before approaching the altar for the first time.*

**Communicants:** *you may receive the Body of Christ either in the hand or directly in the mouth. If you receive the Blood of Christ from the chalice, please take the bottom of the chalice with a hand to help guide it to your mouth.*

*Communicants are invited to pray the following before receiving the Sacrament:*

O Lord, I am not worthy that You should enter under my roof;  
but speak only Your Word, and my soul will be healed.

What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?  
I will take the Cup of Salvation and call upon the Name of the Lord.

Distribution Hymns

569    *In Adam We Have All Been One*  
668    *Rise! To Arms! With Prayer Employ You*  
561    *The Tree Of Life*  
645    *Built on the Rock the Church Shall Stand*  
716    *I Walk in Danger All the Way*

## † Dismissal

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul unto life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.

**Amen.**

† **Nunc Dimittis** *and the remainder of the service on p. 199 and following*

† **Hymn**      418      *O Lord, throughout These Forty Days*

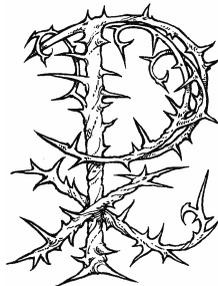
## Postlude

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### A LENTEN ADMONITION

The Church prepares by repentance. To prepare for the Easter celebration the Church marks off forty days, called Lent, beginning with Ash Wednesday. The 40 days remind us of our Lord's fasting in the desert and the Israelites wandering in the wilderness. During Lent Christians have historically dedicated themselves particularly to fasting, almsgiving, and prayer. Repentance is not simply feeling sorry, but is turning *from* sin and *toward* God, sorrow over sin *and* faith in Jesus. Lent is not so much a time of us "giving things up" as it is a time for adding things that increase our awareness of God's mercy for us in Christ Jesus.

Therefore, you are encouraged to make use of these Lenten customs to aid you in your devotion. Pastor is happy to provide spiritual direction or suggest resources for your Lenten devotions according to your station in life. You are particularly encouraged to make an increased use of the Means of Grace. The Holy Communion is offered every Sunday in Lent. The preaching of the Gospel of salvation is every Sunday, and on Wednesday evenings during Lent at 6:30 p.m. The study of the Word of God with your brothers and sisters in Christ is offered at 8:45 on Sunday mornings. The individual preaching of the Gospel for you when you are troubled by your sins in general or in particular is available from Pastor Gerike at any time. Come, and avail yourself of what God wants to give to you!



# TODAY'S NOTICES

Volunteers are needed to teach **Sunday School** during June, July, and August. Training and materials will be provided and you can teach just one or several Sundays. If this is for you, please speak to Shayla Gerike or Renee McArthur. If you are not sure if this is for you, Shayla and Renee invite you to drop in and observe a class at any time!

The Board of Christian Education asks for **donations of small, wrapped candy** for the Easter Egg hunt. Place your donations in the marked box in the narthex. Thank you!

Sign up now for the next **Believe, Teach, and Confess** (BTC) on Saturday, March 21 from 9:00 am to 11:30 am. This session's theme is "It is Written," and will cover the history of the canon of Scripture (how and why the books in the Bible came to be included) and the reliability of the biblical text.

The Centennial Committee is hosting a **Trivia Night** this Friday at 6:00 PM, hosted by Pastor and Shayla Gerike. You can still register your team of 4 for \$100 by filing out a form found on the narthex bulletin board and submitting it and the registration fee to a member of the committee or the church office. Participants can bring snacks to share and a beverage of their own for the night. The winning team will receive four \$25 Amazon gift cards!

**Sacred Music for the Season of Lent:** *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross, In the Cross of Christ I Glory, My Song Is Love Unknown, Glory Be to Jesus, A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth.* You can listen to sacred music for the Lenten season 24/7 at [lutheranpublicradio.org](http://lutheranpublicradio.org), TuneIn, Amazon Echo, Google Home, Apple HomePod and the Lutheran Public Radio mobile app.

**Prayer Requests:** *Sister Churches in:* Liberia, Korea, England, & Canada; *Missions:* Rev. Daniel & Kathy Conrad, David & Valerie Federwitz, Lutherans For Life, the Siberian Lutheran Mission Society & Lutheran Theological Seminary in Novosibirsk, South Asia Lutheran Mission; *Peace in the world:* Gaza, Israel, South Sudan, Ukraine, & Venezuela; *Homebound:* Norma Kelly, Marilyn Pacas, Jean Schwalm; *Expectant mothers:* Jessica Whirrett, Shayla Gerike; *All others in need:* Dick Chappell, Theodore Feavel, Paul Luedeman, Amanda Jansky, Larry Ashe, Jean Young, Jean Babel, Hayes Gonzalez, Genelle Rohe, Nancy Goesch, Ezra Venteicher, Art Huntley, Pat Helmke, Ryan Schamber, Char Emmanuel, Jeremy Long, Paul Mommens

## This Week's Calendar

Today (2/22)	INVOCABIT: THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT Sunday School & Bible Class 8:45 am Divine Service 10:00 am Children's choir after church
Tuesday (2/24)	Church Council 6:00 pm
Wednesday (2/25)	Lent Midweek Vespers 6:30 pm
Thursday (2/26)	Choir practice 6:30 pm
Friday (2/27)	Trivia Night 6:00 pm
Saturday (2/28)	First Communion catechesis 9:00 am
Next Sunday (3/1)	REMINISCERE: THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT Sunday School & Bible Class 8:45 am Divine Service 10:00 am Board of Elders meeting after Children's choir after church

## Tour Lutheran Germany with Pastor Gerike in 2027!

Join Pastor Gerike for a 14-day tour of Germany. Globus has put together this custom theological tour focusing on the major sites in the life of Martin Luther and the Lutheran Reformation, plus the birthplace of C.F.W. Walther, the little town from which Wilhelm Loehe built up the Lutheran Church in America, as well as other great highlights of Germany!

### DATES

July 25 – August 7, 2027

### LOCATIONS VISITED

Mainz, Worms, Cologne, Eisenach, Coburg, Erfurt, Eisleben, Leipzig, Torgau, Wittenberg, Berlin, Dresden, Nuremberg, Munich, & many more!

### COST & DEADLINES

- \$250 deposit due ASAP (nonrefundable)
- Cost: \$5,285 per person (Note: airfare not included)
- May 21, 2027, final payment due

For more information see Pastor Gerike or go to  
[mountcalvary-lcms.org/Lutheran-germany-tour-2027](http://mountcalvary-lcms.org/Lutheran-germany-tour-2027)

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## **Our Service Schedule:**

The Divine Service with Holy Communion is offered every Sunday and on holy days as announced. Matins is prayed on Wednesdays at 10:00 am. Vespers is prayed in Advent & Lent on Wednesdays at 6:30pm

**Receiving Communion at Mt. Calvary:** We care about the spiritual welfare of all who commune at the Lord's Table. If you are a guest and desire to commune, please speak to the pastor before the service. Our altar is open to those who confess oneness with us in doctrine, are members of our congregation or of a sister congregation of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and are not under church discipline in another congregation.

**Adult Christian Education** is taught every Sunday morning at 8:45 in the church basement.

**Sunday School** for children ages 3-12 is year-round. Lessons are Bible-story based and activities are designed to reinforce the biblical lesson.

**Pastoral Consultation** based on the Holy Scriptures is available from the pastor by appointment

**The Sick and Homebound** are visited regularly by the pastor. Please contact the Church Office if you know of any parishioner in need of pastoral visitation.

## **Serving Today**

**Organist** – Annika Buckley

**Elder** – Louis Riva

**Altar Care** – Nora Ogden & Rachel Kemper

**Trustee** – Bob Vondrasek

**Counters** - Rich Marunda, Rich Ogden, Fred Hertwig

**Ushers** – Glen Rademacher, Dave Emken, Chris Blank, Austin Van Velson