

First Sunday In Lent

February 17 and 18, 2018

P = Pastor

C = Congregation

THE OPENING HYMN

LSB 527

“O Savior, Precious Savior”

THE INVOCATION

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

C: **Amen**

THE CONFESSION

P: O God, in Your kindness, have mercy.

(Silence for reflection and self-examination)

P: Holy Triune God,

C: **We stand before You today as people who are often slow to learn. We have not always listened to Your Word, nor have we trusted Your promises. We have forgotten what we said we would do. We have rebelled against Your will and so often have chosen to live for ourselves alone. O God, we ask You to forgive us. For the sake of Jesus, show us Your mercy and let Your love help us to grow and live and serve as Your people.**

THE ABSOLUTION

P: ...

C: **Amen**

THE HYMN OF PASSION

Tune: Herzlich tut mich verlangen

Our hands and feet, Lord, strengthen; with joy our spirits bless

Until we see the ending of all our life's distress.

And so throughout our lifetime keep us within Your care

And at our end then bring us to heav'n to praise You there.

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: 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.

C: Amen

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 22:1-18

¹After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." ²He 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." ³So 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. ⁴On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar. ⁵Then 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." ⁶And 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. ⁷And 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?" ⁸Abraham said, "God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So they went both of them together.

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

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

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM

Psalm 25: 1 – 10

P: To You, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

C: O my God, in You I trust; let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies exult over me.

P: Indeed, none who wait for You shall be put to shame; they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

C: Make me to know Your ways, O LORD; teach me Your paths.

P: Lead me in Your truth and teach me, for You are the God of my salvation; for You I wait all the day long.

C: Remember Your mercy, O LORD, and Your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.

P: Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to Your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of Your goodness, O LORD!

C: Good and upright is the LORD; therefore He instructs sinners in the way.

P: He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble His way.

C: All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep His covenant and His testimonies.

All: 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

THE EPISTLE

James 1: 12-18

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

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

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

THE VERSE

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*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.*

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 1: 9-15

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

C: *Glory to You, O Lord.* (Sung)

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And 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. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

¹²The Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. ¹³And 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.

¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, ¹⁵and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel." (ESV)

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: *Praise to You, O Christ.* (Sung)

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

THE HYMN OF THE DAY

LSB 656

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

THE SERMON

James 1:12

"Perseverance Under Trial"

Pastor Myers

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

WE WORSHIP THE LORD WITH OUR OFFERINGS

Visitors and members are asked to please fill out an Attendance Card and pass it to the center aisle. The ushers will pick up the cards after the offerings have been brought forward.

THE OFFERTORY

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*Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Your presence, and take not Your Holy Spirit
from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me
with Your free Spirit. Amen*

THE PREFACE (Spoken)

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P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P: 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:

THE SANCTUS

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*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.
Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.*

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

At Your command, Abraham prepared to offer his son Isaac as a sacrifice on the mountain; yet, in mercy You provided a ram as a substitute. We give You thanks that on Calvary You spared not Your only Son but sent Him to offer His life as a ransom for many.

As we eat and drink His body and blood, grant us, like Abraham our father, to trust in Your promise now fulfilled in Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

C: 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

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

C: And also with you.

THE AGNUS DEI

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Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

THE DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

(For those with special communion needs, we have gluten free wafers and grape juice.)

"I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table"

LSB 618

"Fight the Good Fight"

LSB 664

"Children of the Heavenly Father"

LSB 725

THE POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

LSB 632

*O Jesus, blessed Lord to Thee my heartfelt thanks forever be,
Who hast so lovingly bestowed on me Thy body and Thy blood.*

*Break forth, my soul, for joy and say: what wealth is come to me today!
My Savior dwells within my heart: how blessed I am! How good Thou art!*

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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P: O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen**

THE BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you . . .

C: ***Amen, Amen, Amen*** (Sung)

THE CLOSING HYMN

LSB 418

“O Lord, Throughout These Forty Days”

THE SILENT PRAYER

THE POSTLUDE