

# First Sunday in Lent



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## To our Guests: Welcome!

May the God who led you here today refresh you with his grace and peace in Christ Jesus as you spend this hour with us. We're glad you're here.

### Some helpful things to know

- **Let us know that you were here.** You'll find a visitor's card in the pew rack that you can fill out and either hand to an usher or drop in the offering plate.



- **Restless children?** Nursery care is available during the late Sunday morning services. We also have a room where parents can tend to little ones while watching and listening to the service. Ask an usher for directions.

- **Large print bulletins and personal audio receivers** are available at Sunday services for any who may find them helpful. Don't hesitate to ask an usher.

- **May you commune at Messiah?** Yes, if you're a baptized communicant elsewhere and are able to respond with joyful confidence when Christ invites you to meet him in the sacrament here. As he says of the bread, "This is my body," and of the cup, "This is my blood"; and of both he says, "given and shed *for you.*"

- **Our communion procedures:** the sacrament is distributed at the head of the aisle. Come forward as the usher directs. For receiving the wine, two cups are available, one to drink from and a second to dip the host in. Follow your preference. If you choose not to commune but would like even so to receive a blessing, approach the pastor or assisting minister with your arms crossed. For a gluten-free host, quietly ask the pastor.

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March 1, 8:30 & 11 am

*The congregation is invited to participate at the places marked with **bold** type*

Prelude

“A Mighty Fortress,” Johann Walther

Confession and Forgiveness

*Stand as you are able*

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

**Amen.**

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.

**Amen.**

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.

*Silence is kept for self-examination.*

Most merciful God

**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.**

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, 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.

**Amen.**

# Gathering Song

“In Adam We Have All Been One”

1 In Ad - am we have all been one, One huge re - bel - lious man;  
 2 We fled thee, and in los - ing thee We lost our broth - er too;  
 3 But thy strong love, it sought us still And sent thine on - ly Son  
 4 O thou who, when we loved thee not, Didst love and save us all;

We all have fled that eve - ning voice That sought us as we ran.  
 Each sin - gly sought and claimed his own; Each man his broth - er slew.  
 That we might hear his shep - herd's voice And, hear - ing him, be one.  
 Thou great Good Shep - herd of man - kind, Oh, hear us when we call.

5 Send us thy Spirit, teach us truth;  
 Thou Son, oh, set us free  
 From fancied wisdom, self-sought ways,  
 And make us one in thee.

6 Then shall our song united rise  
 To thine eternal throne;  
 Where with the Father evermore  
 And Spirit, thou art one.

# Greeting

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

**And also with you.**

# Kyrie

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

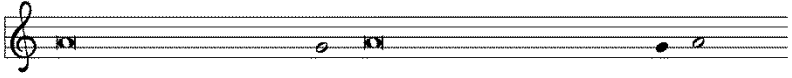
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



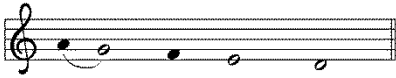
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



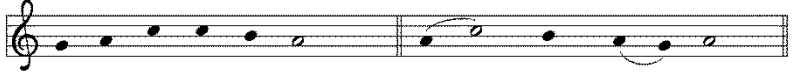
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. Lord God, our strength, the struggle between good and evil rages within and around us, and the devil and all the forces that defy you tempt us with empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your word, and when we fall, raise us again and restore us through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## The Word of God

### First Reading

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

<sup>15</sup>The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. <sup>16</sup>And the LORD God commanded the man, “You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; <sup>17</sup>but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.”

<sup>31</sup>Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God say, ‘You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?’” <sup>2</sup>The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; <sup>3</sup>but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.’” <sup>4</sup>But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not die; <sup>5</sup>for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” <sup>6</sup>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. <sup>7</sup>Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm

32:3-11

*Cantor sings refrain; All sing refrain*

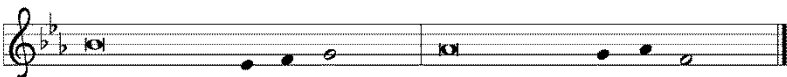


Psalm 32:10

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*Cantor sings verses in regular print; All sing verses in bold print*



<sup>3</sup>While I held my tongue, my bones with- | ered away,  
because of my groaning | all day long.

**<sup>4</sup>For your hand was heavy upon me | day and night;  
my moisture was dried up as in the | heat of summer.**

<sup>5</sup>Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not con- | ceal my guilt.  
I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the LORD.” Then you  
forgave me the guilt | of my sin.

**<sup>6</sup>Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers  
to you in | time of trouble;  
when the great waters overflow, they | shall not reach them.**

<sup>7</sup>You are my hiding-place; you preserve | me from trouble;  
you surround me with shouts | of deliverance. *Refrain*

<sup>8</sup>“I will instruct you and teach you in the way that | you should go;  
I will guide you | with my eye.

**<sup>9</sup>Do not be like horse or mule, which have no | understanding;  
who must be fitted with bit and bridle,  
or else they will | not stay near you.”**

<sup>10</sup>Great are the tribulations | of the wicked;  
but mercy embraces those who trust | in the LORD.

**<sup>11</sup>Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice | in the LORD;  
shout for joy, all who are | true of heart. *Refrain***

## Second Reading

Romans 5:12-19

<sup>12</sup>Just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned—<sup>13</sup>sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. <sup>14</sup>Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come.

<sup>15</sup>But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man’s trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. <sup>16</sup>And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man’s sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. <sup>17</sup>If, because of the one man’s trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

<sup>18</sup>Therefore just as one man’s trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man’s act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. <sup>19</sup>For

just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Stand as you are able*

Gospel Acclamation "Word of God, Come Down on Earth" #510 st. 1

Word of God, Come Down on Earth

1 Word of God, come down on earth, liv - ing rain from  
heav'n de - scend - ing; touch our hearts and bring to birth  
faith and hope and love un - end - ing. Word al - might - y,  
we re - vere you; Word made flesh, we long to hear you.

Gospel

Matthew 4:1-11

*At the announcement of the Gospel:*

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. <sup>2</sup>He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. <sup>3</sup>The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." <sup>4</sup>But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

<sup>5</sup>Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, <sup>6</sup>saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" <sup>7</sup>Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

<sup>8</sup>Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all



the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; <sup>9</sup>and he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” <sup>10</sup>Jesus said to him, “Away with you, Satan! for it is written, ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.’” <sup>11</sup>Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*You may be seated*

Sermon

Pastor Bridger

*Stand as you are able*

Song of the Day

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God,” #504

Confession of Faith

The Ten Commandments, p. 1160

**The First Commandment**

You shall have no other Gods.

What does this mean?

**We are to fear, love, and trust God above all things.**

**The Second Commandment**

You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God.

What does this mean?

**We are to fear and love God, so that we do not curse, swear, practice magic, lie, or deceive using God’s name, but instead use that very name in every time of need to call on, pray to, praise and give thanks to God.**

Prayer of the Church

*After each portion of the prayers:*

Lord in your mercy. . .

. . . **Hear our prayer.**

## Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

*Greet those around you with these or similar words*

*You may be seated*

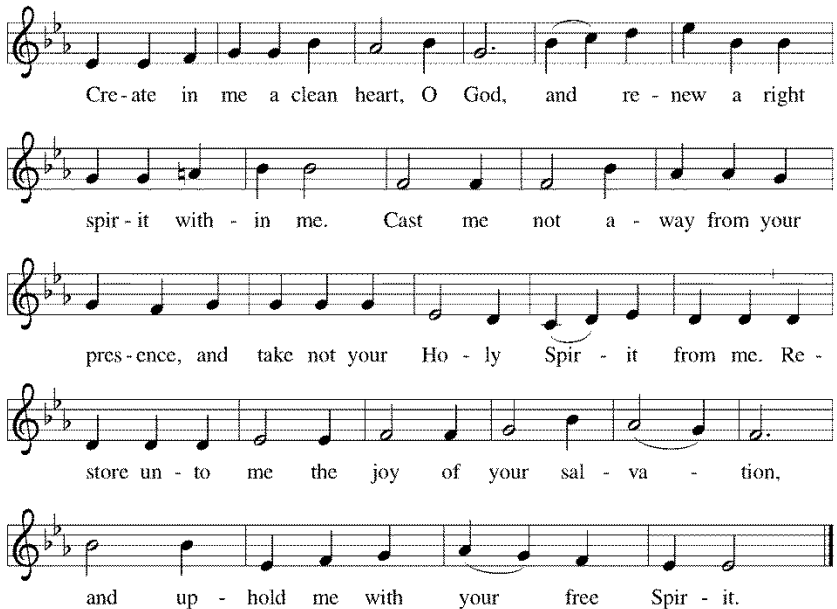
## Offering

“Come to Calvary’s Holy Mountain,” Donald Johns

*Stand as you are able*

## Presentation of the Gifts

“Create In Me” #188



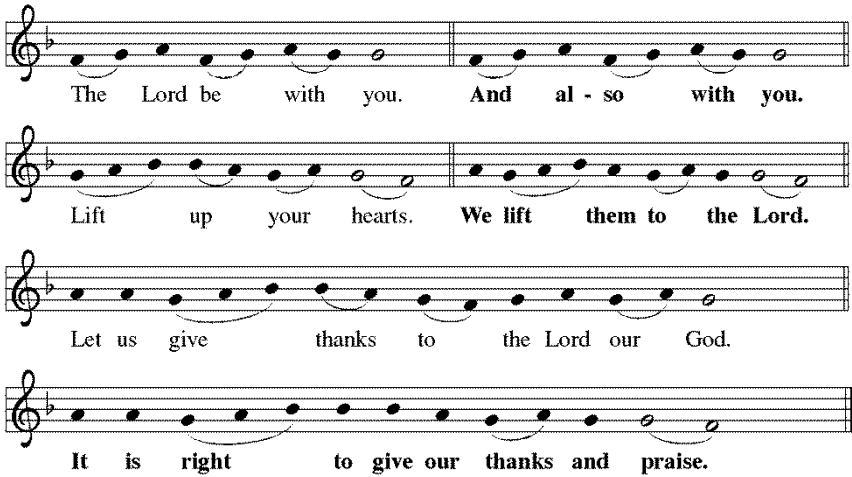
Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right  
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your  
pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -  
store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,  
and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

Let us pray. Merciful God,

**our bodies and souls and all our talents, together with these offerings we bring before you. For you have bought us to be your own, that we may live for you. Amen.**

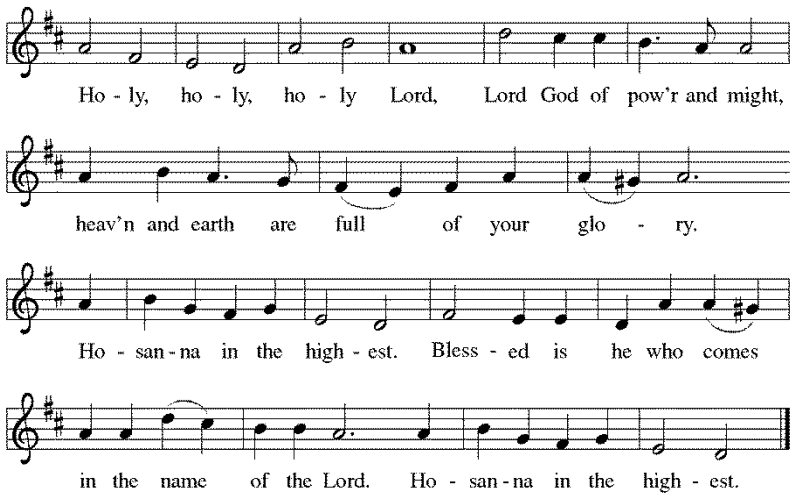
# The Lord's Supper

## Great Thanksgiving



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.  
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy. . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
Ho - san-na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san-na in the high - est.

Holy, mighty and merciful Lord. . . now and forever. **Amen.**

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

*You may be seated*

*To learn how we distribute communion, see the inside front cover.*

## Communion

**Agnus Dei**

“O Lamb of God,” #197

“If God My Lord Be for Me” #788

“Strengthen for Service, Lord” #497

*Stand as you are able*

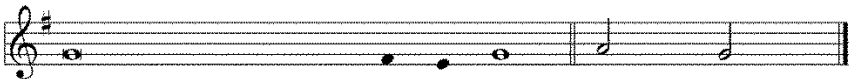
## Post Communion Prayer

Almighty God, you provide the true bread from heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that we who have received the Sacrament of his body and blood may abide in him and he in us, that we may be filled with the power of his endless life, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## Sending

### Blessing



♩ Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and for - ever. ♪ A - men

### Sending Song

“O Lord, Throughout These Forty Days,” #319

Go in peace. Serve the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

### Postlude

“O Lord, Throughout These Forty Days,” David Johnson

“On My Heart Imprint Your Image,” Text: Thomas H. Kingo, 1634-1703, tr. Peer O. Strumme; Music: DER AM KREUZ, Johan R. Koniz.

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# Serving Today

*Preaching Minister* – Pastor Bridger

*Presiding Minister* – Pr. Burce

*Assisting Ministers* – Carl Herhuth (8:30); Mike Allan (11)

*Lectors* – David Kukulhan (8:30); Jillian Piteo (11)

*Communion Assistants* – Kate Durban, Kent Skurkey, Scott Straffen (8:30);  
Melissa Hollander, James Quayle, Eileen Spicer (11)

*Acolytes* – Bruce Neumann (8:30);  
Gus Golden, Tim Hollander (11)

*Cantors* – Dale Mortensen (8:30); Helen Casselberry (11)

*Organist* – Connie Triplett

*Deacons* – Ray Durban(8:30);  
Carolyn Flanagan, Bob Trapp (11)

*Greeters* – Ellen & Frank Petak (8:30)  
Marilyn Sheerer (11)

*Ushers* – Ed Kus, Steve Swanson (8:30);  
Julia Ellerbruch, Dana Quayle, Craig Stinard (11)

*Trustee* – Craig Stinard

*Altar Guild* – Tiffany Advani, Laura Schwartz-Gaydos

*Nursery* – Jodi Norris, Kaylie Norris (11)

## In Our Prayers

- ❖ For faith to deepen and grow this Lenten season in devotion to Christ
- ❖ For those infected with the coronavirus and those who are working on a vaccine
- ❖ In Thanksgiving for our witness in the community through the Shrove Fest celebration
- ❖ In need of healing, care, comfort: Carla Barrett, Reagan Fleming following surgery, Janet Geiling, Vicki Kimpel (friend of the Herhuth family), Edith Kundtz, Ruth Marquardt, Edna Martin, Arline Pillivant, Edna Terhorst (Linda Herhuth's mother-in-law), Karen Wittrock
- ❖ In mourning: the families of Jean Etzler and Lorraine Wolf (mother of Bruce Wolf) who died this week

## The Presence Candle Is Given

In memory of Karen Gustke by her family

## This Week's Commemorations

*March 1*—GEORGE HERBERT, d. 1633, English priest, poet, and hymnwriter.

*March 2*—JOHN WESLEY (d. 1791), founder of the Methodist movement, and CHARLES WESLEY (d. 1788), John's brother and one of the greatest of English hymnwriters.

## God's Word for Next Week

### Second Sunday in Lent

Genesis 12:1-4a, Psalm 121, Romans 4:1-5, 13-17, John 3:1-17

*We encourage you to read the lessons as part of your preparation for divine services.*



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*Pastoral Assistant* – Ruth Mortensen

*Music Director* – Connie Triplett

*Messiah School Principal* – Helen Casselberry

*Administrator & Pierstorff Memorial Fund Director* – Darlene Waugh



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*To the glory of God, through the strength of the Spirit.*