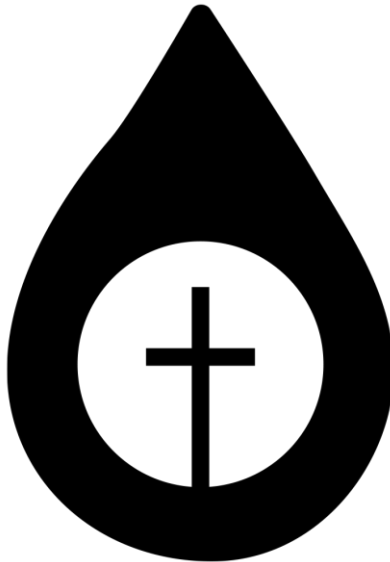


THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

February 26, 2023

Worship Focus

**Our Greatest Needs:
A Champion for the Defeated**



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Order of Service for FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

Order of Service

The Service of the Word

✘ Gathering ✘

OPENING HYMN

556 – All Mankind Fell in Adam’s Fall



1 All man-kind fell in Ad - am’s fall; one com - mon
2 Through all our pow’rs cor - rup - tion creeps and us in
3 From hearts de - praved, to e - vil prone, flow thoughts and
4 But Christ, the sec - ond Ad - am, came to bear our



sin in - fects us all. From one to all the
dread - ful bond - age keeps; in guilt we draw our
deeds of sin a - lone; God’s im - age lost, the
sin and woe and shame, to be our life, our



curse de - scends, and o - ver all God’s wrath im - pends.
in - fant breath and reap its fruits of woe and death.
dark - ened soul nor seeks nor finds its heav’n - ly goal.
light, our way, our on - ly hope, our on - ly stay.

- 5 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.
- 6 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.

INVOCATION

The grace of our Lord + Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

And also with you.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Mighty God and Father, our Lord Jesus walked into the wilderness to face the devil's temptations, but he did not succumb to Satan's lies or falter in his resolve to save the world from the prison of hell. Bolster our faith by his mighty victory that we may battle against the forces of evil with courage and confidence; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



✘ The Word ✘

FIRST READING

Genesis 3:1-15

God promised to send a champion who would do what we could not, defeating our greatest enemy.

^{GENESIS 3:1}Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God really say, ‘You must not eat from any tree in the garden?’”

²The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, ³but God did say, ‘You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.’”

⁴“You will not certainly die,” the serpent said to the woman. ⁵“For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”

⁶When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. ⁷Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.

⁸Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the LORD God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the LORD God among the trees of the garden. ⁹But the LORD God called to the man, “Where are you?”

¹⁰He answered, “I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid.”

¹¹And he said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?”

¹²The man said, “The woman you put here with me—she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it.”

¹³Then the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this you have done?”

The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”

¹⁴So the LORD God said to the serpent, “Because you have done this,

“Cursed are you above all livestock
and all wild animals!

You will crawl on your belly
and you will eat dust
all the days of your life.

¹⁵And I will put enmity
between you and the woman,
and between your offspring and hers;
he will crush your head,
and you will strike his heel.”

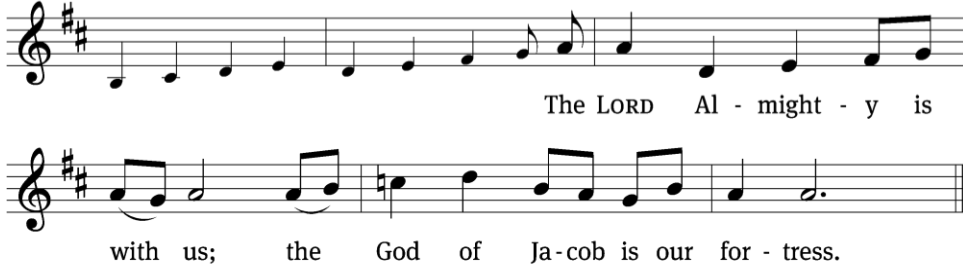
The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 46

Refrain



The LORD Al - might - y is
with us; the God of Ja - cob is our for - tress.

Tone



God is our ref- / uge and strength,
an ever-present help in / trouble.
Therefore we will not fear, though the / earth give way
and the mountains fall into the heart / of the sea,
though its waters / roar and foam
and the mountains quake with their / surging.

Refrain

There is a river whose streams make glad the cit- / y of God,
the holy place where the Most / High dwells.
God is within her, she / will not fall;
God will help her at / break of day.
“Be still, and know that / I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted / in the earth.”
Glory be to the Father and / to the Son
and to the Holy / Spirit,
as it was in the be- / ginning,
is now, and will be forever. / Amen.

Refrain

SECOND READING

Romans 5:12-19

Adam's defeat meant death for all. Christ's victory brings life for all.

ROMANS 5:12 Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all people, because all sinned—

¹³To be sure, sin was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not charged against anyone's account where there is no law. ¹⁴Nevertheless, death reigned from the time of Adam to the time of Moses, even over those who did not sin by breaking a command, as did Adam, who is a pattern of the one to come.

¹⁵But the gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died by the trespass of the one man, how much more did God's grace and the gift that came by the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, overflow to the many! ¹⁶Nor can the gift of God be compared with the result of one man's sin: The judgment followed one sin and brought condemnation, but the gift followed many trespasses and brought justification. ¹⁷For if, by the trespass of the one man, death reigned through that one man, how much more will those who receive God's abundant provision of grace and of the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ!

¹⁸Consequently, just as one trespass resulted in condemnation for all people, so also one righteous act resulted in justification and life for all people. ¹⁹For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the one man the many will be made righteous.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia Al - le - lu - ia Al - le - lu - ia!



These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



Al - le - lu - ia Al - le - lu - ia Al - le - lu - ia!

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 4:1-11

The champion of the demons and the champion of mankind do battle. Jesus Christ wins.

^{MATTHEW 4:1}Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ²After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. ³The tempter came to him and said, “If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread.”

⁴Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.’”

⁵Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. ⁶“If you are the Son of God,” he said, “throw yourself down. For it is written:

“ ‘He will command his angels concerning you,
and they will lift you up in their hands,
so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.’”

⁷Jesus answered him, “It is also written: ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’”

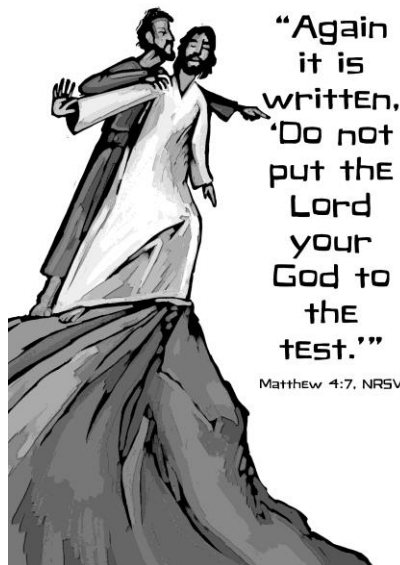
⁸Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. ⁹“All this I will give you,” he said, “if you will bow down and worship me.”

¹⁰Jesus said to him, “Away from me, Satan! For it is written: ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.’”

¹¹Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ.



“Again
it is
written,
‘Do not
put the
Lord
your
God to
the
test.’”

Matthew 4:7, NRSV

HYMN OF THE DAY

864 – A Mighty Fortress Is Our God



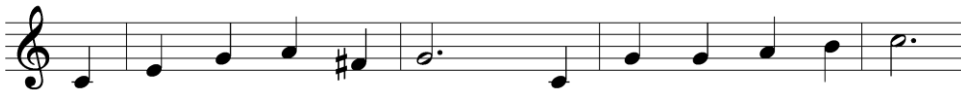
1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a trust - y
 2 With might of ours can naught be done, soon were our
 3 Though dev - ils all the world should fill, all ea - ger
 4 The Word they still shall let re - main nor an - y



shield and weap - on; he helps us free from ev - 'ry
 loss ef - fect - ed; but for us fights the val - iant
 to de - vour us, we trem - ble not, we fear no
 thanks have for it; he's by our side up - on the



need that has us now o'er - tak - en.
 one whom God him - self e - lect - ed.
 ill; they shall not o - ver - pow'r us.
 plain with his good gifts and Spir - it.



The an - cient e - vil foe now means to work us woe;
 You ask who this may be? Christ Je - sus, it is he,
 The prince of dark - ness still may scowl fierce as he will,
 And should they take our life, goods, hon - or, child, and wife,



deep guile and aw - ful might are his dread arms in
 the Lord of hosts his name, from age to age the
 his rag - ing harms us none. He's judged; the deed is
 though all of these be gone, our vic - to - ry is



fight; on earth is not his e - qual.
 same, he holds the field for - ev - er.
 done; one lit - tle word can fell him.
 won; the king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

✠ Sermon ✠

Matthew 4:1-11

See Your Champion Clearly

Sermon notes:

Stand

CONFESSION OF FAITH

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

**I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there 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.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

You may remain seated for prayer

In peace, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For faithful hearts that look to the Lord for forgiveness, that when we wander from His Word we would come to Him, confess our sins and be restored, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For pastors, that God would command His angels concerning them to guard them in all their ways as they proclaim the One who trampled the serpent underfoot by His death on the cross, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For our rulers and those with worldly authority, that they would resist the allure of power, worship God alone, punish evil and praise those who do good, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For help when tempted, that God would strengthen us for the sake of Christ who was tempted in our place and teach us to rely upon His Word as our defense against the evil one, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the needy, the sick and the troubled, [*especially...*] that God would send His holy angels to protect and keep us in His ways so that no evil may befall us, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

Lord God, heavenly Father, You have given us a refuge from the world in the Body of Christ. Protect us from all evils of body and soul, that we would find rest in the midst of this life and eternal rest in Your heavenly embrace; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.



1 The tree of life with ev - 'ry good in E - den's
 2 The still - ness of that sa - cred grove was bro - ken
 3 What mer - cy God showed to our race, a plan of
 4 Now from that tree of Je - sus' shame flows life e -



ho - ly or - chard stood, and of its fruit so pure and
 as the ser - pent strove with tempt - ing voice Eve to be -
 res - cue by his grace, in send - ing One from wom - an's
 ter - nal in his name; for all who trust and will be -



sweet God let the man and wom - an eat. Yet in this
 guile and Ad - am too by sin de - file. O day of
 seed, the One to fill our great - est need— for on a
 lieve, sal - va - tion's liv - ing fruit re - ceive. And of this



gar - den al - so grew an - oth - er tree, of
 sad - ness when the breath of fear and dark - ness,
 tree up - lift - ed high his on - ly Son for
 fruit so pure and sweet the Lord in - vites the



which they knew; its love - ly limbs with fruit a -
 doubt and death, its aw - ful poi - son first dis -
 sin would die, would drink the cup of scorn and
 world to eat, to find with - in this cross of



dorned a - gainst whose eat - ing God had warned.
 played with - in the world so new - ly made.
 dread to crush the an - cient ser - pent's head!
 wood the tree of life with ev - 'ry good.

PRAYER and BLESSING

Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Brother and sisters, go in peace.
Live in harmony with one another.
Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.



CLOSING HYMN

842 – Jesus, Still Lead On



1 Je - sus, still lead on till our rest is won; and al - though the
2 If the way be drear, if the foe be near, let not faith - less
3 When we seek re - lief from a long - felt grief, when temp - ta - tions
4 Je - sus, still lead on till our rest is won. Heav'n - ly lead - er,



way be cheer - less, we will fol - low, calm and fear - less.
fears o'er - take us; let not faith and hope for - sake us,
come al - lur - ing, make us pa - tient and en - dur - ing.
still di - rect us, still sup - port, con - sole, pro - tect us



Guide us by your hand to our fa - ther - land.
for through man - y a woe to our home we go.
Show us that bright shore where we weep no more.
till we safe - ly stand in our fa - ther - land.

After worship, please feel free to stay and greet your neighbors.

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The Season of

Lent

HIS FINAL STEPS

MIDWEEK LENT and HOLY WEEK

First steps are so important that we record them on video and share them on our social media. We celebrate them. Final steps carry more gravity. We might not record them, but we do remember them. We can picture our final academic steps when we received our diploma. We can see the foyer of our first house as we closed the door for the last time. We recall with a tinge of sadness the last steps we took with a grandparent or some other loved one.

In our Midweek and Holy Week worship we will follow along the path that Jesus takes in **His Final Steps**. Those steps will lead to places familiar, places unexpected, places agonizing, and places uplifting. Join us during the Wednesday's of Lent for food and fellowship at 6:00 p.m. and for worship at 7:00 p.m. These Lenten meditations build in crescendo toward Holy Week, when we follow Jesus not only to **His Final Steps** before his death on the cross, but also to **His First Steps** out of the tomb on Easter morning.

- Ash Wednesday/Midweek 1: His Final Steps Led to a Tomb 2/22 @ 7:00 p.m.
- Midweek 2: His Final Steps Led to a Dinner Celebration 3/1 @ 7:00 p.m.
- Midweek 3: His Final Steps Led to His Father's House 3/8 @ 7:00 p.m.
- Midweek 4: His Final Steps Led to a Fig Tree 3/15 @ 7:00 p.m.
- Midweek 5: His Final Steps Led to Some Greeks 3/22 @ 7:00 p.m.
- Midweek 6: His Final Steps Led to His Enemies 3/29 @ 7:00 p.m.
- Palm Sunday: His Final Steps Led to a Donkey 4/2 @ normal weekend times
- Holy Thursday: His Final Steps Led to the Upper Room 4/6 @ 7:00 p.m.
- Good Friday: His Final Steps Led to the Place of the Skull 4/7 @ 7:00 p.m.
- Easter Sunday: His First Steps Led Outside His Tomb 4/9 Sunrise @ 6:30 a.m.
4/9 Festival @ 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.