

# FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

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## FOR THOSE DESIRING TO RECEIVE THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

*(The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust in His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes.*

*Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are asked first to speak with the Pastor. For further study, see Matt. 5:23ff; 10:32ff; 18:15–35; 26:26–29; 1 Cor. 11:17–34.)*



## PRESERVICE MUSIC

### AS WE GATHER

Today we hear of God testing Abraham and of Satan tempting Jesus. James reminds us that God tempts no one. So, how can we know whether God is testing us or Satan is tempting us? James reminds us that “Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change” (James 1:17). As we go through life, striving to live out our calling as God’s people, we will hit obstacles and face tests to our faith and to how we live that faith. God can work through these tests to draw us closer to Him. On the other hand, Satan wants to lure and entice us away from the path God would have us walk.

## WELCOME

### HYMN 909 CHRIST IS MADE THE SURE FOUNDATION

sts. 1–3

- 1 Christ is made the sure foundation,  
Christ, our head and cornerstone,  
Chosen of the Lord and precious,  
Binding all the Church in one;

Holy Zion's help forever  
And our confidence alone.

2 To this temple, where we call You,  
Come, O Lord of hosts, and stay;  
Come with all Your loving-kindness,  
Hear Your people as they pray;  
And Your fullest benediction  
Shed within these walls today.

3 Grant, we pray, to all Your faithful  
All the gifts they ask to gain;  
What they gain from You, forever  
With the blessed to retain;  
And hereafter in Your glory  
Evermore with You to reign.

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## INVOCATION

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

**Amen.**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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

**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**

*(Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.)*

Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**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.**

Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

*John 20: 19-23*

**Amen.**

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## THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

**INTROIT** (*Psalm 91:9-13*)

Because you have made the LORD your dwelling place—the Most High, who is my refuge

—

**no evil shall be allowed to befall you, no plague come near your tent.**

For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways.

**On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.**

You will tread on the lion and the adder; 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** (*sing responses*)

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

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 mercy.**

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the lord

**Lord, have mercy.**

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

**Amen.**

## PRAYER HYMN FOR THE LENTEN SEASON

**On my heart imprint Your image,  
Blessed Jesus, King of Grace,  
That life's riches, cares, and pleasures  
Never may Your work erase;**

**Let the clear inscription be:  
Jesus crucified for me,  
Is my life, my hope's foundation,  
and my glory and salvation!**

## **SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY**

The Lord be with you.

*(sing)* **And also with you.**

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.

*(sing)* **Amen.**

## **OLD TESTAMENT READING: Genesis 22:1–18**

<sup>1</sup>After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here am I." <sup>2</sup>He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you." <sup>3</sup>So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac. And he cut the wood for the burnt offering and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. <sup>4</sup>On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar. <sup>5</sup>Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy will go over there and worship and come again to you." <sup>6</sup>And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together. <sup>7</sup>And Isaac said to his father Abraham, "My father!" And he said, "Here am I, my son." He said, "Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" <sup>8</sup>Abraham said, "God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So they went both of them together.

<sup>9</sup>When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. <sup>10</sup>Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. <sup>11</sup>But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here am I." <sup>12</sup>He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." <sup>13</sup>And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went

and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. <sup>14</sup>So Abraham called the name of that place, "The LORD will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided."

<sup>15</sup>And the angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven <sup>16</sup>and said, "By myself I have sworn, declares the LORD, because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, <sup>17</sup>I will surely bless you, and I will surely multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of his enemies, <sup>18</sup>and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice."

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **EPISTLE: James 1:12–18**

<sup>12</sup>Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him.

<sup>13</sup>Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am being tempted by God," for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one. <sup>14</sup>But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. <sup>15</sup>Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death.

<sup>16</sup>Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers. <sup>17</sup>Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. <sup>18</sup>Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **GOSPEL ANNOUNCEMENT**

*(sing)* **Glory to You, O Lord.**

### **HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 1:9–15**

<sup>9</sup>In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup>And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens opening and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. <sup>11</sup>And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

<sup>12</sup>The Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. <sup>13</sup>And he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. And he was with the wild animals, and the angels were ministering to him.

<sup>14</sup>Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, <sup>15</sup>and saying, **“The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.”**

This is the gospel of the Lord.

*(sing)* **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## **NICENE CREED**

**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**

## **CHILDREN’S HYMN OF THE MONTH**

### **CHILDREN’S SERMON**

#### **HYMN OF THE DAY 657 A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD**

*sts. 1–4*

- 1 A mighty fortress is our God,  
A sword and shield victorious;  
He breaks the cruel oppressor’s rod  
And wins salvation glorious.

The old satanic foe  
Has sworn to work us woe.  
With craft and dreadful might  
He arms himself to fight.  
On earth he has no equal.

2 No strength of ours can match his might.  
We would be lost, rejected.  
But now a champion comes to fight,  
Whom God Himself elected.  
You ask who this may be?  
The Lord of hosts is He,  
Christ Jesus, mighty Lord,  
God's only Son, adored.  
He holds the field victorious.

3 Though hordes of devils fill the land  
All threat'ning to devour us,  
We tremble not, unmoved we stand;  
They cannot overpow'r us.  
Let this world's tyrant rage;  
In battle we'll engage.  
His might is doomed to fail;  
God's judgment must prevail!  
One little word subdues him.

4 God's Word forever shall abide,  
No thanks to foes, who fear it;  
For God Himself fights by our side  
With weapons of the Spirit.  
Were they to take our house,  
Goods, honor, child, or spouse,  
Though life be wrenched away,  
They cannot win the day.  
The Kingdom's ours forever!

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**SERMON**

*(The offering will be received at the end of the service)*

**OFFERTORY** *(sing)*

**What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?  
I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord.  
I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord.  
I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people,  
in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.**

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT**

*(Visitors: please read the communion statement at the beginning of the worship folder)*

**PREFACE** *(sing responses)*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

It is truly good, right, and salutary...evermore praising you and saying:

**SANCTUS** *(sing)*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord God of power and might:**

**Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.**

**Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

**WORDS OF OUR LORD**

**PEACE OF THE LORD**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**Amen.**

**AGNUS DEI** (*sing*)

**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

**DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT**

**HYMN**

**618 I COME, O SAVIOR, TO THY TABLE**

- 1 I come, O Savior, to Thy table,  
For weak and weary is my soul;  
Thou, Bread of Life, alone art able  
To satisfy and make me whole: Refrain
  
- ref Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood  
Be for my soul the highest good!
  
- 2 Thy heart is filled with fervent yearning  
That sinners may salvation see  
Who, Lord, to Thee in faith are turning;  
So I, a sinner, come to Thee. Refrain
  
- 3 Unworthy though I am, O Savior,  
Because I have a sinful heart,  
Yet Thou Thy lamb wilt banish never,  
For Thou my faithful shepherd art: Refrain
  
- 4 Weary am I and heavy laden;  
With sin my soul is sore oppressed;  
Receive me graciously and gladden  
My heart, for I am now Thy guest. Refrain
  
- 5 What higher gift can we inherit?  
It is faith's bond and solid base;  
It is the strength of heart and spirit,  
The covenant of hope and grace. Refrain

## 746 THROUGH JESUS' BLOOD AND MERIT

- 1 Through Jesus' blood and merit  
I am at peace with God.  
What, then, can daunt my spirit,  
However dark my road?  
My courage shall not fail me,  
For God is on my side;  
Though hell itself assail me,  
Its rage I may deride.
  
- 2 There's nothing that can sever  
From this great love of God;  
No want, no pain whatever,  
No famine, peril, flood.  
Though thousand foes surround me,  
For slaughter mark His sheep,  
They never shall confound me,  
The vict'ry I shall reap.
  
- 3 For neither life's temptation  
Nor death's most trying hour  
Nor angels of high station  
Nor any other pow'r  
Nor things that now are present  
Nor things that are to come  
Nor height, however pleasant,  
Nor darkest depths of gloom
  
- 4 Nor any creature ever  
Shall from the love of God  
This ransomed sinner sever;  
For in my Savior's blood  
This love has its foundation;  
God hears my faithful prayer  
And long before creation  
Named me His child and heir.

## **BLESSING AND PEACE**

May the true body and true blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you steadfast in the true faith to life everlasting. Depart in His peace.

**Amen.**

## **POST-COMMUNION COLLECT**

**Amen**

## **BENEDICTION**

**Amen**

## **DOXOLOGY Δ909 CHRIST IS MADE THE SURE FOUNDATION**

*st. 4*

D 4 Praise and honor to the Father,  
Praise and honor to the Son,  
Praise and honor to the Spirit,  
Ever three and ever one:  
One in might and one in glory  
While unending ages run!

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**LEAVING** *(Please wait to be dismissed row-by-row. Maintain a distance of at least 6 feet.)*

**OFFERING** *(The offering plates are in the back of the church).*

## **POSTLUDE**

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