

**1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY IN LENT**  
**DIVINE SERVICE I | FEBRUARY 21, 2021 | SERVICE TIME 9:00 A.M.**

PRELUDE & WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PRAYER ON ENTERING CHURCH:** *“LORD, I love the habitation of Your House and the place where Your Glory Dwells. In the multitude of Your Tender Mercies prepare my heart that I may enter Your House to worship and confess Your Holy Name; through Jesus Christ, my God and LORD.”* (145)

**BEFORE WORSHIP:** *“O LORD, our Creator, Redeemer, and Comforter, as we come together to worship You in Spirit and in Truth, we humbly pray that You would open our hearts to the preaching of Your Word so that we may repent of our sins, believe in Jesus Christ as our only Savior, and grow in Grace and Holiness. Hear us for His sake, Amen.”* (146)

✠ SERVICE OF PREPARATION ✠

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *(Please stand)* ..... (Page 151)

**P** In the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the Truth is not in us.  
**C** But if we confess our sins, God, Who is Faithful and Just, will Forgive our sins and Cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.  
**C** 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.

**P** 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.  
**C** Amen.

✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

KYRIE ~ LORD, Have Mercy ~ ..... (Page 152)

**P** In Peace let us pray to the LORD.  
**C** LORD, have Mercy.

**P** For the Peace from above and for our Salvation let us pray to the LORD.  
**C** LORD, have Mercy.

**P** For the Peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the LORD.  
**C** LORD, have Mercy.

**P** For this Holy House and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the LORD.  
**C** LORD, have Mercy.

**P** Help, Save, Comfort, and Defend us, Gracious LORD.  
**C** Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE: *(Due to the focus and nature on Repentance during Lent, the Hymn of Praise is not sung)*

SALUTATION & COLLECT OF THE DAY ..... (Page 156)

**P** The LORD be with you.  
**C** And also with you.

**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. (Please be seated)

OLD TESTAMENT READING: *Genesis 22:1—18*

“After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, ‘Abraham!’ And he said, ‘Here am I.’<sup>2</sup> He 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.’<sup>3</sup> So 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.<sup>4</sup> On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar.<sup>5</sup> Then 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.’<sup>6</sup> And 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.<sup>7</sup> And 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?’<sup>8</sup> Abraham said, ‘God will provide for Himself the Lamb for a Burnt Offering, my son.’ So they went both of them together.<sup>9</sup> When 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.<sup>10</sup> Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son.<sup>11</sup> But the Angel of the LORD called to him from Heaven and said, ‘Abraham, Abraham!’ And he said, ‘Here am I.’<sup>12</sup> He 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.’<sup>13</sup> And 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.<sup>14</sup> So 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.’<sup>15</sup> And the Angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from Heaven<sup>16</sup> and said, ‘By Myself I have sworn, declares the LORD, because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son,<sup>17</sup> I 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,<sup>18</sup> and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice.’”

**A** This is the Word of the LORD.

**C** Thanks be to God.

SCRIPTURAL RESPONSE: ‘O LORD Throughout These Forty Days’ ..... [LSB: 504]

**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.**

NEW TESTAMENT READING: *James 1:12-18*

“Blessed is the man who remains Steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will Receive the Crown of Life, which God has Promised to those who Love Him.<sup>13</sup> Let no one say when he is tempted, ‘I am being tempted by God,’ for God cannot be tempted with evil, and He Himself tempts no one.<sup>14</sup> But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire.<sup>15</sup> Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and

sin when it is fully grown brings forth death.<sup>16</sup> Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers.<sup>17</sup> 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.<sup>18</sup> Of His Own will He brought us forth by the Word of Truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of His creatures.”

**A** This is the Word of the LORD.

**C** Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA VERSE: is not sung during the Lenten Season.

GOSPEL: *Mark 1:9-15*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.  
**C** **Glory to You, O LORD.**

*“In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was Baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup> And when He came up out of the water, immediately He saw the Heavens opening and the Spirit Descending on Him like a Dove. <sup>11</sup> and a voice came from Heaven, ‘You are My Beloved Son; with You I Am Well Pleased.’ <sup>12</sup> The Spirit immediately drove Him out into the wilderness. <sup>13</sup>*

*And 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. <sup>14</sup> Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the Gospel of God, <sup>15</sup> and 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.**

HYMN OF THE DAY: *‘Jesus, Lead Thou One’* ..... [LSB: 718]

**1.**  
Jesus, Lead Thou on Till our Rest is 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 not faithless fears o’ertake us;  
Let not Faith and Hope forsake us;  
For through 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.

*(Please be seated)*

SERMON: *“Return to the LORD”*

APOSTLES’ CREED *(Please stand as we confess our faith)* ..... (Page 159)

**L** We confess our Christian Faith in the words of the Apostles’ Creed.  
**C** **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.** *(Please remain  
standing)*

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

**P** O Blessed and Holy Trinity, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, ...  
**C** **Amen.** *(Please be seated)*

IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO,  
PLEASE DROP YOUR OFFERINGS IN THE OFFERING PLATES  
LOCATED IN THE NARTHEX AFTER WORSHIP !!!

☩ **SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT** ☩

PREFACE *(Sung)* ..... [LSB: pg. 160]

**P** The LORD be with you. 2 Timothy 4:22  
**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Lift up your hearts. Colossians 3:1  
**C** **We lift them to the LORD.**

**P** Let us give thanks unto the LORD our God. Psalm 136  
**C** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

PROPER PREFACE ..... [LSB: pg. 160]

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places ... To You alone, O Father,  
**C** be all Glory, Honor, and Worship, with the Son  $\Phi$  and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and Forever.  
**C** **Amen.**

SANCTUS *≈ Holy, Holy, Holy* ..... [LSB: pg. 161]

**C** **Holy, Holy, Holy LORD God of Power and Might, Heaven and earth are full of Your Glory.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the Highest. Blessed is He Who comes in the Name of the LORD.  
Hosanna in the highest.** *Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*

LORD'S PRAYER ..... [LSB: pg. 162]  
*Matthew 6:9-13*

**P** LORD, remember us in Your Kingdom and Teach us to pray:  
**C** **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.**

THE WORD'S OF OUR LORD ..... [LSB: pg. 162]  
*Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24 Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25*

**P** 'Our LORD Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed ... This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.

PAX DOMINI *≈ The Peace of the LORD* ..... [LSB: pg. 163]  
*John 20:19*

**P** The Peace of the LORD be with you always.  
**C** *(Sung)* Amen.

AGNUS DEI *≈ Lamb of God* ..... [LSB: pg. 163]  
*John 1:29*

**C** *(Sung)* **Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, have Mercy on us. Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, have Mercy upon us. Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, grant us Peace.**

DISTRIBUTION HYMN: 'The Lamb' ..... [LSB: 547]

**1.**  
The Lamb, the Lamb, **O Father, where's the sacrifice? Faith sees, believes God will Provide the Lamb of Price!** *Refrain*

*Refrain*  
**Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me His Own! The Lamb is Reigning on His Throne!**

**2.**  
The Lamb, the Lamb, **One Perfect Final Offering. The Lamb, the Lamb, Let earth join Heav'n His praise to sing.** *Refrain*

**3.**  
The Lamb, the Lamb, **As wayward sheep their Shepherd kill So still, His Will On our behalf the Law to fill.** *Refrain*

**4.**  
He sighs, He dies, He takes my sin and wretchedness. He Lives, Forgives, He Gives me His Own Righteousness. *Refrain*

**5.**  
He Rose, He Rose, My heart with thanks now overflows. His Song prolong Till ev'ry heart to Him belong. *Refrain*

DISTRIBUTION HYMN: 'Great Is Thy Faithfulness' ..... [LSB: 809]

**1.**  
Great is Thy Faithfulness, O God my Father; There is no shadow of turning with Thee. Thou Changest Not: Thy Compassions, they fail not; As Thou hast been, Thou Forever wilt be. *Refrain*

*Refrain*  
**Great is Thy Faithfulness! Great is Thy Faithfulness! Morning by morning new Mercies I see; All I have needed Thy hand hath Provided; Great is Thy Faithfulness, LORD, unto me!**

2.  
Summer and winter and springtime and  
harvest, Sun, moon, and stars in their  
courses above Join with all nature in  
manifold witness To Thy Great  
Faithfulness, Mercy, and Love. *Refrain*

3.  
Pardon for sin and a Peace that  
endureth, Thine Own Dear Presence to  
Cheer and to Guide; Strength for today  
and bright Hope for tomorrow, Blessings  
all mine, with ten thousand beside!  
*Refrain*

THE DISMISSAL ..... [LSB: pg. 164]

**P** The Body and Blood of our LORD Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to Life  
Everlasting. Depart ☩ in Peace.  
**C** Amen.

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE..... [LSB: pg. 165]  
*Luke 2:29-32*

**C** (*Sung*) LORD, NOW You let Your servant go in peace; Your Word has been Fulfilled. My own  
eyes have seen the Salvation which You have Prepared in the sight of every people: A Light to  
Reveal You to the nations and the Glory of 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.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT ..... [LSB: pg. 166]

**P** O God the Father, the Fountain and Source of all Goodness, Who in Loving-Kindness sent Your only-  
begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His Sake You have given us Pardon and Peace in this  
Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your Children but always to Rule our hearts and minds by  
Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, ☩ our  
LORD, Who Lives and Reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and Forever.  
**C** (*Sung*) Amen.

BENEDICTION ..... (Page 166)

**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 ☩ give you Peace.  
**C** Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: 'A Mighty Fortress Is Our God' ..... [LSB: 656]

1.  
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.

2.  
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.

3.  
Though devils all the world should fill,  
All eager to devour us,  
We tremble not, we fear no ill;  
They shall not overpower 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.

4.  
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.

POSTLUDE

**FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD:** LORD God, bless Your Word wherever it is proclaimed. Make it a Word of  
Power and Peace to Convert those not yet Your Own and to Confirm those who have come to Saving  
Faith. May Your Word pass from the ear to the heart, from the heart to the lip, and from the lip to the life  
that, as You have Promised, Your Word may achieve the Purpose for which You Send it; through Jesus  
Christ, our LORD. (150)