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“Connecting People to Jesus”

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WE CELEBRATE HOLY COMMUNION 1st, 3rd & 5th SUNDAYS: Please see our Communion Statement on preceding page.

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THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

February 21, 2021

AS WE GATHER

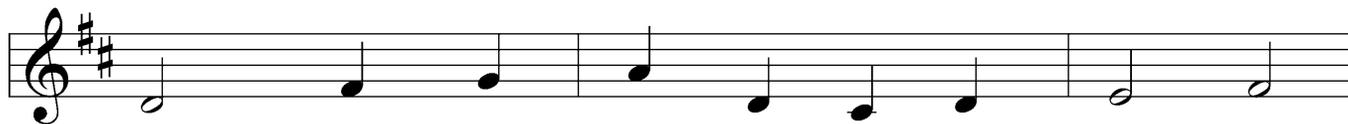
Today we hear of God testing Abraham and of Satan tempting Jesus. James reminds us that God tempts no one. So, how can we know whether God is testing us or Satan is tempting us? James reminds us that “Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom 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.



+ PREPARATION +

LSB 418 “O LORD, THROUGHOUT THESE FORTY DAYS”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2S1DJoNOK9A>



1 O Lord, through - out these for - ty days You
2 You strove with Sa - tan, and You won; Your
3 Though parched and hun - gry, yet You prayed And
4 Be with us through this sea - son, Lord, And



prayed and kept the fast; In - spire re - pen - tance
faith - ful - ness en - dured; Lend us Your nerve, Your
fixed Your mind a - bove; So teach us to de -
all our earth - ly days, That when the fi - nal



for our sin, And free us from our past.
skill and trust In God's e - ter - nal Word.
ny our - selves, Since we have known God's love.
Eas - ter dawns, We join in heav - en's praise.

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INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES *Mark 14:38; 1 Peter 5:8; 1 Corinthians 10:12–13*

P: Jesus said, “Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.”

C: **Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.**

P: Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man.

C: God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Romans 6:20, 22–23, adapted; Mark 1:15

P: God’s Word reminds us that when we were slaves of sin, we were free in regard to righteousness.

C: But now that we have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit we get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life.

P: For the wages of sin is death,

C: but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

P: Let us confess our sins to God, who has brought us out of slavery and promises to lead us to the promised land of heaven.

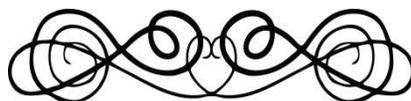
A moment for silent confession.

P: Heavenly Father, we know we are blessed when we remain steadfast under trial, yet we fall prey to the devil’s schemes and give in to temptation. We are lured and enticed by our own evil desires—desires that contradict your good and gracious will.

C: For Jesus’ sake, forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P: As Jesus began His ministry, He said, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.” As you have repented of your sins, believe these words as if Jesus was standing here speaking them to you: I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.



+ **WORD** +

INTROIT

Psalm 91:9–13; antiphon: vv. 15–16

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.

C: 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.

P: For He will command His angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways.

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

P: You will tread on the lion and the adder; the young lion and the serpent you will trample underfoot.

C: 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

James 1:18; Psalm 102:1, adapted

P: Lord, have mercy.

C: Christ, have mercy.

P: Lord, have mercy.

C: Of His own will He brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of His creatures.

P: O LORD, hear our prayer.

C: And let our cry come to You!

SALUTATION

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: 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.

C: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 22:1–18

¹After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, “Abraham!” And he said, “Here am I.” ²He 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.” ³So 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. ⁴On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar. ⁵Then 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.” ⁶And 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. ⁷And 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?” ⁸Abraham said, “God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son.” So they went both of them together.

⁹When 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. ¹⁰Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. ¹¹But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, “Abraham, Abraham!” And he said, “Here am I.” ¹²He 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.” ¹³And 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. ¹⁴So 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.”

¹⁵And the angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven ¹⁶and said, “By myself I have sworn, declares the LORD, because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, ¹⁷I 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, ¹⁸and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice.”

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 25:1–10

P: To You, O LORD, I lift up my soul. O my God, in You I trust; let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies exult over me.

C: Indeed, none who wait for You shall be put to shame; they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

P: Make me to know Your ways, O LORD; teach me Your paths. Lead me in Your truth and teach me, for You are the God of my salvation; for You I wait all the day long.

C: Remember Your mercy, O LORD, and Your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to Your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of Your goodness, O LORD!

P: Good and upright is the LORD; therefore He instructs sinners in the way. He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble His way.

C: All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep His covenant and His testimonies.

EPISTLE

Romans 8:31-39

31 What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be[a] against us? 32 He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? 33 Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. 34 Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.[b] 35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? 36 As it is written, “For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.”

37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. 38 For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, 39 nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

VERSE

Ephesians 6:11

All: Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil.

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 1:9–15

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

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

¹²The Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. ¹³And 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.

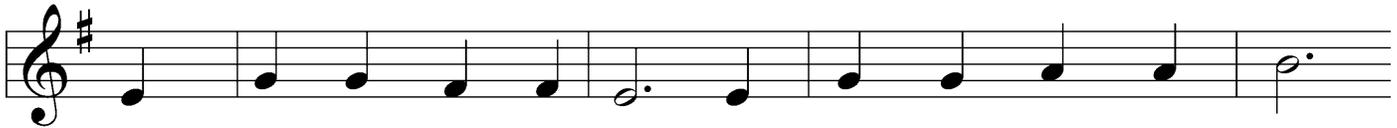
¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, ¹⁵and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

LSB 424 “O CHRIST, YOU WALKED THE ROAD”

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1 O Christ, You walked the road Our wan-d'ring feet must go.
2 No bread of earth a-lone Can fill our hun-g'ring hearts.
3 No blind-ing sign we ask, No won-der from a-bove.
4 When lures of eas-y gain With prom-ise bright-ly shine,
5 O Christ, You walked the road Our wan-d'ring feet must go.



You faced with us temp-ta-tion's pow'r And fought our an-cient foe.
Lord, help us seek Your liv-ing Word, The food Your grace im-parts.
Lord, help us place our trust a-lone In Your un-swerv-ing love.
Lord, help us seek Your king-dom first; Our wills with Yours a-lign.
Stay with us through temp-ta-tion's hour To fight our an-cient foe.

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SERMON “Separation and the Trees of Lent” Romans:31-39

Life is full of separations. Separation comes upon us in so many different ways. It usually precedes a divorce. It's felt when we're away from our families through distance or travel. And, of course, there's death.

Our text speaks of other separations such as trouble, hardship, persecution, famine, and nakedness (v 35). My sinful flesh even causes me to wonder sometimes if God himself has separated himself from me. I can relate to David in Psalm 6 when he says, “O LORD, do not rebuke me in your anger or discipline me in your wrath. Be merciful to me, LORD, for I am faint; O

LORD, heal me, for my bones are in agony” (Ps 6:1-2). I can further relate to David as in Psalm 13 when he questioned, “How long, O LORD?” (Ps 13:1).

The season of Lent lends itself to the subject of separation. In fact, the Sundays of Lent begin today and the season of Lent ends on a Friday forty days from now with separations. But the season of Lent also begins and ends with trees, and that last tree will bring an end to separation itself. Therefore, I would be so bold as to say that Separation Begins and Ends with the Trees of Lent.

I. Separation between man and God began at the tree of the knowledge of Good and evil in the Garden of Eden.

A. Separation between God and man as described in Genesis 3.

1. Separation from God as **Adam and Eve hide** from the presence of God (Gen 3:8).
2. Separation as Adam and Eve are **banished from the garden** (v 23).
3. Separation of sin and its **resulting consequences** of hardship, danger, and so forth (vv 16-19).
4. Separation from God: **the holiness of God** cannot be in the presence of sin.
5. Separation from God **means togetherness with Satan**.

B. Separation began in the Garden of Eden and continues throughout our lives.

1. We experience the condemnation of **those against us** (v 34).
2. We **experience trouble**, hardship, persecution, famine, nakedness, danger, and sword (v 35).
3. We are **faced with death**, demons, the present, the future, powers, height, and depth (vv 38-39).
4. **This separation** from God and union with Satan **had to be dealt with**.
5. The **Proper Preface** from *The Lutheran Hymnal* states the reality very well: “That he who by a tree once overcame might likewise by a tree be overcome, through Christ our Lord” (*TLH*, p. 25).

II. Separation between God and man was encountered and ended at the tree of the cross.

A. Jesus' separation from the Father began at the cross (vv 32, 34).

1. Explanation of “**My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?**” (Mk 15:34)

2. **Jesus encountered the ultimate separation** from the Father. He was absolutely, altogether alone in separation for us. He had to be forsaken in our place.

B. **Our separation from the Father ended at the cross** (vv 35, 37).

1. “The **curtain of the temple** was torn in two from top to bottom” (Mk 15:38). The significance of this event, removing the visual separation of worshipers from the Holy of Holies, which symbolized the separation caused by sin.

2. “It is **God who justifies**” (v 33).

3. “**Christ Jesus, who died**--more than that, who was raised to life--is at the right hand of God and is also **interceding for us**” (v 34). **Christ as mediator**, our go-between, is **our constant connection** to God.

III. **Separation between God and man is conquered because of the tree of the cross.**

A. “**If God is for us, who can be against us?**” (v 31)

1. Since God **did not spare his own Son**, will he not give us all things? (v 32).

2. **Draw a comparison** to the Abraham and Isaac story of the **Old Testament Reading**.

B. So **who can bring charges** against us (v 33)? **True justice is accomplished.**

1. **Sins are paid for and pardoned.** Our defense attorney is constantly interceding.

2. “We are **more than conquerors**” (v 37). Separation is conquered.

3. **Separation and death are damned** as we hear the triumphant words, “**It is finished**” (Jn 19:30).

4. Nothing can separate us from him (vv 38-39).

“What, then, shall we say in response to this? If God is for us, who can be against us?” (v 31). From the fruit of a tree in the Garden of Eden grew enmity and separation between God and man. But that enmity gave way to a blessed enmity, separation, between the serpent and Eve's descendants when Jesus went to the tree of the cross. Gen 3:15 was fulfilled. Satan and sin bruised the heel of God's son, but in his death and resurrection Christ crushed the head of

the serpent, Satan. The War is over and Christ has won. The separation between God and man is ended. Rejoice and celebrate that neither death nor life nor anything else can separate you from the presence of Jesus!

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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.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Psalm 25:4–6, adapted

P: Friends in Christ, I urge you to lift up your souls to our God in whom we trust, as Christ, our Lord, promises to hear us.

Lord Jesus, You are the Lord of the Church.

C: Bless the work of our congregation and all who bear Your name.

P: Remember Your mercy, O Lord,

C: and Your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.

P: Lord Jesus, the government is on Your shoulders.

C: Watch over all in this world. Guide the world's leaders with Your wisdom, as well as our elected officials—our president, our governor, and our local authorities—that we may live peaceful and quiet lives.

P: Remember Your mercy, O Lord,

C: and Your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.

P: Lord Jesus, You are our Teacher.

C: Make us to know Your ways, O Lord; teach us Your paths. Lead us in Your truth and teach us, for You are the God of our salvation; for You we wait all the day long.

P: Remember Your mercy, O Lord,

C: and Your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.

P: Lord Jesus, You are the God of our salvation.

C: Guide us, Lord, in living lives that bear witness to Your truth. Lead us to connect with those who are wandering or who do not know You.

P: Remember Your mercy, O Lord,

C: and Your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.

P: Lord Jesus, You are the Great Physician.

C: Bind up the brokenhearted, give sight to the blind, make the lame to walk and the deaf to hear.

P: We name before You those who are struggling in body, mind, and spirit and ask You to heal them [*especially . . .*]. Remember Your mercy, O Lord,

C: and Your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.

P: Into Your hands, Lord Jesus, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your great mercy to hear and answer us.

C: Amen.

OFFERING TO THE LORD'S WORK

LSB 422**“ON MY HEART IMPRINT YOUR IMAGE”**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=95vzcKAghQ>



On my heart im - print Your im - age, Bless - ed Je - sus, King of grace,



That life's rich-es, cares, and plea-sures Nev - er may Your work e-rase;



Let the clear in - scrip-tion be: Je - sus, cru - ci - fied for me,



Is my life, my hope's foun - da - tion, And my glo - ry and sal - va - tion!

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+ SACRAMENT +

PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

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

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

PROPER PREFACE

P: It is truly good, right, and proper 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 saying:

LSB 948 "ALL GLORY BE TO GOD ALONE"

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sts. 1-2



1 All glo - ry be to God a - lone, For - ev - er - more the
2 We praise You, God; Your name we bless And wor - ship You in



high - est one, Who did our sin - ful race be - friend And
hum - ble - ness; From day to day we glo - ri - fy The



grace and peace to us ex - tend. A - mong us may His
ev - er - last - ing God on high. Of Your great glo - ry



gra - cious will All hearts with deep thanks - giv - ing fill.
do we sing, And to Your throne our thanks we bring.

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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P: 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.

In Your great wisdom, You tested Abraham and provided a ram as a substitute sacrifice. In Your great mercy, You



allowed Your Son to be tempted in every way that we are, and as He did not sin, You provided Him as the substitute sacrifice for our sins, including the temptations we so easily fall prey to.

We thank You for the forgiveness You freely offer 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. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

WORDS OF OUR LORD

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

P: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(Matthew 6:9–13)*

All: 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

PAX DOMINI

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT

We receive Holy Communion today. *We believe that we are sinners forgiven by Jesus Christ. We repent of our sins. We are baptized children of the one true God. We believe that, as Jesus said, His body and blood are truly present in and with the bread and wine. As we partake of this sacrament, we also express our unity in faith with our fellow believers. We come at Jesus' invitation for He is the host. If these are also your beliefs, you are welcome at the communion table.*



DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

LSB 570

“JUST AS I AM, WITHOUT ONE PLEA”

sts. 1–2, 5

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y8dnUns2dlw>



1 Just as I am, with - out one plea But that Thy
2 Just as I am and wait - ing not To rid my
5 Just as I am, Thou wilt re - ceive, Wilt wel - come,



blood was shed for me And that Thou bidd'st me come to
soul of one dark blot, To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each
par - don, cleanse, re - lieve; Be - cause Thy prom - ise I be -



Thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
spot, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
lieve, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2WVFaHWIb9Q>



1 I come, O Sav - ior, to Thy ta - ble, For weak and
 2 Thy heart is filled with fer - vent yearn - ing That sin - ners
 3 Un - wor - thy though I am, O Sav - ior, Be - cause I
 4 Wea - ry am I and heav - y lad - en; With sin my
 5 What high - er gift can we in - her - it? It is faith's



wea - ry is my soul; Thou, Bread of Life, a -
 may sal - va - tion see Who, Lord, to Thee in
 have a sin - ful heart, Yet Thou Thy lamb wilt
 soul is sore op - pressed; Re - ceive me gra - cious -
 bond and sol - id base; It is the strength of



lone art a - ble To sat - is - fy and make me whole:
 faith are turn - ing; So I, a sin - ner, come to Thee.
 ban - ish nev - er, For Thou my faith - ful shep - herd art:
 ly and glad - den My heart, for I am now Thy guest.
 heart and spir - it, The cov - e - nant of hope and grace.

Refrain



Lord, may Thy bod - y and Thy blood Be for my soul the high - est good!

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Refrain

Lead me, guide me, a - long the way;

For if You lead me, I can - not stray.

Lord, let me walk each day with Thee.

Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

1 I am weak and I need Thy strength and pow'r
 2 Help me tread in the paths of righ - teous - ness,
 3 I am lost if You take Your hand from me,

To help me o - ver my weak - est hour.
 Be my aid when Sa - tan and sin op - press.
 I am blind with - out Thy light to see.

Help me through the dark - ness Thy face to see.
 I am put - ting all my trust in Thee.
 Lord, al - ways let me Thy ser - vant be.

Refrain

Lead me, O Lord, lead me.
 Lead me, O Lord, lead me.
 Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

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POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Luke 2:29–32

P: As Simeon held the baby Jesus in the temple, he said,

C: “Lord, now You are letting Your servant depart in peace, according to Your word; for my eyes have seen Your salvation that You have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to Your people Israel.”

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.

P: Lord Jesus, we thank You for pouring out Your body and blood and serving it to us in this Meal in bread and wine. In Your mercy, strengthen and lead us as we face temptations and testing in this life on our way to the life to come, for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BENEDICTION

P: 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 T give you peace.

C: Amen.

LSB 656 “A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD” (Words are on Screen)

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