

Readings, Sermon Notes, Prayers, Hymns  
To Study and Share with those You Love.

**WEEK OF FEB.26,**

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# **CONCORDIA**

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Then Jesus  
was led by  
the Spirit up  
into the  
desert,  
to be  
tempted by  
the devil.  
Matt. 4

Hymn of Invocation. **O Lord, throughout These Forty Days** 418  
**+ The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism. +**

## **INTROIT PSALM 91**

When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in | trouble;\* I will rescue him and | honor him. **With long life I will sat- | isfy him\* and show him my sal- | vation.** Because you have made the LORD your | dwelling place—\* the Most High, who is my | refuge—**no evil shall be allowed to be- | fall you,\* no plague come | near your tent.** For he will command his angels con- | cerning you\* to guard you in | all your ways. **On their hands they will | bear you up,\* lest you strike your foot a- | gainst a stone.** You will tread on the lion and the | adder;\* the young lion and the serpent you will trample | underfoot. **Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\* and to the Holy | Spirit; as it was in the be- | ginning,\* is now, and will be forever. | Amen.** When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in | trouble;\* I will rescue him and | honor him.

## **COLLECT OF THE DAY**

**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.**

## **PSALM 32**

Blessèd is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.  
Blessèd is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit. For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin. Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found; surely in the rush of great waters, they shall not reach him. You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with shouts of deliverance. **Glory 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.** You are a hiding place for me.

## **APPOINTED READINGS FEB. 2023**

**Old Testament/Genesis 3:1–21. Epistle/Romans 5:12–19. Gospel/Matthew 4:1–11**

- Following His Baptism, Jesus is "*led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.* As He takes upon Himself the curse of our sin and sets Himself against our enemy, He trusts His Father's voice and waits upon His Father's hand for all things. The devil questions His sonship, but the beloved and well-pleasing Son remains faithful and lives "*by every word that comes from the mouth of God.*"  
(Matt. 4:4)
- Jesus patiently suffers hunger in His mortal flesh and returns to the dust whence man was taken, and by His pain He brings forth food for all the children of men. By the sweat of His brow, we eat the fruit of His cross, even as our nakedness is covered by His righteousness.  
(Gen. 3:18–19)
- Although all people live in bondage to death through the trespass of the first man, Adam, all the more "*have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many.*" His righteous obedience "*leads to justification and life for all men.*"  
(Rom. 5:18)

## CONFESSION OF OUR COMMON FAITH: THE NICENE CREED

Hymn of the Day. *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* 656

### SERMON NOTES

*Deliver us from the evil one* Matthew 4:1, 10

***Then Jesus was led by the Spirit up into the desert, to be tempted by the devil. Away with you, Satan!" replied Jesus, "the scripture says, 'You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him only you shall serve'."***

We see in the beginning of Jesus' public ministry how the Holy Spirit leads Him into a direct confrontation with the evil one to assure us that nothing will impede Him from fulfilling His mission to destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil.

#### **1. Christ is led by the Spirit into the wilderness**

1. Like Israel led by Moses for 40 years
2. We welcome or resist the leading of the Spirit

#### **2. Christ is tempted in every way as we are, yet without sin**

1. For us temptation sharp He knew, for us the tempter overthrew
2. God allows us to be tempted by devil/world/self for our good

#### **3. Christ shows us how to worship God and serve Him only**

1. He gives His gifts and together we receive and extol them
2. Fasting, prayer and alms-giving serve our neighbor

### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH. FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT. 26 FEBRUARY 2023.

Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

O Lord, You sought Adam and Eve in the garden and called them to repentance. Seek us when we wander from Your Holy Word, and give us contrite hearts to confess our sins and receive the forgiveness and restoration You promise us. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Father in heaven, Your Son trampled the serpent underfoot and freed us from sin and death by His own death on the cross. Protect and preserve all called to preach Christ and Him crucified. Command Your angels to guard them in all their ways and bear them up for the sake of Jesus. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, You created the home as the place where we are brought up in the ways of truth, goodness and mercy. Sustain parents in their sacred charge, and grant that our homes would be places of confession and forgiveness of sins. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, You have established earthly authorities to punish evil and praise those who do good. Grant our rulers humble hearts to resist the allure of power and to worship You alone. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, Your Son was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to suffer temptation for our sake. Strengthen us when we are tempted, and teach us to rely upon Your Word as our defense against the evil one. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, send Your holy angels to protect and keep us in Your ways, that no evil may befall us. Graciously behold the needy, the sick and the troubled [*especially* \_\_\_\_\_]. Satisfy us with long life, and show us Your salvation. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, You covered the shame of our first parents with animal skin and thereby foreshadowed the perfect sacrifice of the shedding of Your Son's blood by which we are cleansed and clothed. Give us the garments of repentance and faith, that we may receive Your Son's body and blood for the forgiveness of all our sins. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord God, heavenly Father, You have given us a refuge from the world in the Body of Christ. Protect us from all evils of body and soul, that we would find rest in this life and eternal rest in Your heavenly embrace; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**