



First Sunday in Lent
March 9, 2025 (4)

"There is a twofold armor with which the devil is slain and which he fears: (1) to listen unceasingly to the Word of God, to instruct oneself in it, and to be comforted and strengthened by it; (2) then, when temptation and struggle come upon us, to lift up our hearts to that same Word and cry to God, invoking him for help. Thus one of the two things is always present, continuing as an eternal conversation between God and the soul.

Either God speaks to us and we are still, listening to God, or he listens to us as we speak to him, praying for what we need.

Whatever way it may be, the devil cannot endure it, and he cannot hold his own against it. Therefore Christians must be armed with both, so that their hearts may be everlastingly turned toward God, keeping his Word and with unceasing sighs eternally praying, 'Our Father...' This perseverance Christians will be taught by temptation and calamity with which they are constantly oppressed by the devil, the world, and the flesh, so that they must ever keep their heads up, watching for the assault of the enemy who neither sleeps for a moment nor takes his ease."

—Martin Luther, *Sermons from 1539*

Welcome

We are thankful you have joined us today!

Hymn

Jesus, I will Ponder Now | **440**

Confession & Absolution

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** [Matt 28:19b; 18-20]

Our help is in the name of the Lord. **who made heaven and earth.** [Psalm 124:8]]

If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand? **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

[Psalm 130:3-4]

Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying God, be merciful to me, a sinner. [Luke 18:13]

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

Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life.

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. **Amen.** [John 20:19-23]

Psalm

[Psalm 91:9-13; antiphon: Psalm 91:15-16]

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.

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.

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.

Kyrie

[Southwell LSB 424]



Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** [1Timothy 4:22]

Let us pray... [silence for individual prayer] 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 the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

Readings from God’s Word

The Old Testament Reading is from Deuteronomy:

When you come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you for an inheritance and have taken possession of it and live in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from your land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket, and you shall go to the place that the LORD your God will choose, to make his name to dwell there. And you shall go to the priest who

is in office at that time and say to him, ‘I declare today to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our fathers to give us.’

Then the priest shall take the basket from your hand and set it down before the altar of the LORD your God.

“And you shall make response before the LORD your God, ‘A wandering Aramean was my father. And he went down into Egypt and sojourned there, few in number, and there he became a nation, great, mighty, and populous. And the Egyptians treated us harshly and humiliated us and laid on us hard labor. Then we cried to the LORD, the God of our fathers, and the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. And the LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with great deeds of terror, with signs and wonders. And he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. And behold, now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground, which you, O LORD, have given me.’ And you shall set it down before the LORD your God and worship before the LORD your God. And you shall rejoice in all the good that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house, you, and the Levite, and the sojourner who is among you. [Deut 26:1-11]

Time for reflection.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The Epistle Reading is from Romans:

The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. For the Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.” For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” [Romans 10:8b-13]

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Please stand to greet the Gospel reading:

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke:

Glory to you, O Lord.

And Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness for forty days, being tempted by the devil. And he ate nothing during those days. And when they were ended, he was hungry. The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread.” And Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘Man shall not live by bread alone.’” And the devil took him up and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time, and said to him, “To you I will give all this authority and their glory, for it has been delivered to me, and I give it to whom I will. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.” And Jesus answered him, “It is written,

*“You shall worship the Lord your God,
and him only shall you serve.”*

And he took him to Jerusalem and set him on the
pinnacle of the temple and said to him, “If you are the
Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is
written,

*“He will command his angels concerning you,
to guard you, and “On their hands they will bear you
up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.”*

And Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘You shall not put the
Lord your God to the test.’” And when the devil had
ended every temptation, he departed from him until an
opportune time. [Luke 4:1-13]

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please sit.

Children’s Talk

*Please sit. The children are invited forward for a message based on
today’s Scripture readings led by Pastor Fuchs.*

Hymn

A Mighty Fortress | **657**

Sermon

Our Confession of Faith

*Please stand to confess the **Nicene Creed** printed on the inside back
cover of the hymnal.*

Prayer of the Church

[1 Timothy 2:1-4]

Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Those for whom we pray are listed on the Life at Faith insert.

Please be seated.

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Please stand.

Hymn

On My Heart Imprint Your Image

*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.* [LSB 422]

Sacrament of the Altar

[2 Timothy 4:22; Colossians 3:1; Psalm 136]

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 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:

The Holy, Holy, Holy

[Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9]

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;
Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.
Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord;
Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for
You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten
Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but
have eternal life.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared
for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that
we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross
and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation
that come to us in His body and blood.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

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. [Matt 6:9-13]

The Words of Our Lord

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when he was betrayed,
took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and
gave it to the 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 is My † blood of the New
Testament, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.
This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

[Matt 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Cor 11:23-25]

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **Amen.** [John 20:19]

Lamb of God

[John 1:29]

1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Please be seated and come forward at the direction of the ushers.

Distribution of Holy Communion/Hymns

The Lord's Supper is a meal for disciples of Jesus who have been baptized and taught (as our Lord says in Matthew 28). Those who have confessed their sins, acknowledge Jesus as their Savior from sin, believe that with the bread and the wine Christ truly gives us His body and blood for the forgiveness of sins, desire to commit themselves to Him in loving obedience, and share the faith confessed at this altar, are welcome to participate. If you have any doubts or questions about the gift of the Lord's Supper, we ask that you consult with the pastor or an elder. Children are invited to come to the altar with their parents to receive a blessing.

The wine is served first by individual cups. The right side of the individual cup tray contains diluted wine. If you desire to commune from the common cup please extend both hands in an open position. The pastor will bring the gifts to you in your seat, please inform an usher or the pastor as needed.

Hymns When I Survey the Wondrous Cross | **425**
 Christ, the Life of All the Living | **420**
 I Know My Faith is Founded | **587**

When all have communed, please stand.

Post Communion Song

[Luke 2:29:32]

1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;
A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
For as in lead the be - gin - ning, Is
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

Post Communion Prayer

Let us pray...one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

Announcements

[Galatians 6:10]

Benediction

Let us bless the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you
and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor

and give you + peace. **Amen.** [Psalm 103:1; Numbers 6:24-26]

Hymn O Christ, You Walked the Road | **424**

Postlude

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