

THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

February 25-26, 2023

"Changing Lives through Worship, Compassion, and Christian Education"



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.

Romans 5:15

**Music of Preparation,
Welcome, Announcements, Greeting**

Our Ministry: We are a people of God who are: ***"Changing Lives through Worship, Compassion, and Christian Education."***

Welcome! Welcome to worship on the first Sunday in Lent. A warm welcome to visitors joining us today.

Devotions & Publications Available are found in the main entryway. Please leave donation envelopes in the offering plate.

..... WORSHIP NOTES

Note About Attendance Cards...Remember that the only way we may know you are worshiping with us is by seeing your name on an attendance card. These cards may be completed as you enter for worship and will be collected after the offering. Use one card for each family that is gathered. **Please list the name of each person in worship.** (Parents, please take responsibility for signing in your children) There is a "Member" side as well as a "Guest" side. Please fill out the appropriate side and pass them to the center aisle during the gathering of the offerings. The cards are gathered after the offering has been collected.

To Our Visitors...Our church and school has a few nooks and crannies, so don't be afraid to ask an usher where things are. Our pastor and any member here today would also be glad to meet and assist you. A guest information packet is available near the guest register in the main (west) entryway.

For All Who Worship...If you are arriving after the service has started, please allow our ushers to assist you with seating. We ask that you avoid entering during the confession, prayers, or Bible readings as these are quiet and meditative moments.

For Parents with Small Children...We love and want children in our services as a part of God's family, to spend time with Jesus, and to learn how to worship. We also know that kids can be kids. We want you and your children to experience our Lord's love and to have a great opportunity to worship the Lord along with all who are gathered here to praise our Savior's name.

DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING ONE

(The music for the liturgy may be found on page 151 in the Hymnal)

Notes for Worship: As you prepare for worship this day, we invite you to turn to the prayer section of the Hymnal (page 305). In addition to prayers for before and after worship, there are prayers for all aspects of the Christian Life (some of the prayers are also located on the inside front cover of the hymnal). May these prayers be useful in your worship.

Before worship prayer

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, because of Your tender love towards us sinners You have given us Your Son that, believing in him, we might have everlasting life. Continue to grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may remain steadfast in this faith to the end and finally come to life everlasting; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. AMEN.

We're So Glad God Brought You Here Today!

Opening Hymn: "All Mankind Fell in Adam's Fall" LSB, hymn #562 [tune 425]

All mankind fell in Adam's fall;
One common sin infects us all.
From one to all the curse descends,
And over all God's wrath impends.

Through all our pow'rs corruption creeps
And us in dreadful bondage keeps;
In guilt we draw our infant breath
And reap its fruits of woe and death.

From hearts depraved, to evil prone,
Flow thoughts and deeds of sin alone;
God's image lost, the darkened soul
Seeks not nor finds its heav'nly goal.

But Christ, the second Adam, came
To bear our sin and woe and shame,
To be our life, our light, our way,
Our only hope, our only stay.

As by one man all mankind fell
And, born in sin, was doomed to hell,
So by one Man, who took our place,
We all were justified by grace.

We thank You, Christ; new life is ours,
New light, new hope, new strength, new pow'rs.
This grace our ev'ry way attend
Until we reach our journey's end.

INVOCATION, CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

- P: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C: **Amen.** *Matthew 28:19b*
P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
C: **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.** *1 John 1:8-9*
P: Dear Friends in Christ, let us humble our hearts before our Holy God and silently reflect upon our sins.
(Moment of silent reflection)
P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
C: **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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**
P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit. *John 20:19-23*
C: **Amen.**

P: The Lord be with you. 2 Timothy 4:22
C: **(Sung) And also with you.**

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**

(Please be Seated)

THE READING OF THE WORD

Epistle Lesson: Romans 5:12-19 *(The Life-Giving Work Of Jesus)*

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 - for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. 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. 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. 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. 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. Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. 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.

Stand

Verse - Lent *Joel 2:13*
C: **(Sung) Return to the Lord, your God, for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and abounding in steadfast love.**
P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fourth chapter.
C: **(Sung) Glory to You, O Lord.**

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 4:1-11 *(Jesus Tempted In The Wilderness)*

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. And the tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written, "'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the temple 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.'" Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.'" Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. And he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." 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.'" Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C: **(Sung) Praise to You, O Christ.**
(Please be Seated)

Children's Sermon

Sermon Hymn: "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" *LSB, hymn #656*

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.

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.

Though devils all the world should fill, All eager to devour us,
 We tremble not, we fear no ill; They shall not overpow'r 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.

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.

Sermon: "The Ancient War"

Romans 5:12-19

Stand

P: Let us confess our faith, using the words of the Apostles' Creed.

**C: 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**

(Please be Seated)

Tithes and Offerings/Attendance Cards

OFFERTORY - Create In Me

LSB, Divine Service 3, pg 192-193

**C: (Sung) 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.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

1 Timothy 2:1-4

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

As we begin our observance of Lent, Lord, we pray, "Lead us not into
 temptation." Assure us that You are with us in every place, and defend us from
 the assaults of the evil one. Help us to treasure the cross in our hearts as it
 reveals Your loving purpose, and enable us to show our thankfulness for our
 full salvation in lives that are wholly given to Your service. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Support and ever defend Your Church, purchased with the precious blood of
 Christ. Strengthen Your faithful people through the Word that is able to make
 us wise unto salvation. Grant us every blessing through the Holy Sacraments,
 making us perfect in love and in all good works, especially to those of the
 household of faith. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Into a world that is dark and often hostile, send the light of Your truth. Raise
 up faithful and courageous servants of Christ to advance the Gospel both at
 home in urban, suburban, and rural settings, and also in distant lands around
 the globe. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Preserve our nation in justice and honor that we may lead safe and peaceable
 lives. Grant health and favor to all who bear office in our land, especially the
 president and congress, the governor and legislature of this state, and to all
 those who make, administer, and judge our laws. Help them to serve the
 people in their areas of responsibility according to Your holy will. Lord, in Your
 mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: By Your Word and Holy Spirit, comfort all who are in sorrow or need, sickness or adversity. We pray that you be with those hospitalized this past week (*Especially, . . .*). Also be with those who continue treatment and healing at home. We pray for them and all those that we name in our hearts . . . (*Silence*). O God, bring consolation to those in sorrow, and grant to all with special needs a full measure of Your love, taking them into Your tender care. Enable us to be instruments of care according to Your will. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

(Additional prayers of the congregation. Each petition concludes with. . .)

P: . . . Lord, In Your Mercy,

C: **Hear Our Prayer.**

P: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who has taught 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**

BENEDICTION

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 † give you peace.

C: **(Sung) Amen**

Closing Hymn: “O Lord, Throughout These Forty Days” *LSB, hymn #418*

O Lord, throughout these forty days You prayed and kept the fast;
Inspire repentance for our sin, And free us from our past.

You strove with Satan, and You won; Your faithfulness endured;
Lend us Your nerve, Your skill and trust In God’s eternal Word.

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.

Be with us through this season, Lord, And all our earthly days,
That when the final Easter dawns, We join in heaven’s praise.

See You In Worship Next Week!

After worship prayer

Lord God, heavenly Father, from Your hand we receive all good gifts and by Your grace we are guarded from all evil. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that, acknowledging with our whole heart Your boundless goodness, we may now and evermore thank and praise You for Your loving-kindness and tender mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. AMEN.

There is a Prayer Ministry Member(s) in each service that is wearing a prayer ministry tag around their neck. Please look for them if you want a prayer for someone else, a concern or situation you may have, or yourself.

Please join us for coffee and donut holes in the cafeteria after Sunday services.

Altar Flowers Altar flowers this weekend are given in loving memory of my wife, Cathy, on her birthday, by Robert Wood; also in thankfulness for 80 years of God’s blessings, mercy and grace in the life of Roy Cordes and for Cindy Rubin’s birthday, by the Cordes family.



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