



First Sunday in Lent

We gather this morning to celebrate and proclaim the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.
Hymns can be found in the red book, Evangelical Lutheran Worship.

P = Pastor **A** = Assisting Pastor **C** = Congregation **L** = Leader

Prelude: During an extended time of preparation for worship, the prelude this morning includes four settings for organ of "If You But Suffer God to Guide Thee." Each presents the tune of today's Hymn of the Day in different ways. Listen for fragments of the melody in the first setting by American composer Craig Phillips. German composer Helmut Walcha sets the tune in a straightforward manner, with the melody heard in a solo voice. Two settings by J.S. Bach present the melody first in an "ornamented" style—with additional notes added to the tune. In the final setting by Bach, listen for the melody in the top voice, with fast notes accompanying the tune.

Entrance Hymn: In today's Gospel reading, our Lord is tempted by the devil in the wilderness. This hymn recounts our Lord's temptation, but also asks that the same strength would be given to us. That is, the strength of God's Holy Spirit, who promises to give us faith to contend against all evil in this life.

Apostolic Greeting: Paul's words from 2 Corinthians are heard as Christ's grace and peace are extended to you.

Prelude

Four Settings on **WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT**
Craig Phillips, Helmut Walcha, and Johann Sebastian Bach

Welcome and Announcements

Please stand.

Invocation

Pastor Jeff Backer

- A** Trusting in the word of life given in baptism, we are gathered in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

Confession and Forgiveness

- A** Let us turn to God with all our hearts, confessing our sin against God and neighbor.
Silence for reflection.

- A** Gracious God,
- C** we confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. Sin holds us captive. Have mercy on us and wash away our sin. Create in us clean hearts for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.
- A** Through water and the Word, Spirit and saving Son, we are cleansed from sin, joined with the communion of saints, and brought to new and abundant life. 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.

Entrance Hymn 319

"O Lord, throughout These Forty Days"
CONSOLATION

Apostolic Greeting

- A** Now is the acceptable time, now is the day of salvation. May the grace of God, through Jesus Christ—our crucified and risen Savior—be with you all.
- C** And also with you.

Kyrie: During the season of Lent, we turn to Setting 1 of Holy Communion from the red hymnal. We sing the Kyrie without accompaniment and remove the Canticle of Praise as signs of these penitential weeks.

Kyrie

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.
 For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.
 Lord, have mer - cy.
 For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the
 unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.
 For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,
 let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.
 Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.
 A - men, a - - - men.

Prayer of the Day

- Let us pray. O Lord God,
- you led your people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide us now, so that following your Son, we may walk safely through the wilderness of this world toward the life you alone can give, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated.

First Reading: The annual harvest festival, called the Feast of Weeks, provides the setting for this reading. This festival celebrates the first fruits of the produce of the land offered back to God in thanks. In this text, worshipers announce God's gracious acts on behalf of Israel.

- First Reading** Deuteronomy 26:1-11 OT page 184 in the pew Bible
- Word of God, Word of Life.
 - Thanks be to God.

Psalm 91

Michel Guimont



Refrain: Be with me, Lord, when I am in trou - ble.

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| <p>1. Those who dwell in the shelter of the Most High and abide in the shade of the Almighty say to the Lord: "My refuge, my stronghold, my God in whom I trust!"
<i>Refrain sung by all.</i></p> | <p>2. Upon you no evil shall fall, no plague approach where you dwell. For you God has commanded the angels, to keep you in all your ways.
<i>Refrain sung by all.</i></p> |
| <p>3. They shall bear you upon their hands lest you strike your foot against a stone. On the lion and the viper will tread and trample the young lion and the dragon.
<i>Refrain sung by all.</i></p> | <p>4. You set your love on me so I will save you, protect you for you know my name. When you call I shall answer: "I am with you," I will save you in distress and give you glory.
<i>Refrain sung by all.</i></p> |

Second Reading: Paul reminds the Christians at Rome of the foundation of their creed, the confession of faith in the risen Christ as Lord.

Second Reading Romans 10:8b-13

NT page 152 in the pew Bible

- Word of God, Word of Life.
- Thanks be to God.

Children's Message

Heather Smith

Please stand.

Gospel Acclamation: During the penitential season of Lent, "alleluia!" meaning "praise the Lord!" is omitted from the liturgy. A sung verse replaces the typical three-fold acclamation.

Gospel Acclamation

Aaron David Miller

Choir/cantor: "One does not live by bread alone, but by ev'ry Word that comes from the mouth of God." (Matthew 4:4)

Gospel: After being filled with the Holy Spirit at his baptism, Jesus is led in the wilderness. Through his responses to the temptations of the devil, he defines what it means to be called "the Son of God."

Gospel Announcement

- The Holy Gospel, according to St. Luke, the fourth chapter.
- Glory to you, O Lord.**

† Denotes this reading as today's preaching text.

Gospel Luke 4:1-13 †

NT page 57 in the pew Bible

Gospel Response

- The Gospel of the Lord.
- Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

Hymn of the Day: This Lutheran chorale helps us sing of God's faithfulness in times of trial. When we "trust heaven's Word" given to us in Holy Baptism, we will find "God's promises to be true." Such a promise from God brings us peace and confidence. Christ's death and resurrection is the rock upon which we build and live, knowing that in times of need, sickness, and even death, God will not fail us. The organ introduction this morning was written by Paul Manz.

Sermon

Pastor Lars Olson

Silence for reflection.

Please stand.

Hymn of the Day 769

"If You But Trust in God to Guide You"
WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT

Apostles' Creed: *The season of Lent is traditionally one of teaching and instruction, as all Christians remember the promise made to them in Holy Baptism. For this reason, we use the Apostles' Creed—the Creed spoken at Baptism—during Lent.*

Apostles' Creed

- A** With the whole church, let us confess our faith.
- C** I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the Church

- A** Renewed in the promises of baptism, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

Following each petition:

- A** Hear us, O God.

- C** Your mercy is great.

The prayers conclude:

- A** Trusting in your promise of mercy, O God, we lift our prayers to you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

- C** Amen.

Sharing of the Peace

- A** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

- C** And also with you.

Please be seated.

Offering: *Offering envelopes are available in the pews. Please sign the fellowship register and pass it to those sitting next to you. Children may bring their offering forward at this time.*

Offering Anthem: *Just as our Lord was tempted by Satan, we also face temptation in this world. In this African-American spiritual sung by the Women's Choir, we pray and ask that God would be with us in all trial, fear, and need.*

Offering

Offering Anthem

"I Want Jesus to Walk with Me"

African-American spiritual; arr. David von Kampen

*I want Jesus to walk with me;
all along my pilgrim journey,
I want Jesus to walk with me.*

*In my trials, Lord, walk with me;
when my heart is almost breaking,
I want Jesus to walk with me.*

*When I'm troubled, Lord, walk with me;
when my head is bowed in sorrow,
I want Jesus to walk with me.*

Please stand.

Offering Presentation: This paraphrase of a portion of Psalm 51 is first a confession: "Create in me a clean heart." At the same time, we recognize the power of God's Spirit, which gives us faith. Because of this, we join in asking with the Psalmist: "Take not your Holy Spirit from me."

Offering Presentation

"Create in Me a Clean Heart"

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right spir-it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take not your Ho-ly Spir-it from me. Re-store un-to me the joy of your sal-va-tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it.

Offertory Prayer: The offering prayer during Lent echoes Christ's words to Satan during the first week in Lent: "One does not live by bread alone but by every Word that comes from the mouth of God."

Offertory Prayer

- Let us pray. God our provider,
- you have not fed us with bread alone, but with your Word of grace and new life. Bless us and these gifts, that what you provide might spread the good news of your saving death for all the world. Amen.

9:30 AM The Lord's Prayer

- 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.

Words of Institution: Hear Christ's words of promise spoken again "for you, for the forgiveness of your sin."

Service of Holy Communion - 8 AM Worship

Words of Institution

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- Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.
- Let us receive the bread of life and cup of salvation.

Please be seated.

Agnus Dei

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Communion: All who are baptized and trust Christ's word are welcome to the table of this holy supper, where our Lord is truly present, offering his gifts of forgiveness and eternal life. Please come forward at the ushers' direction. Grape juice and gluten-free wafers are available.

Communion

Communion Music

Hymn 766

"Lord of Our Life"

ISTE CONFESSOR

Hymn 767

"Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me"

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Please stand.

Blessing

A The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen.

Prayer after Communion

A Let us pray. Merciful God, during these forty days of Lent, we seek to follow you. Renew us in your gift and promise of baptism that we may provide for others, pray for those in need, fast from self-indulgence, and find our hope in the life-giving Word of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

Benediction

P May God, who has called us forth from the dust of the earth and claimed us as children of the light, strengthen you with His Word of life. The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Sending Hymn 618

"Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer"

CWM RHONDDA

Sending Hymn: Jesus Christ puts death to death and destroys hell with one word: "You are forgiven." Such good news gives us reason to lift our voices in "songs and praise," as the organ introduction by Lutheran organist Paul Manz inspires.

Dismissal

- A** Marked with the cross of Christ, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
- G** Thanks be to God!

*Lent is a season of confession, repentance, and return to God's Word.
During Lent, we omit postludes to reflect the penitential nature of the season.*

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