

FOR OUR 10:45 A.M. DIVINE WORSHIP

First Sunday in Lent

2/26/2023

WE PRAY: Holy Spirit, as You led Jesus, the Christ, into the wilderness to be tempted by the Evil One, lead us out of all temptations that come to us by Satan, the world, and our flesh, that by Your power and leading we may emerge from our wilderness as victorious as our Savior left His; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who with You and the Father are one God with dominion over us forever. Amen.

(Please turn off cell phones in preparation for Divine Worship)

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PRELUDE – “Ah, Jesus Lord Thy Love to Thee” - Southern

PASTORAL GREETING

OPENING HYMN

LSB 418

O Lord, throughout These Forty Days

- 1 O Lord, throughout these forty days
You prayed and kept the fast;
Inspire repentance for our sin,
And free us from our past.
- 2 You strove with Satan, and You won;
Your faithfulness endured;
Lend us Your nerve, Your skill and trust
In God's eternal Word.
- 3 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.
- 4 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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THE ORDER OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVOCATION

P: In the Name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P: Our help is in the Name of the Lord.

C: Who made heaven and earth.

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

C: And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.

A: O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto Thee all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended Thee and justly deserved Thy temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray Thee of Thy boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Thy beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all of your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.

C: Amen.

THE INTROIT

P: When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will rescue him and honor him. With long life I will satisfy him and show him my salvation. 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.

GLORIA PATRI

C: Glory to be the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

THE KYRIE

A: Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

The Gloria in Excelsis omitted during Lent

SALUTATION

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And with thy spirit.

COLLECT

P: 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.

C: Amen.

LESSONS

OLD TESTAMENT

Genesis 3: 1-21

Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said to the woman, "Has God indeed said, 'You shall not eat of every tree of the garden'?" And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden; but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God has said, 'You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die.'" Then the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. For God knows that in the day 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, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves coverings. And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. Then the Lord God called to Adam and said to him, "Where are you?" So he said, "I heard Your voice in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; and I hid myself." And He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you that you should not eat?" Then the man said, "The woman whom You gave to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I ate." And the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?" The

woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.” So the Lord God said to the serpent: “Because you have done this, You are cursed more than all cattle, And more than every beast of the field; On your belly you shall go, And you shall eat dust All the days of your life. And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, And you shall bruise His heel.” To the woman He said: “I will greatly multiply your sorrow and your conception; In pain you shall bring forth children; Your desire shall be for your husband, And he shall rule over you.” Then to Adam He said, “Because you have heeded the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree of which I commanded you, saying, ‘You shall not eat of it’: “Cursed is the ground for your sake; In toil you shall eat of it All the days of your life. Both thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you, And you shall eat the herb of the field. In the sweat of your face you shall eat bread Till you return to the ground, For out of it you were taken; For dust you are, And to dust you shall return.” And Adam called his wife’s name Eve, because she was the mother of all living. Also for Adam and his wife the Lord God made tunics of skin, and clothed them.

EPISTLE

Romans 5: 12-19

Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned—(For until the law sin was in the world, but sin is not imputed when there is no law. Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who had not sinned according to the likeness of the transgression of Adam, who is a type of Him who was to come. But the free gift is not like the offense. For if by the one man’s offense many died, much more the grace of God and the gift by the grace of the one Man, Jesus Christ, abounded to many. And the gift is not like that which came through the one who sinned. For the judgment which came from one offense resulted in condemnation, but the free gift which came from many offenses resulted in justification. For if by the one man’s offense death reigned through the one, much more those who receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.) Therefore, as through one man’s offense judgment came to all men, resulting in condemnation, even so through one Man’s righteous act the free gift came to all men, resulting in justification of life. For as by one man’s disobedience many were made sinners, so also by one Man’s obedience many will be made righteous.

L: Here ends the Epistle.

HOLY GOSPEL

P: The Holy Gospel is written in the 4th chapter of St. Matthew, beginning at the 1st verse.

C: **Glory be to Thee, O Lord!**

Matthew 4: 1-11

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. And when He had fasted forty days and forty nights, afterward He was hungry. Now when the tempter came to Him, he said, "If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread." But He answered and said, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.'" Then the devil took Him up into the holy city, 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 shall give His angels charge over you,' and, 'In their hands they shall bear you up, Lest you dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus said to him, "It is written again, 'You shall not tempt the Lord your God.'" Again, the devil took Him up on an exceedingly high mountain, and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. And he said to Him, "All these things I will give You if You will fall down and worship me." Then Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him only you shall serve.'" Then the devil left Him, and behold, angels came and ministered to Him.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise be to Thee, O Christ!**

THE NICENE CREED (*In Unison*)

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 Ghost 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 sitteth on the right hand of the Father; And He shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord and Giver of Life, Who proceedeth 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 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.

CHOIR ANTHEM – “Adoramus Te Christe” – M. Haugen

SERMON

“Baptized into ?”

Matthew 4: 1-11

OFFERTORY

A: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence; and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation; and uphold me with Thy free spirit.

THE GIVING OF OUR TITHES and SACRIFICIAL GIFTS

OFFERING PRAYER (*Pastor*)

THE PRAYERS

LORD’S PRAYER

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always!

C Amen.

THE AGNUS DEI

C O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

THE DISTRIBUTION

HYMN OF THE DAY

LSB 424

O Christ, You Walked the Road

- 1 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.
- 2 No bread of earth alone
Can fill our hung’ring hearts.

Lord, help us seek Your living Word,
The food Your grace imparts.

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

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

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

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THE NUNC DIMITTIS

C Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, For mine eyes have seen Thy Salvation: which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a Light to lighten the Gentiles and the Glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

FIRST ANTIPHON AND COLLECT

P Oh, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.

C And His mercy endureth forever.

P We give thanks to Thee, Almighty God, that Thou hast refreshed us through this salutary gift; and we beseech Thee that of Thy mercy Thou wouldst strengthen us through the same in faith toward Thee and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

TLH 410

Jesus, Lead Thou On

1. Jesus, lead Thou on
Till our rest be won;
And although the way be cheerless,
We will follow calm and fearless;

Guide us by Thy hand
To our fatherland.

2. If the way be drear,
If the Foe be near,
Let no faithless fears o'ertake us,
Let not faith and hope forsake us;
For though many a woe
To our home we go.
3. When we seek relief
From a long-felt grief,
When temptations come alluring,
Make us patient and enduring;
Show us that bright shore
Where we weep no more.
4. Jesus, lead Thou on
Till our rest is won;
Heav'nly Leader, still direct us,
Still support, console, protect us,
Till we safely stand
In our fatherland.

BENEDICTION
SILENT PRAYER
RECESSIONAL

ALL: "Amen, Amen, Amen."

POSTLUDE— "Vivace" – G.P. Telemann
Officiant: Pastor Randy Boelter
Lector: Mark Gade
Music Director: Bruce Slinger

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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26TH

Good morning and welcome to worship on this First Sunday in Lent. We turn to our Gospel this morning to the temptation of Jesus in the wilderness which immediately follows His baptism by John in the River Jordan. In His baptism and at His temptation in the wilderness, Jesus began His public work, accomplishing God's plan to rescue us from sin and Satan. As Jesus was tempted immediately after His baptism, so Satan does everything possible to tempt us and target us and to wrest us from the salvation we have received in Christ. Baptized into Christ, the attacks of Satan are surely to come into our faith lives! That being true... how do we as Christian believers face the temptations of Satan while we journey to the promised land of heaven? We recall the gifts granted to us in our own baptism, that we

have been united to Jesus Christ. Depending on those God-given gifts of faith, we live in the wilderness of this age, protected and covered in our Lord's perfect righteousness. Through Word and Sacrament today we are strengthened in our baptismal faith and receive confidence to walk daily with our Savior by faith.

Remember in Your Prayers:

Joann Demos- who has moved temporarily to American House, Cottage in Grosse Pointe.

Pete Demos- Joann's brother in law, who has been recently diagnosed with cancer.

Gary and Paula Bombard- for daily strength and healing from the Lord.

Carl and Kelley Hauschulz-for continued health and healing.

Roger Park- who was returning to Church of Christ Care Center.

Jane Park- for healing of her broken arm.

Nancy Josefiak- who will undergo surgery this next Wednesday.

Craig Scholz- friend of Robert Wicks- recovering from a stroke.

George Meldrum- husband of Gail Meldrum, who suffered a stroke this past week.

Betty Zayac- grandmother of Bri Josefiak, who is living with cancer.

Others treated for cancer: Shiela Rice, Lisa Zimmermann, Roy Koeppe, Tom Harms, Eric Hingst, Keith Josefiak, and Sharon Selby.

Those in Turkey and Syria who continued to suffer the aftermath of the recent earthquakes.

Those in East Lansing at MSU who are continuing to heal from the recent shooting on campus.

The people of Ukraine as the war in that land rages on.

Leaders of the world- for wisdom to lead the people of their countries in Godly peace and an honorable way of life.

Easter Egg Hunt

Christ the King will be hosting an Easter egg hunt on Saturday, April 1st at 10:00am. We welcome all Christ the King Sunday School students, Preschool students, family and friends to attend our annual Easter Egg Hunt!

Everyone will meet in the Large Auditorium for a short children's message from Pastor Boelter! Then we proceed

outside to the side lawn. Children will hunt for Easter eggs by age group, starting with the youngest to oldest. If you would like to participate, please see Kim Ford, Linda Jacobi, or Christine Rhoton. by Friday March 24th, so we can get an accurate count of how many children will be attending. Hope to see you there!!

Please note: Bring your own basket or bag to collect Easter Eggs!!!

Life Quotes

“Going to be with the Lord is not meant to be an escape from the responsibilities and good works God has prepared in advance for us to do!” *Barbara Lane Geistfeld, D.V.M., Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

Altar Guild

Serving with the Altar Guild for the month are Sue Mack, Jean Azar, and Lori Dane

One Week Ago Today:

8:15 Service: 44
Communion: 42
10:45 Service: 34
Bible Studies: 13

Joann Demos' address has changed, if you would like the new address, please contact the church office.

Mark your Calendars

Vestry meeting - March 2 at 6:30 pm.
Congregational Meeting - March 5 at 9:30am

FINANCIAL PROGRESS - JANUARY 2023

Envelope & Plate Receipts Only

Week #	2023	2022
1	\$ 4,565	\$ 3,782
2	8,046	8,190
3	2,047	4,855
4	2,971	3,455
5	7,886	6,817
Month-to-Date Total	\$ 25,515	\$ 27,099

1-1-1 Missions Update

MTD	YTD
\$ 80	\$ 80

**UPCOMING
EVENTS**



2/28/2023	7:00 AM	BNI
	5:30 PM	Confirmation Class Lv I & II
3/1/2023	10:00 AM	Wednesday Bible Class
	11:15 AM	Lenten Midweek Service
	4:30 PM	Exercise Class
	7:00 PM	Lenten Midweek Evening Service
3/2/2023	10:30 AM	Sunrise Service
3/5/2023	8:15 AM	Service with Holy Communion
	9:30 AM	Adult Bible Class
	10:45 AM	Service