

Jesus came from
Nazareth of Galilee
and was baptized by
John in the Jordan.

Mark 1:9, NRSV

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Sunday, February 21, 2021

8:15 and 10:45 am - Communion

First Sunday in Lent

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Adagio from Sonata in A Minor

by Benedetto Marcello

Evan Weston, string bass

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

Congregation: Amen.

L: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all
desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the
inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may
perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy
name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

L: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves,
and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our
sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our
sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

L: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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.

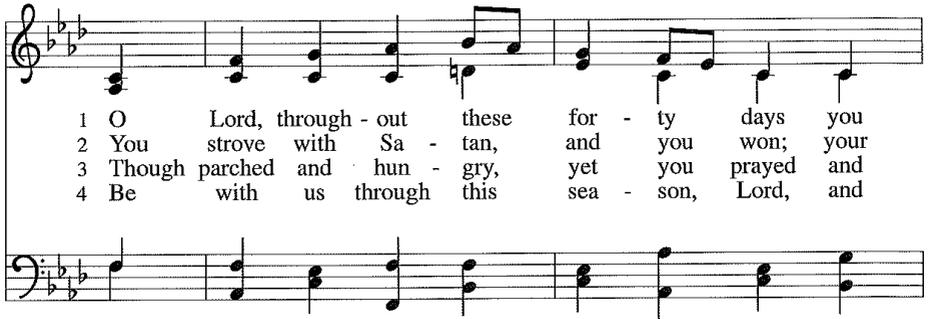
L: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

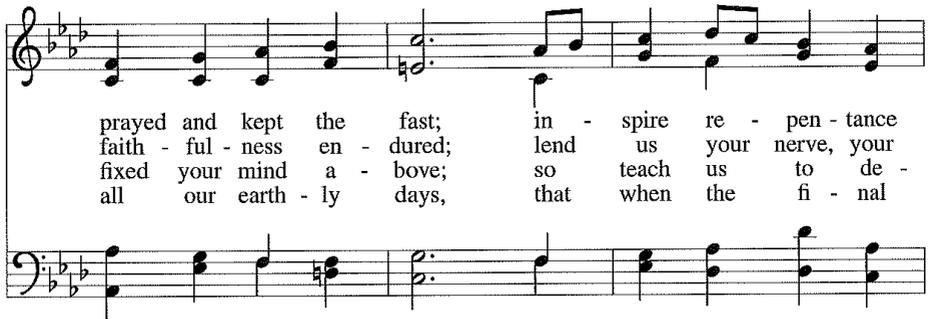
GATHERING SONG

LENT

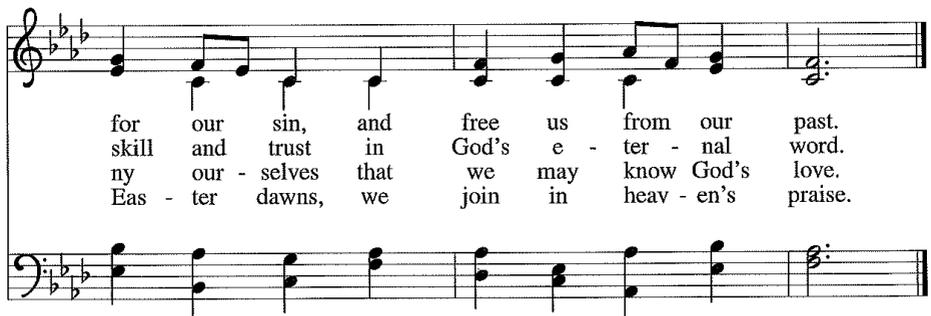
319 O Lord, throughout These Forty Days



1 O Lord, through - out these for - ty days you
2 You strove with Sa - tan, and you won; your
3 Though parched and hun - gry, yet you prayed and
4 Be with us through this sea - son, Lord, and



prayed and kept the fast; in - spire re - pen - tance
faith - ful - ness en - dured; lend us your nerve, your
fixed your mind a - bove; so teach us to de -
all our earth - ly days, that when the fi - nal



for our sin, and free us from our past.
skill and trust in God's e - ter - nal word.
ny our - selves that we may know God's love.
Eas - ter dawns, we join in heav - en's praise.

Text: based on Claudia F. Hernaman, 1838-1898; para. Gilbert E. Doan Jr., b. 1930
Music: A. Davison, *Kentucky Harmony*, 1816; arr. Theodore A. Beck, 1929-2003
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CONSOLATION
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GREETING

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray.

Holy God, heavenly Father, in the waters of the flood you saved the chosen, and in the wilderness of temptation you protected your Son from sin. Renew us in the gift of baptism. May your holy angels be with us, that the wicked foe may have no power over us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

FIRST READING: Genesis 22: 1-18

L: The first reading is from Genesis, the 22nd chapter.

¹ After these things God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." ² 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 that I shall show you."

³ So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. ⁴ On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. ⁵ Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you." ⁶ Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked

on together. ⁷ Isaac said to his father Abraham, "Father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" ⁸ Abraham said, "God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So the two of them walked on together.

⁹ When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. ¹⁰ Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. ¹¹ But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven, and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." ¹² He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." ¹³ And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. ¹⁴ So Abraham called that place "The LORD will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided."

¹⁵ The angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven, ¹⁶ and said, "By myself I have sworn, says the LORD: Because you have done this, and have not withheld your son, your only son, ¹⁷ I will indeed bless you, and I will make your offspring as numerous as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of their enemies, ¹⁸ and by your offspring shall all the nations of the earth gain blessing for themselves, because you have obeyed my voice."

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 25: 1-10

L: Please let us read responsively Psalm 25.

¹ To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

² **O my God, in you I trust;
do not let me be put to shame;
do not let my enemies exult over me.**

³ Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame;
let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

⁴ **Make me to know your ways, O LORD;
teach me your paths.**

⁵ Lead me in your truth, and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation;
for you I wait all day long.

⁶ **Be mindful of your mercy, O LORD, and of your
steadfast love,
for they have been from of old.**

⁷ Do not remember the sins of my youth or my
transgressions;
according to your steadfast love remember me,
for your goodness' sake, O LORD!

⁸ **Good and upright is the LORD;
therefore he instructs sinners in the way.**

⁹ He leads the humble in what is right,
and teaches the humble his way.

¹⁰ **All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and
faithfulness,
for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.**

SECOND READING: James 1: 12-18

L: The second reading is from James, the 1st chapter.

¹² Blessed is anyone who endures temptation. Such a one has stood the test and will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him. ¹³ No one, when tempted, should say, "I am being tempted by God"; for God cannot be tempted by evil and he himself tempts no one. ¹⁴ But one is tempted by one's own desire, being lured and enticed by it; ¹⁵ then, when that desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin, and that sin, when it is fully grown, gives birth to death. ¹⁶ Do not be deceived, my beloved.

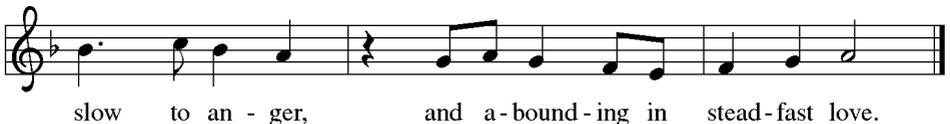
¹⁷ Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.

¹⁸ In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: Mark 1: 9-15

L: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark, the 1st chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

⁹ In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰ And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹ And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

¹² And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. ¹³ He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

¹⁴ Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵ and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word 517

1 Lord, keep us stead - fast in your word; curb those who
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, your pow'r make known, for you are
3 O Com - fort - er of price - less worth, send peace and

by de - ceit or sword would wrest the king - dom from your Son
Lord of lords a - lone; de - fend your ho - ly church, that we
u - ni - ty on earth; sup - port us in our fi - nal strife

and bring to naught all he has done.
may sing your praise e - ter - nal - ly.
and lead us out of death to life.

The musical score consists of three systems, each with a treble and bass staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are printed below the treble staff of each system.

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.
Music: J. Klug, *Geistliche Lieder*, 1543

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NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,**

**God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

For us and for our salvation

**he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;**

he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living
and the dead,**

and his kingdom will have no end.

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and
glorified,**

who has spoken through the prophets.

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic
church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness
of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

L: Lord in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

L: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

L: Lift up your hearts.

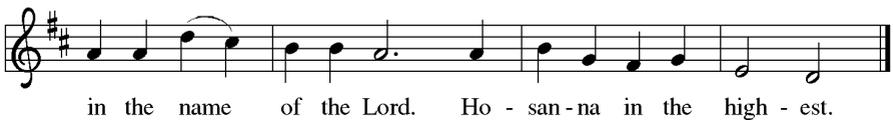
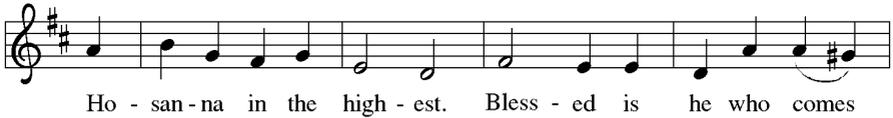
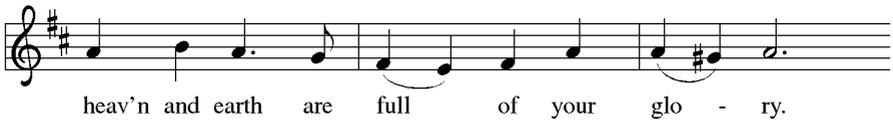
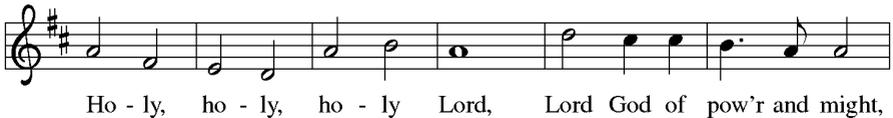
C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that, renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

P: 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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

L: Taste and see that the Lord is good.

C: **Amen**

COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

L: Let us pray.

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

BLESSING

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✝ give you peace.

In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

LENT

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I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

1 I want Je - sus to walk with me;
2 In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me; walk with
3 When I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;

me; I want Je - sus to walk with me;
in my tri - als, Lord, walk with me; walk with
when I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;

me; all a - long my pil - grim jour - ney,
when my heart is al - most break - ing,
when my head is bowed in sor - row,

Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.
Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me. walk with me.
Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.

Text: African American spiritual
Music: African American spiritual; arr. hymnal version
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DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Allegro from Sonata in A Minor

by Benedetto Marcello

Evan Weston, string bass

PREPARING FOR NEXT WEEK

Second Sunday in Lent

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16, Psalm 22:23-31, Romans 5:1-11, Mark 8:27-38

THIS MORNING'S WORSHIP MINISTRY TEAM INCLUDES:

	8:15 Service	10:45 Service
LECTOR	Amy Montag Smith	Jeannine Sanford
GREETER	Peggy Crawford	Lisa Brunner
OFFERING COUNTERS	Kathy McRandal and Lil Bachman	

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Laura Miller 2/23

David McRandal 2/26

Kelly Hay 2/26

Tom and Janet McClean

2/24

OUR JOYS, PRAYERS, CARES AND CONCERNS

Praise and Thanksgiving: for answered prayers, for the opportunity to journey through Lent together as one family, for faith that will deepen our relationship with Jesus, and for love that will bring us true joy in giving of ourselves, our time, and our talents so others will experience Jesus.

Healing, Cares & Concerns:

Mark Kollinger (treatments for back),
Ted Neill,
Jeannine (pneumonia, recovery),
Gary (COVID),
Jennifer (cancer)
Steven (13, recovery & physical therapy),
David Whitlinger (cancer, diabetes diagnosis),
Marilyn (failing memory),
Jim F. (cancer, treatment options),
Harry Gillman,
Delores Hickey (Kelly Weston's aunt, tests),
Liz Gordon (multiple tests, stomach issues),
Vicky Yurga (lung cancer, health problems),
Ellen Dodge (broken shoulder),
Virginia Womeldorf (Jeannine's aunt),
Jared (badly burned,)
Candace (twins pregnancy complications) Pat Perkins' daughter,
Bonnie Gundlach (broken ankle, surgery),
Liz & Sarah (father died in house fire),
Cody Johnston (metastasized cancer),
Edna Mae Gerner (hospital, concussion),
Leroy Renfrew (moved to Concordia),
Keller & Smith families,
Texas storm victims

Weekly Schools: His Kids Christian School, Slippery Rock University & Westminster College

Weekly NALC Church: Emmanuel Lutheran, Murrysville,
Rev. Darin Hybl and St. Luke's, Saxonburg

Bereaved: Families of Baby Melody (Mandy's daughter), Mandy,
Ruth Beatty Lugibihl, Thomas Fox, Doris Antoszyk

Monthly Mission: Lutheran Lay Renewal and their work supporting
Lutheran Churches and seminary in Uganda and Rwanda

MISSION SPOTLIGHT

Lutheran Lay Renewal



Lutheran Lay Renewal of America is a non-profit Christian ministry that offers several options congregations can utilize to promote spiritual renewal, spiritual growth and evangelism. Through their programs they provide opportunities for people in congregations to strengthen their faith, build deeper Christian community and have a closer personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Their programs also make good community outreach events and they encourage congregations to promote and publicize these events in their communities.

Lutheran Lay Renewal provides much needed financial support for both the Lutheran Church of Uganda and the Reformed Lutheran Church of Rwanda. The ministry activities of Lutheran Lay Renewal of America have continued to grow strong in Eastern Deanery, Uganda, especially in helping the young growing church to have men trained as Deacons/Evangelists who are expected to serve on a daily basis in the congregations of the Deanery. Lutheran Lay Renewal has funded generously the Lutheran Lay Leadership training, now it is the second quarter. Fifteen students have been recruited into this program. They shall be trained for one year and they shall be commissioned as Deacons who will help in teaching/preaching the word in congregations that don't have trained evangelists.



Souper Bowl Sunday! Final Totals

Thank you to everyone who donated during the Souper Bowl. St. Luke's collected \$1020.00 and 94 food items for the Cabot Food Bank.

Food Bank.

Thank you to all who helped load up the food items and to Bob Vanetta for delivering to the Cabot Food Bank.



St. Luke's Lenten focus this year will be the North American Lutheran Seminary (NALS) in Ambridge PA.

In 2014, the NALS became a reality. Together with Trinity School for Ministry, the NALC launched its own seminary to help serve the needs of this growing

denomination. The NALS's mission is to form pastors and church leaders for the NALC who will faithfully preach, teach, and live God's eternal truth, through Word and Sacrament, proclaiming Christ's cross and resurrection, making disciples who will renew and grow the church in Christ's name.

Lenten coin boxes and a coin calendars are available. Please pick one up and help to support our next generation of seminarians.



Office will be closed on Thursday, February 25th. It will reopen on Monday March 1st.



The Angel

The February/March Angel Newsletter is available on our website (stlks.com).



A time of repentance, reflection and renewal has been practiced by Christians as a 40-day season (excluding Sundays) from the fourth century to the present day. Lent had its roots in baptismal preparation, fasting before celebration of Easter, and renewed baptismal commitment for those who had fallen away from the faith.

The NALC has provided a to-the-point daily devotional booklet so that you may find joy in the simple Lenten discipline of daily devotions.

This Lenten daily devotional is based upon the daily lectionary provided in the Lutheran Book of Worship, Year I. The daily lectionary appoints three lessons for each day, although, for the purposes of this booklet, one reading has been chosen as the basis for each day's reflection. This year, each NALC executive staff member has written a portion of the Lenten devotions, ending with Bishop Dan Selbo preparing the devotions for Holy Week and Easter.

There is also the opportunity sign up for daily text messages, daily emails, listen to the devotional or watch a video recording. For more information simply visit the NALC's website and click on the "Learn More" in the "From Ashes to Easter" heading.