

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT - Invocabit

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OPENING HYMN “Amazing Grace”

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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 91 : 1-2, 9-10, 13

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.

+ **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 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

1 Samuel 17: 40-51

⁴⁰ Then he took his staff in his hand and chose five smooth stones from the brook and put them in his shepherd's pouch. His sling was in his hand, and he approached the Philistine. ⁴¹ And the Philistine moved forward and came near to David, with his shield-bearer in front of him. ⁴² And when the Philistine looked and saw David, he disdained him, for he was but a youth, ruddy and handsome in appearance. ⁴³ And the Philistine said to David, *"Am I a dog, that you come to me with sticks?"* And the Philistine cursed David by his gods. ⁴⁴ The Philistine said to David, *"Come to me, and I will give your flesh to the birds of the air and to the beasts of the field."* ⁴⁵ Then David said to the Philistine, *"You come to me with a sword and with a spear and with a javelin, but I come to you in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. ⁴⁶ This day the LORD will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you down and cut off your head. And I will give the dead bodies of the host of the Philistines this day to the birds of the air and to the wild beasts of the earth, that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel, ⁴⁷ and that all this assembly may know that the LORD saves not with sword and spear. For the battle is the LORD's, and he will give you into our hand."* ⁴⁸ When the Philistine arose and came and drew near to meet David, David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet the Philistine. ⁴⁹ And David put his hand in his bag and took out a stone and slung it and struck the Philistine on his forehead. The stone sank into his forehead, and he fell on his face to the ground. ⁵⁰ So David prevailed over the Philistine with a sling and with a stone, and struck the Philistine and killed him. There was no sword in the hand of David. ⁵¹ Then David ran and stood over the Philistine and took his sword and drew it out of its sheath and killed him and cut off his head with it. When the Philistines saw that their champion was dead, they fled. This is the Word of the LORD. **Cong.: Thanks be to God.**

THE EPISTLE

2 Corinthians 6: 1-10

Working together with him, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain. ² For he says, *"In a favorable time I listened to you, and in a day of salvation I have helped you."* Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. ³ We put no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, ⁴ but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: by great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, ⁵ beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; ⁶ by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love; ⁷ by truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; ⁸ through honor and dishonor, through slander and praise. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; ⁹ as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold, we live; as punished, and yet not killed; ¹⁰ as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, yet possessing everything. 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 +

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

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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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+ **THE LORD'S PRAYER** + (spoken)

LSB 162

**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.



Rev. Patrick Pook
Organist: Bill Vlasak

Happy Birthday

Cheryl Cusick 27th
Dennis Steinke 27th
Lisa Boettcher 28th
Lois Lannon 29th
Xander Lindau 1st
Trudy Hitsman 3rd
Toni McCarty 4th

Happy Anniversary

William & Vicki Costello 28th (38 yrs.)

**THIS WEEK’S ACTIVITIES AT
FAITH:**

Sunday, February 26

8:00 am Divine Service
9:15 am Bible Study
9:15 am Sunday School
10:30 am Divine Service
11:30 am Fellowship
12:00 pm Youth Catechism

Monday, February 27

6:30 pm GriefShare

Wednesday, March 1

3:30 pm Bible Study
5:00 pm Divine Service
6:00 Lenten Meal
6:30 pm Bible Study

Thursday, March 2

6:00 pm Bell Choir
6:30 pm Adult Catechism Class

Saturday, March 4

10:00 am Choir Practice

Looking Ahead

Wednesday Lenten Services: March 8, 15,
22, 29 – 5:00 pm Service and Meal to follow

March 10 – Movie Night @ 6:00 pm. Pizza
@ 5:30 pm