

First Sunday in Lent  
February 26, 2023

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**WELCOME**

**TEMPLE TALK:** Dale Jones & Joe Redmann – DCE Fieldworkers

**INVOCATION:**

*Vicar: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

**People: Amen.**

**CALL TO WORSHIP:** *Psalm 32:10, 11, 7*

*Vicar: Many are the sorrows of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the LORD.*

**People: Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy all you upright in heart.**

*Vicar: You are a hiding place for me; You preserve me from trouble;*

**People: You surround me with shouts of deliverance.**

*Vicar: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;*

**People: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

**OPENING HYMN:** “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” (Lutheran Service Book, #656)

A mighty fortress is our God,  
A trusty shield and weapon;  
He helps us free from ev'ry need  
That hath us now o'ertaken.  
The old evil foe  
Now means deadly woe;  
Deep guile and great might  
Are his dread arms in fight;  
On earth is not his equal.

With might of ours can naught be done,  
Soon were our loss effected;  
But for us fights the valiant One,  
Whom God Himself elected.  
Ask ye, Who is this?  
Jesus Christ it is,  
Of Sabaoth Lord,  
And there's none other God;  
He holds the field forever.

Though devils all the world should fill,  
All eager to devour us,  
We tremble not, we fear no ill;  
They shall not overpow'r us.  
This world's prince may still  
Scowl fierce as he will,  
He can harm us none.  
He's judged; the deed is done;  
One little word can fell him.

The Word they still shall let remain  
Nor any thanks have for it;  
He's by our side upon the plain  
With His good gifts and Spirit.  
And take they our life,  
Goods, fame, child, and wife,  
Though these all be gone,  
Our vict'ry has been won;  
The Kingdom ours remaineth.

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**CONFESSIO AND ABSOLUTION: Isb page 151, absolution—right column**

*Vicar: Friends in Christ, if we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.*

**People: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*Vicar: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.*

**People:** 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.

*Vicar:* 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.

**People:** Amen.

#### **PRAYER OF THE DAY:**

*Vicar:* The Lord be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

*Vicar:* Let us pray:

**People:** 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 Jesus, 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. Amen.

**SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM:** (11:00am) Hadley Rae Hampton

**CHOIR ANTHEM:** “How Great Thou Art”

**THE OLD TESTAMENT READING:** *Genesis 3:1–21*

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?’” And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, 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.” But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die. For God knows that when 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, 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. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.

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. But the Lord God called to the man and said to him, “Where are you?” And he said, “I heard the sound of You in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself.” He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?” The man said, “The woman whom You gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate.” 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.”

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.  
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.”

To the woman he said,  
“I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing;  
in pain you shall bring forth children.  
Your desire shall be for your husband,  
and he shall rule over you.”

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;  
thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you;  
    and you shall eat the plants of the field.  
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.”

The man called his wife’s name Eve, because she was the mother of all living. And the Lord God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them.

**RESPONSORY:** Psalm 32:5

*Lector: I acknowledged my sin to You, and I did not cover my iniquity.*

**People: I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,” and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

**EPISTLE READING:** *Romans 5:12–19*

Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned— for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the One Who was to come.

But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man’s trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that One Man Jesus Christ abounded for many. And the free gift is not like the result of that one man’s sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brought justification. If, because of one man’s trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the One Man Jesus Christ.

Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. For as by the one man’s disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the One Man’s obedience the many will be made righteous.

**RESPONSORY:** Psalm 32:1-2a

*Lector: Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.*

**People: Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity.**

*Lector: Please rise, as you are able.*

*Lector: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 4<sup>th</sup> chapter:*

**People: Glory to You, O Lord!**

**GOSPEL READING:** *Matthew 4:1–11*

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. And after fasting forty days and forty nights, He was hungry. And the tempter came and said to Him, “If You are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.” But He answered, “It is written,

“Man shall not live by bread alone,  
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.”

Then the devil took Him to the holy city and 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 will command His angels concerning You,’

and

“On their hands they will bear You up,  
lest You strike your foot against a stone.”

Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.’” Again, the devil took Him to a very high mountain and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. And he said to Him, “All these I will give You, if You will fall down and worship me.” 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.”

Then the devil left Him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to Him.

*Lector: This is the Gospel of our Lord.*

**People: Praise to You, O Christ!**

*Lector: We confess together our Christian faith, using the Apostles' Creed.*

**CONFESSION OF FAITH:** The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen!**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**HYMN:** "All Mankind Fell in Adam's Fall" (LSB, #562)

All mankind fell in Adam's fall;  
One common sin infects us all.  
From one to all the curse descends,  
And over all God's wrath impends.

Through all our pow'rs corruption creeps  
And us in dreadful bondage keeps;  
In guilt we draw our infant breath  
And reap its fruits of woe and death.

From hearts depraved, to evil prone,  
Flow thoughts and deeds of sin alone;  
God's image lost, the darkened soul  
Seeks not nor finds its heav'nly goal.

But Christ, the second Adam, came  
To bear our sin and woe and shame,  
To be our life, our light, our way,  
Our only hope, our only stay.

As by one man all mankind fell  
And, born in sin, was doomed to hell,  
So by one Man, who took our place,  
We all were justified by grace.

We thank You, Christ; new life is ours,  
New light, new hope, new strength, new pow'rs.  
This grace our ev'ry way attend  
Until we reach our journey's end.

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**SERMON:** "Fallen and Lifted" (*Romans 5:12-19*)

## **PRESENTATION OF GIFTS AND OFFERINGS**

## **PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER:**

**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.**

## **PREFACE**

*Pastor: The Lord be with you.*

**People: And also with you.**

*Pastor: Lift up your hearts.*

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

*Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

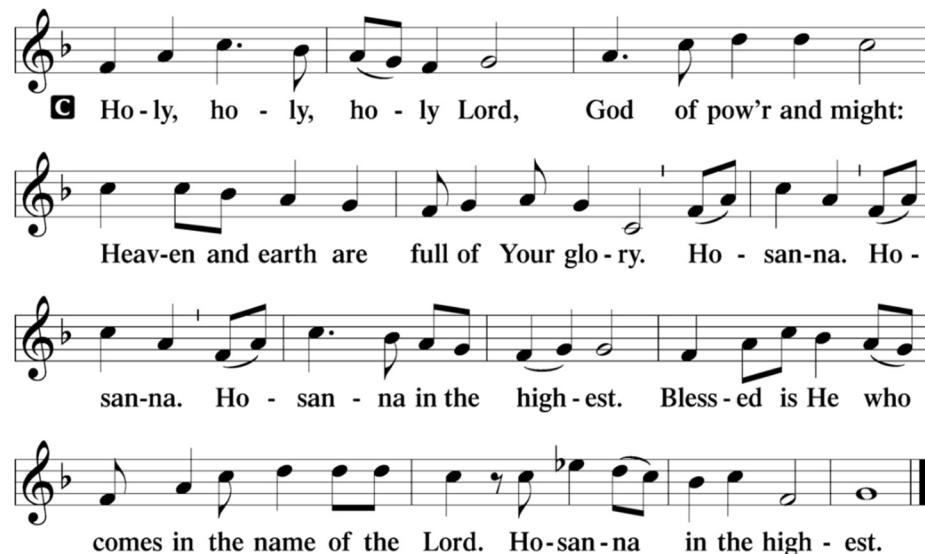
**People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

## **PROPER PREFACE**

*Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:*



## SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:  
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -  
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION:

*Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night in which He was betrayed, took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it, and gave it to His disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."*

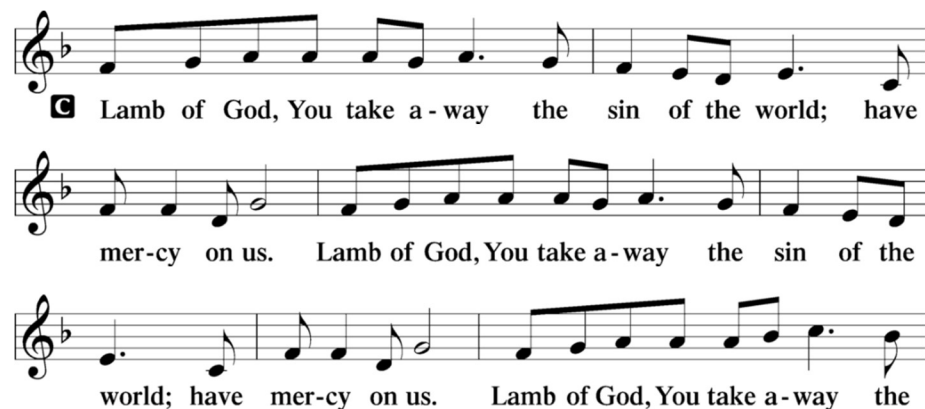
*In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sin. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."*

## PAX DOMINI ~ *The Peace of the Lord*

*Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.*

**People:** Amen.

## AGNUS DEI



Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the



## **DISTRIBUTION**

**The Lord's Supper will be distributed at the altar rail. Please follow the ushers' directions.**

## **DISTRIBUTION SONG: "Build My Life"**

Worthy of ev'ry song we could ever sing.  
Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring.  
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe.  
We live for You.

Jesus the name above ev'ry other name.  
Jesus the only one who could ever save.  
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe.  
We live for You.

Holy, there is no one like You,  
There is none beside You.  
Open up my eyes in wonder and show me  
who You are and fill me  
with Your heart and lead me in Your love to those around me.

Jesus the name above ev'ry other name.  
Jesus the only one who could ever save.  
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe.  
We live for You.

Holy, there is no one like You,  
There is none beside You.  
Open up my eyes in wonder and show me  
who You are and fill me,  
with Your heart and lead me in Your love to those around me.

I will build my life upon Your love;  
It is a firm foundation.  
I will put my trust in You alone,  
And I will not be shaken.

(repeat)

Holy, there is no one like You,  
There is none beside You.  
Open up my eyes in wonder and show me  
who You are and fill me,  
with Your heart and lead me in Your love to those around me.

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**DISTRIBUTION SONG: “Christ Be All Around Me”**

As I rise, strength of God, go before, lift me up;  
As I wake, eyes of God, look upon, be my sight.

As I wait, heart of God, satisfy and sustain;  
As I hear, voice of God, lead me on, be my guide, be my guide

Above and below me, before and behind me;  
In ev'ry eye that sees me, Christ be all around me;  
Above and below me, before and behind me;  
In ev'ry eye that sees me, Christ be all around me.

As I go, hand of God, my defense, by my side;  
As I rest, breath of God, fall upon, bring me peace, bring me peace.

Above and below me, before and behind me;  
In ev'ry eye that sees me, Christ be all around me;  
Above and below me, before and behind me;  
In ev'ry eye that sees me, Christ be all around me.

Your life, Your death, Your blood was shed  
For ev'ry moment, ev'ry moment;

(Repeat)

Above and below me, before and behind me;  
In ev'ry eye that sees me, Christ be all around me;  
Above and below me, before and behind me;  
In ev'ry eye that sees me, Christ be all around me.

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**DISTRIBUTION HYMN: “O Living Bread from Heaven” (LSB, #642)**

O living Bread from heaven,  
How well You feed your guest!  
The gifts that You have given  
Have filled my heart with rest.  
Oh, wondrous food of blessing,  
Oh, cup that heals our woes!  
My heart, this gift possessing,  
With praises overflows.

My Lord, You here have led me  
To this most holy place  
And with Yourself have fed me  
The treasures of Your grace;  
For You have freely given  
What earth could never buy,  
The bread of life from heaven,  
That now I shall not die.

You gave me all I wanted;  
This food can death destroy.  
And You have freely granted  
The cup of endless joy.  
My Lord, I do not merit  
The favor You have shown,  
And all my soul and spirit  
Bow down before Your throne.

Lord, grant me then, thus strengthened  
With heav'nly food, while here  
My course on earth is lengthened,  
To serve with holy fear.  
And when You call my spirit  
To leave this world below,  
I enter, through Your merit,  
Where joys unmingled flow.

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**DISTRIBUTION HYMN: “The Gifts Christ Freely Gives” (LSB, #602, verses 1, 2, 5, 6)**

The gifts Christ freely gives  
He gives to you and me  
To be His Church, His bride,  
His chosen, saved and free!  
Saints blest with these rich gifts  
Are children who proclaim  
That they were won by Christ  
And cling to His strong name.

The gifts flow from the font  
Where He calls us His own;  
New life He gives that makes  
Us His and His alone.

Here He forgives our sins  
With water and His Word;  
The triune God Himself  
Gives pow’r to call Him Lord.

The gifts of grace and peace  
From absolution flow;  
The pastor’s words are Christ’s  
For us to trust and know.  
Forgiveness that we need  
Is granted to us there;  
The Lord of mercy sends  
Us forth in His blest care.

The gifts are there each day  
The holy Word is read;  
God’s children listen, hear,  
Receive, and they are fed.  
Christ fills them with Himself,  
Blest words that give them life,  
Restoring and refreshing  
Them for this world’s strife.

The gifts are in the feast,  
Gifts far more than we see;  
Beneath the bread and wine

Is food from Calvary.  
The body and the blood  
Remove our ev'ry sin;  
We leave His presence in  
His peace, renewed again.

All glory to the One  
Who lavishes such love;  
The triune God in love  
Assures our life above.  
His means of grace for us  
Are gifts He loves to give;  
All thanks and praise for His  
Great love by which we live!

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### **COMMON DISMISSAL:**

*Pastor: Now may this true body and blood our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in faith unto life everlasting.*

**People: Amen.**

### **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

*Vicar: Let us pray:*

**People: We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

### **BENEDICTION:** *(Numbers 6:24-26)*

*Vicar: 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.*

**People: Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN:** “In Adam We Have All Been One” (LSB, #569, melody: Consolation)

In Adam we have all been one,  
One huge rebellious man;  
We all have fled that evening voice  
That sought us as we ran.

We fled Thee, and in losing Thee  
We lost our brother too;  
Each singly sought and claimed his own;  
Each man his brother slew.

But Thy strong love, it sought us still  
And sent Thine only Son  
That we might hear His Shepherd’s voice  
And, hearing Him, be one.

O Thou who, when we loved Thee not,  
Didst love and save us all,  
Thou great Good Shepherd of mankind,  
O hear us when we call.

Send us Thy Spirit, teach us truth;  
Thou Son, O set us free  
From fancied wisdom, self-sought ways,  
To make us one in Thee.

Then shall our song united rise  
To Thine eternal throne,  
Where with the Father evermore  
And Spirit Thou art one.

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**DISMISSAL:**

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Go in peace and serve the Lord!

**In Christian Service:**

All disciples of the Lord Jesus

*with*

Liturgist: Vicar John Cotner

Proclaimer: Rev. Walt Pohland

Musicians: Adam Perez, Amanda Theilen, Lauren Brezina, & Joe Redmann

Faith Lutheran Church Choir – Director: Adam Perez

Organist: Adam Perez

8:15 Lay Reader: Lance Kroesch

11:00 Lay Reader: Bernice Klingberg

Children's Message: Rev. Walt Pohland