



First Sunday in Lent
Invocabit
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Opening Hymn *“Amazing Grace”* p.744

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The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

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.**

Silence for reflection on God’s Word and for self-examination.

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.

Declaration of Grace

P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C Amen.

Service of the Word

+ **INTROIT** +

Psalm 91 : 1-2, 9-10, 13 ; antiphon : Ps. 91-15a, c, 16

Pastor: When he calls to me, I will answer him;

Cong.: I will rescue him and honor him.

Pastor: With long life I will satisfy him

Cong.: and show him my salvation.

Pastor: He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High

Cong.: will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.

Pastor: I will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress,

Cong.: my God, in whom I trust."

Pastor: Because you have made the LORD your dwelling place-

Cong.: The Most High, who is my refuge-

Pastor: no evil shall be allowed to befall you,

Cong.: no plague come near your tent.

Pastor: You will tread on the lion and the adder;

Cong.: 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 beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

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Kyrie

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- P In peace let us pray to the Lord.
C **Lord, have mercy.**
P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
C **Lord, have mercy.**
P 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.
C **Lord, have mercy.**
P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.
C **Lord, have mercy.**
P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
C **Amen.**

+ SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY +

Pastor: The LORD be with you.

Cong.: And also with you.

Pastor: 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.

Cong.: Amen.

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 3: 1-21

¹ 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?’”* ² And the woman said to the serpent, *“We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, ³ 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.’”* ⁴ But the serpent said to the woman, *“You will not surely die. ⁵ For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”* ⁶ 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. ⁷ Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths. ⁸ 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. ⁹ But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, “*Where are you?*” ¹⁰ And he said, “*I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself.*” ¹¹ He said, “*Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?*” ¹² The man said, “The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate.” ¹³ 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.*” ¹⁴ 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.*” ¹⁵ *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.*” ¹⁶ To the woman he said, “*I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children. Your desire shall be contrary to your husband, but he shall rule over you.*” ¹⁷ 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;*” ¹⁸ *thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field.*” ¹⁹ *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.*” ²⁰ The man called his wife's name Eve, because she was the mother of all living. ²¹ And the LORD God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them. This is the Word of the LORD.

Cong.: Thanks be to God.

THE EPISTLE

Hebrew 4: 14-16

¹⁴ Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. ¹⁵ For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶ Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. This is the Word of the LORD.

Cong.: Thanks be to God.

+VERSE+ (sung)

LSB 157

*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.*

+ THE HOLY GOSPEL +

Matthew 4: 1-11

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 4th chapter.

Cong.: Glory to you, O LORD.

¹ Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ² And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. ³ And the tempter came and said to him, *“If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.”* ⁴ But he answered, *“It is written, ‘‘Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’’”* ⁵ Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the temple ⁶ 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.’’”* ⁷ Jesus said to him, *“Again it is written, ‘You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.’”* ⁸ Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. ⁹ And he said to him, *“All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.”* ¹⁰ 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.’’”* ¹¹ Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him. This is the Gospel of the LORD.

Cong.: Praise to You, O Christ.

Sermon Hymn **“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”**

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SERMON

Nicene Creed

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I believe in one God,

 the Father Almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth
 and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,

 the only-begotten Son of God,
 begotten of His Father before all worlds,
 God of God, Light of Light,
 very God of very God,
 begotten, not made,
 being of one substance with the Father,
 by whom all things were made;
 who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven

and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.

And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.

And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ☩ of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

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P Lord, in Your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

LORD'S PRAYER (spoken)

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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.

Collect

- P Lord God, we humbly confess to You that we deserve Your fatherly chastisement for our sins; yet we earnestly implore You, for Your name's sake, to spare us in this time of disaster. Restrain all harmful powers and help Your suffering people that Your Word may be declared faithfully and without hindrance and that we, amending our sinful lives, may walk in safety and peace according to Your holy commandments; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C **Amen.**

Benediction

LSB 166

- 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 **Amen.**

Closing Hymn "Go, My Children, with My Blessing"

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LOOKING AHEAD:

New Catechism Class: February 24th at 6:15 pm

Wednesday Lenten Services: February 24, March 3, 10, 17
and 24 at 5:00 pm

Palm Sunday Services: Sunday, March 28th at 8:00 and 10:30 am.

Holy Week Services: Holy Thursday, April 1st at 5:00 and
7:00 pm.; **Good Friday,** April 2nd at 5:00 and 7:00 pm.

Easter Services: Sunday, April 4th at 8:00 and 10:30 pm.

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