

# The First Sunday in Lent

February 22, 2026

Divine Service, Setting Three

Word of Welcome

Prelude

Hymn #424: O Christ, You Walked the Road

Invocation

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

C: **Amen.**

Exhortation

*Hebrews 10:22; Psalm 124:8; Psalm 32:5*

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: **who made heaven and earth.**

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C: **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Confession of Sins

P: O almighty God, merciful Father,

C: **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

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

Absolution

*[John 20:19-23]*

P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

Introit

*Psalm 91:1-2, 9-10, 13; antiphon: vv. 15a, c, 16*

L: When he calls to Me, I will answer him;

C: **I will rescue him and honor him.**

L: With long life I will satisfy him

C: **and show him My salvation.**

L: He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High

C: **will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.**

L: I will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress,

C: **my God, in whom I trust."**

L: Because you have made the LORD your dwelling place—

C: **the Most High, who is my refuge—**

L: no evil shall be allowed to befall you,

C: **no plague come near your tent.**

L: You will tread on the lion and the adder;  
 C: **the young lion and the serpent you will trample underfoot.**  
 L: When he calls to Me, I will answer him;  
 C: **I will rescue him and honor him.**  
 L: With long life I will satisfy him  
 C: **and show him My salvation.**

Gloria Patri (sung)

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
 as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

Kyrie (sung)

Mark 10:47

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

Salutation and Collect of the Day

L: The Lord be with you.



☐ And with thy spir - it.

L: 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.



☐ A - men.

Old Testament: Genesis 3:1-21 (ESV)

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



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

Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.’” Again, the devil took Him to a very high mountain and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. And he said to Him, “All these I will give You, if You will fall down and worship me.” Then Jesus said to him, “Be gone, Satan! For it is written,

“You shall worship the Lord your God  
and Him only shall you serve.”

Then the devil left Him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to Him.

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Statement of Faith: Nicene Creed

Hymn #657: A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Sermon

Offertory (sung)

*Psalm 51:10-12*

Offering from God’s People

Stewardship Prayer

**Almighty God, we thank You for all the gifts You have given us. Thank You for Jesus, the perfect steward of Your gifts, showing that giving of self is the most fundamental part of following Him. May the offerings of our time, talents, and material resources be made in the same spirit of sacrifice that Jesus showed us by His life and death for us. In His name we pray, Amen.**

Prayer of the Church

Lord’s Prayer (8:00)

(8:00) The service will conclude with the Benediction.

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(10:45) The service continues with the Service of the Sacrament.

Preface (sung)

*2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]*

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And with thy spirit.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

C: **It is meet and right so to do.**

Proper Preface

P: It is truly meet, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus (sung)

*Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*

**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.**

Lord’s Prayer

*Matthew 6:9-13*

## Words of Institution

### Pax Domini

*John 20:19*

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

