

# Welcome!

## FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

**Sunday, February 22, 2026 – 8:30am**

**To Our Guests:** We are honored that you have chosen to worship with us today! Please stop by our Welcome Desk for more information about all our ministries. Please read below for more information about worshipping with us.

**We love children at Christ Our Savior.** Parents are encouraged to sit in the front pews so young children can see what is happening during worship. A nursery for children, infant to 3 yrs, and a family lounge off the Advent Lobby are available for those who prefer these areas. Ask an usher for directions.

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**We welcome guests to Sunday School and Bible classes,** from 9:45 a.m.-10:45 a.m.

Summer Sunday School	Lead by:	Where:
Pre K thru Kindergarten		Room 15
1 <sup>st</sup> thru 3 <sup>rd</sup> grade		Room 8
4 <sup>th</sup> thru 6 <sup>th</sup> grade		Room 10
7 <sup>th</sup> thru 8 <sup>th</sup> grade		Room 12
High School Youth		Youth Room
<b>Adult Bible Studies</b>		
The Art of Marriage	Pastor Davenport and Josh Kittleman	Gym
Lessons for Living from the Proverbs	Mark Anders	Rooms 1-4
Lutheran Foundations	Vicar Fritz and Pastor Joel	Rooms 5-6
Bethel: The New Testament	Judy Mayle	Gethsemane Chapel
The Hymn of the Day	Tom Schroeder	Church Balcony

## AS WE GATHER

Only weeks ago, Jesus was called out by John as the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. Now Jesus reveals what He must do for us and our salvation. He must stand where Adam stood, tempted by the devil. This time, however, Jesus refuses to surrender His righteousness in the face of evil but preserves it so that He might give it to you and to me. With confidence in Christ's righteousness, which we wear by Baptism, and His forgiveness, which restores us when we fall, we know that the devil can harm us no more. We belong to Christ. In the power of Christ, we are made strong before the tempter's power, and in Him we are brought through death to life everlasting.

## Order of Worship

### PRELUDE

Matt Fremder

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Preparation ✝

### OPENING HYMN

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

LSB 656

- 1. A mighty fortress is our God, A trusty shield and weapon;  
He helps us free from ev'ry need That hath us now o'ertaken.  
The old evil foe Now means deadly woe;  
Deep guile and great might Are his dread arms in fight;  
On earth is not his equal.**
- 2. With might of ours can naught be done, Soon were our loss effected;  
But for us fights the valiant One, Whom God Himself elected.  
Ask ye, Who is this? Jesus Christ it is,  
Of Sabaoth Lord, And there's none other God;  
He holds the field forever.**
- 3. Though devils all the world should fill, All eager to devour us,  
We tremble not, we fear no ill; They shall not overpower us.  
This world's prince may still Scowl fierce as he will,  
He can harm us none. He's judged; the deed is done;  
One little word can fell him.**
- 4. The Word they still shall let remain Nor any thanks have for it;  
He's by our side upon the plain With His good gifts and Spirit.  
And take they our life, Goods, fame, child, and wife,  
Though these all be gone, Our vict'ry has been won;  
The Kingdom ours remaineth.**

## INVOCATION

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** **Amen.**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

*Psalm 32:5*

- P** I acknowledged my sin to You.  
**C** **I did not cover up my iniquity.**  
**P** I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD."  
**C** **And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

*Silence for meditation and reflection.*

- 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 punishment now and forever. 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. Forgive me all my sins and grant me the power of Your Holy Spirit that I may amend my sinful life.**  
**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** **Amen.**  
**P** May He who began this good work within you bring it to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
**C** **Amen.**

## ✠ Service of the Word ✠

### KYRIE

*Lord, Have Mercy*

*LSB 186*

**C** Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -  
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

## SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.

**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.

## OLD TESTAMENT READING *(Sin entered into the world through the fall of Adam.)* Genesis 3:1–21

<sup>1</sup>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?'" <sup>2</sup>And 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 midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.'" <sup>4</sup>But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely 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 themselves loincloths. <sup>8</sup>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. <sup>9</sup>But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?" <sup>10</sup>And he said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself." <sup>11</sup>He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" <sup>12</sup>The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate." <sup>13</sup>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." <sup>14</sup>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 all the days of your life. <sup>15</sup>I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel." <sup>16</sup>To the woman he said, "I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children. Your desire shall be for your husband, and he shall rule over you." <sup>17</sup>And to Adam he said, "Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you, 'You shall not eat of it,' cursed is the ground because of you;

in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life; <sup>18</sup>thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field. <sup>19</sup>By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return." <sup>20</sup>The man called his wife's name Eve, because she was the mother of all living. <sup>21</sup>And the LORD God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## EPISTLE

Romans 5:12–19

*(By one man's disobedience the many were made sinners,  
so by one man's obedience shall the many be declared righteous.)*

<sup>12</sup>Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned— <sup>13</sup>for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. <sup>14</sup>Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come. <sup>15</sup>But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many. <sup>16</sup>And the free gift is not like the result of that one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brought justification. <sup>17</sup>If, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ. <sup>18</sup>Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. <sup>19</sup>For 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.

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## VERSE

*Ephesians 6:11*

**C** **Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil.**

## HOLY GOSPEL

*(Our Lord is tempted by Satan in the wilderness.)*

Matthew 4:1–11

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fourth chapter.



<sup>1</sup>Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. <sup>2</sup>And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. <sup>3</sup>And 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, 'Man shall 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 set him on the pinnacle of the temple <sup>6</sup>and said 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, lest you strike your foot against a stone.'" <sup>7</sup>Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'You shall 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 glory. <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>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.'" <sup>11</sup>Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



## THIS IS WHAT WE BELIEVE

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.**

1. **Christ, the Lord of hosts, unshaken By the devil's seething rage,  
Thwarts the plan of Satan's minions; Wins the strife from age to age;  
Conquers sin and death forever; Slams them in their steely cage.**
3. **Long on earth the battle rages, Since the serpent's first deceit;  
Twisted God's command to Adam, Made forbidden fruit look sweet.  
Then the curse of God was spoken: "You'll lie crushed beneath His feet!"**
4. **Jesus came, this word fulfilling, Trampled Satan, death defied;  
Bore the brunt of our temptation, On the wretched tree He died.  
Yet to life was raised victorious; By His life our life supplied.**
5. **Swift as lightning falls the tyrant From his heav'nly perch on high,  
As the word of Jesus' vict'ry Floods the earth and fills the sky.  
Wounded by a wound eternal Now his judgment has drawn nigh!**
6. **Jesus, send Your angel legions When the foe would us enslave.  
Hold us fast when sin assaults us; Come, then, Lord, Your people save.  
Overthrow at last the dragon; Send him to his fiery grave.**

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## SERMON

"Now That's a Scapegoat"

Matthew 4:1-11

## OFFERING

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## PRAYER AT OFFERING

- P** Heavenly Father, receive these gifts joyfully brought to you this day for Your use in Your kingdom. Bless them and all the gifts which you have entrusted to us so that with them, the kingdom is strengthened to Your glory. Strengthened to sustain the saints and for their witness to those who have not yet awakened to know Jesus, Your Son, as their Lord and Savior.
- C** **All that I have is Yours, Lord Jesus. All that I have is You.**
- P** Use then all of our gifts for works of love, mercy, witness, and unto the increase of Your glory.
- C** **Amen.**

OFFERTORY *(sung)*

LSB 192

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

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- P** We give You thanks, O Lord, that You invite us to pray and have promised to hear and answer the prayers of Your people. By Your Holy Spirit enable us to plead for mercy in the name of Jesus and with confidence that whatever Your answer, it will be best for us. That we stand firm in the face of temptation and be clothed with the strength of the Lord Jesus in time of trial, let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** That we neither be distracted nor enticed by the voice of the devil, the world, and the desires of our own flesh, but endure through the days of trouble through the Word of the Lord that endures forever, let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** That our nation and those who lead us be equipped with wisdom and faith, that we lead quiet and peaceable lives in Christ, that the nations learn pathways of peace, and that we not be overcome by fear or despair, let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** That the sick and all who suffer know the healing and strength of the Spirit in their afflictions, that the dying abide in peace, and that the grieving be granted comfort, let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** That the work of the Kingdom be prospered among us and through us, that those who have not heard rejoice to hear the Gospel, and that we be generous in supplying the poor and the homeless, let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** That daily we offer up prayers on behalf of the church, her ministers, and her ministries and for all according to their need, interceding on behalf of others even as Christ intercedes for us, let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** That the church would enjoy unity of doctrine and harmony in her work, that many be raised up for church work, and that we offer the Lord the sacrifice of praise from our lips and tithes and offerings from our hands, let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** That the Lord grant us all good things as are needful for this body and life and prevent all things harmful to us and our salvation, let us pray in the name of Jesus, whom with the Father and the Holy Spirit are one God and one Lord, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

*Matthew 6:9-13*

- P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray,  
**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.**

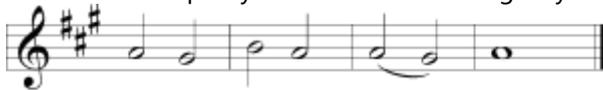
## BENEDICAMUS

- P** Let us bless the Lord.  
**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## BENEDICTION

*Numbers 6:24-26*

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and  $\text{†}$  give you peace.



**C** A-men, a-men, a - men.

## CLOSING HYMN

"O Lord, throughout These Forty Days"

*LSB 418*

- 1. O Lord, throughout these forty days You prayed and kept the fast;  
Inspire repentance for our sin, And free us from our past.**
- 2. You strove with Satan, and You won; Your faithfulness endured;  
Lend us Your nerve, Your skill and trust In God's eternal Word.**
- 3. Though parched and hungry, yet You prayed And fixed Your mind above;  
So teach us to deny ourselves, Since we have known God's love.**
- 4. Be with us through this season, Lord, And all our earthly days,  
That when the final Easter dawns, We join in heaven's praise.**

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## SILENT PRAYER

## POSTLUDE



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