

February 22, 2026 8:00/9:30/10:45am

First Sunday in Lent

WELCOME AND INVOCATION

OPENING HYMN

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

LSB 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.

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.

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.

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.

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BAPTISM (8:00)

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CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. We confess our sinfulness and shame...

Merciful Father,

our Lord and King, we are sinful people. We have inherited the legacy of original sin from our first parents, Adam and Eve, who gave in to temptation and disobeyed You in Eden. We have believed the lies of the devil, the world, and our own sinful flesh. We sincerely repent of our sins and humbly ask for Your grace and forgiveness in Jesus Christ.

Jesus Christ has resisted the devil's temptations, and has conquered sin, death, and the powers of hell in His own death on the cross for us.

Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, I forgive you of all of your sins in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Amen.

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.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



C A - men.

The Hymn of Praise is omitted during the penitential season of Lent.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lord God, our strength, the battle of good and evil rages within and around us, and the devil tempts us with his deceits and empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your Word and, when we fall, raise us again and restore us through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 3:1-21

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'?" And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, 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.'" But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

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. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths. 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. But the Lord God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?" And he said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself." He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate." 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." 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. 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." 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." 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; thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field. 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." The man called his wife's name Eve, because she was the mother of all living. And the Lord God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

Romans 5:12-19

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.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

LENTEN RESPONSE



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for He is gra - cious and
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in
stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 4:1-11

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

Glory to You, O Lord.

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.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY**“O Christ, You Walked the Road”****LSB 424**

O Christ, You walked the road
Our wand’ring feet must go.
You faced with us temptation’s pow’r
And fought our ancient foe.

When lures of easy gain
With promise brightly shine,
Lord, help us seek Your kingdom first;
Our wills with Yours align.

No bread of earth alone
Can fill our hung’ring hearts.
Lord, help us seek Your living Word,
The food Your grace imparts.

O Christ, You walked the road
Our wand’ring feet must go.
Stay with us through temptation’s hour
To fight our ancient foe.

No blinding sign we ask,
No wonder from above.
Lord, help us place our trust alone
In Your unswerving love.

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SERMON**“Dealing with Temptation”****Pastor Barry**

SERMON HYMN “All Mankind Fell in Adam’s Fall” LSB 562, vv. 1, 4-6

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.

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.

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OFFERING

OFFERTORY

LSB 192



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 Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

APOSTLES' CREED (9:30/10:45)

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.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Throughout these days in Lent, let us pray to the Lord in repentant faith, asking Him to have mercy and to hear us. Almighty God, Your Son, Jesus, did what we cannot do. He resisted the temptations of Satan and lived a perfect, sinless life for us.

We ask that You would graciously deliver us from evil and protect us from the attacks of the evil foe that he would have no power over us. O Lord, throughout these days in Lent,
Have mercy and hear us.

Lord God, You are the giver of all good things. We thank You especially for giving Your Son, Jesus Christ, to be the Savior for Adam and Eve, for us, and for the world. O Lord, throughout these days in Lent,
Have mercy and hear us.

Loving God, you established and ordained marriage by creating and uniting the first husband and wife, Adam and Eve. We ask that You would help us to honor this design for marriage that You have established and that You would bless those united in marriage with greater love for each other and for You. O Lord, throughout these days in Lent,
Have mercy and hear us.

Father God, Through Baptism you make us Your children and heirs of eternal life. As Alaina is made Your child today through water and Your Word in Holy Baptism, surround her and her parents with Your arms of mercy and with love and support from this congregation, that she may grow in her faith. O Lord, throughout these days of Lent,
Have mercy and hear us.

Providing God, we ask that you provide for those who suffer want and need. Provide employment for those who suffer anxiety from lack of work. Make us Your instruments to provide for the physical needs of others through acts of mercy. O Lord, throughout these days in Lent,
Have mercy and hear us.

Restoring God, continue to be with those who suffer from illness and pain... Grant them strength to trust in You in every trial of life. Grant them patience, and restore them according to Your gracious will. O Lord, throughout these days in Lent,
Have mercy and hear us.

Into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy and Your promise to hear us for the sake of the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of world, Your Son, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

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

CLOSING HYMN "O Lord, throughout These Forty Days" LSB 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.

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SENDING

Go in peace, serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

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WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Acolytes: 8:00 Christina Oliver/10:45 Kenley Sandvig

Elders: 8:00 Paul DeRocher/9:30 Lyle Hilk/10:45 Ben Wiegert

Usher Team: 8:00 Mark Asmus/9:30 Mark Young/10:45 Brad Willmsen

Welcome Team: 8:00 Gayle Degler, Gary Herber/9:30 Amy Feek

10:45 Jana Beckendorf

Tech Crew: 8:00 Adam Breczinski, Hunter Krueger/9:30 Bennett McGlothlin

10:45 Julie Bruce

Coffee Hour: 9:00 Brian and Mackenzie Tucker

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UPCOMING WEEK	
Monday, February 23	Men's Bible Study 6:30am
	Monday Night Meal 5:15pm
	AA 7:00pm
Wednesday, February 25	Moms in the Word 9:30am
	Midweek Lenten Worship 4:15/6:30pm
	Women's Choir Rehearsal 7:15pm
Thursday, February 26	Women's LifeLight Bible Study 9:30am
Friday, February 27	AA 6:30pm
	Middle School Activity Night 6:00pm
Saturday, February 28	Chaska Skate Club Photos 10:30am
Sunday, March 1	Worship with Communion 8:00/9:30/10:45am
	Education Hour 9:30am
	Youth Night 6:00pm

Prayers for Healing and Strength

Steve Lenzen
Nancy Van Sloun
Shelley Bartizal

Mary Swanson
Pastor Al Holthus
JoAnn Schesso
Patti Oelfke

Allan Panning
Janet Macenthun
Jolene Berg

Expectant Moms

Clara Crawley-Reid
Izzy King

Brenda Simpson
Nicole Stockey

Brittany Thormodson
Kourtney Vipond

Celebrating Anniversaries

2/22 Garrett and Cortney Engelhardt

Celebrating Birthdays

2/22

Carol Affeldt

2/23

Bob Loomis

Hanna Stewart

2/24

Carissa Dysterheft

Jacob Knutson

Nadia Leier

2/24

Melanie Pandolfo

Larry Quanrud

2/25

Natalie Griep

Greg Marshall

2/26

Kim Wetzel

Jay Wikstrom

2/27

Paige Dolan

Zach Lewis

Malinda Meuwissen

2/28

Matt Fick

Gary Herber

Mary Mierow

Jon Mierow

Holy Week & Easter at St. John's

Palm Sunday

March 29

Worship with Communion

8:00am (Livestreamed)

9:30am & 10:45am

Maundy Thursday

April 2

Worship with Communion

4:15pm & 7:00pm (Livestreamed)

Good Friday

April 3

10:00am & 7:00pm (Livestreamed)

Easter Sunday

April 5

Worship with Communion

7:00am (Sonrise)

8:30am (Livestreamed) & 10:00am

Easter services will be held in the gym due to ongoing renovations

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