

**SEXAGESIMA**  
**February 20, 2022**  
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**OPENING HYMN**      *“Blessed Jesus, at Your Word”*      *p. 904*

**Invocation, Confession and Absolution**      *LSB 151*

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

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Cong.: Amen.**

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**Cong.: 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.*

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**Cong.: 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**

Pastor: 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.

**Cong.: Amen.**

**SERVICE OF THE WORD**

+ **INTROIT** +

**Psalm 44: 1-2, 7-8**

Pastor: Awake! Why are you sleeping, O Lord?

**Cong.: Rouse yourself! Do not reject us forever!**

Pastor: For our soul is bowed down to the dust.

**Cong.: Rise up; come to our help!**

Pastor: O God, we have heard with our ears, our fathers have told us,

**Cong.: what deeds you performed in their days, in the days of old:**

Pastor: you with your own hand drove out the nations, but them you planted;

**Cong.: you afflicted the peoples, but them you set free.**

Pastor: But you have saved us from our foes

**Cong.: and have put to shame those who hate us.**

Pastor: In God we have boasted continually,

**Cong.: and we will give thanks to your name forever. 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.**

+ **KYRIE** +

**LSB 152**

Pastor: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**Cong.: LORD, have mercy.**

Pastor: For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the LORD.

**Cong.: LORD, have mercy.**

Pastor: 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.

**Cong.: LORD, have mercy.**

Pastor: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the LORD.

**Cong.: LORD, have mercy.**

Pastor: Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious LORD.

**Cong.: Amen.**

+ **SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY** +

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**Cong.: And also with you.**

Pastor: O God, the strength of all who put their trust in You, mercifully grant that by Your power we may be defended against all adversity; 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**

**Isaiah 55: 10-13**

<sup>10</sup> "For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, <sup>11</sup> so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish

*that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.* <sup>12</sup> “For you shall go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall break forth into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. <sup>13</sup> Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall make a name for the LORD, an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.” This is the Word of the LORD.

**Cong.: Thanks be to God.**

## **THE EPISTLE**

**Hebrews 4: 9-13** <sup>9</sup> So

then, there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God, <sup>10</sup> for whoever has entered God's rest has also rested from his works as God did from his. <sup>11</sup> Let us therefore strive to enter that rest, so that no one may fall by the same sort of disobedience. <sup>12</sup> For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. <sup>13</sup> And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account. This is the Word of the LORD.

**Cong.: Thanks be to God.**

**+LENT+ (sung)**

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*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 +**

**Luke 8: 4-15**

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 8<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**Cong.: Glory to you, O LORD.**

<sup>4</sup> And when a great crowd was gathering and people from town after town came to him, he said in a parable, <sup>5</sup> “A sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some fell along the path and was trampled underfoot, and the birds of the air devoured it. <sup>6</sup> And some fell on the rock, and as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture. <sup>7</sup> And some fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up with it and choked it. <sup>8</sup> And some fell into good soil and grew and yielded a hundredfold.” As he said these things, he called out, “He who has ears to hear, let him hear.” <sup>9</sup> And when his disciples asked him what this parable meant, <sup>10</sup> he said, “To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God, but for others they are in parables, so that ‘seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand.’ <sup>11</sup> Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. <sup>12</sup> The ones along the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved. <sup>13</sup> And the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy. But these have no root; they believe for a while, and in time of testing fall away. <sup>14</sup> And as for what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. <sup>15</sup> As for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patience. This is the Gospel of the LORD.

**Cong.: Praise to You, O Christ.**

## **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**

*LSB 159*

**Pastor:** Lord, in Your mercy,

**Cong.:** hear our prayer.

### **CREATE IN ME**

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**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 have trespassed 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**

Pastor: 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.

**Cong.: Amen.**

**BENEDICTION**

*LSB 166*

Pastor: 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.

**Cong.: Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN**     *“On What Has Now Been Sown”*

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**Rev. Patrick Poock**  
Organist: Bill Vlasak

**THIS WEEK AT FAITH:**

**Sunday, February 20**

8:00 am Divine Service  
9:15 am Bible Class  
9:15 am Sunday School  
10:30 am Divine Service  
Fellowship to follow  
12:00 Youth Catechism

**Monday, February 21**

6:30 pm GriefShare Social Get Together

**Tuesday, February 22**

Newsletter Information Due!

**Wednesday, February 23**

9:00 Women of Faith  
3:30 pm Bible Study  
5:00 pm Divine Service  
6:15 pm Adult Catechism

**Thursday, February 24**

6:00 pm Bell Choir Practice

**For information regarding church events, please read the monthly newsletter in the baskets at each door or the weekly message which is e-mailed every week.**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

Joan Toye 20<sup>th</sup>  
Kathy Drummond 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Pate Barlow 25<sup>th</sup>

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

Don & Shirley Hagge (2 years) 23<sup>rd</sup>

**LOOKING AHEAD:**

**Ash Wednesday:**

March 2 at 5:00 pm and 7:00 pm

**Wednesday Lenten Services:**

March 9, 16, 23, 30, April 6 at 5:00 pm only