



# *Living in Grace: Loving God & Serving Others*

## FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

18 February 2024, 10:15 am

### **AS WE GATHER**

The theme of the First Sunday in Lent is always trial and temptation. The Old Testament Reading (Genesis 22) illustrates trial as Abraham is called to sacrifice Isaac. The Gospel from Mark tells in brief of Jesus' temptation. The reading from James refers to both trial and temptation. The emphasis is that temptation brings forth sin, and despite what we might think or want to think, God has no part in tempting us to sin. James 1:12–18, the Epistle, serves as a bridge between the lessons in the Old Testament and Gospel. James wants to convey a proper understanding of how trials and temptations fit within the Christian life and how God supplies what we need to deal with both.

### **PRE-SERVICE MUSIC and CANDLE LIGHTING**

### **WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Please stand as you are able.*

### **OPENING SONGS**

#### ***Celebrate the Lord of Love***

*Ed Kerr, Paul Baloché*

Trade your heavy heart for a heart of joy,  
Celebrate what God has done;  
Join the song of praise as we gather here,  
Celebrate the Lord of love.

Jesus is our Lord, He is reigning here.  
We declare, "His kingdom's come."  
Darkness has to flee in His holy light,  
Celebrate the Lord of love.

All creation sings, hear the oceans roar;  
Let the earth proclaim that Christ is Lord.

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## **Sing To The King**

*Billy J. Foote, Charles S. Horne*

Sing to the King Who is coming to reign.  
Glory to Jesus, the Lamb that was slain.  
Life and salvation His empire shall bring,  
And joy to the nations, when Jesus is King.

### **Chorus**

Come let us sing a song,  
A song declaring that we belong to Jesus.  
He is all we need.  
Lift up a heart of praise.  
Sing now with voices raised to Jesus.  
Sing to the King.

For His returning we watch and we pray;  
We will be ready the dawn of that day.  
We'll join in singing with all the redeemed,  
'Cause Satan is vanquished and Jesus is King.

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## **INVOCATION**

*In the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

**Amen.**

*Hear my cry, O God, listen to my prayer;*

**from the end of the earth I call to You when my heart is faint.**

*Send out Your light and Your truth; let them lead me;*

**let them bring me to Your holy hill and to Your dwelling!**

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Then I will go to the altar of God, to God my exceeding joy,  
**and I will praise You with the lyre, O God, my God.**

Why are you cast down, O my soul,  
and why are you in turmoil within me?  
**Hope in God; for I shall again praise Him,  
my salvation and my God.**

*Please be seated.*

## READINGS FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

*Please refer to the back of your service folder or to the screens overhead.*

### OLD TESTAMENT READING: Genesis 22:1-18

*"Abraham is Tested"*

Steve Yearout

### RESPONSIVE READING OF PSALM 25:1-8 (antiphon v. 14)

Pastor Marty

*The friendship of the LORD is for those who fear him,  
and he makes known to them his covenant.*

*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.**

*Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame;  
they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.*

**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.*

**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!*

**Good and upright is the LORD;  
therefore he instructs sinners in the way.**

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*He leads the humble in what is right,  
and teaches the humble his way.*

**All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness,  
for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.**

*The friendship of the LORD is for those who fear him,  
and he makes known to them his covenant.*

## **EPISTLE READING: James 1:12-18**

*"Trials and Temptations"*

*Abbie Crist*

*Please stand.*

*Alleluia. From that time Jesus began to preach, saying,*

**"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." Alleluia.**

## **GOSPEL READING**

**Mark 1:9-15**

*"The Baptism and Testing of Jesus"*

*Pastor Marty*

## **WHAT WE BELIEVE ~ 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.**

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## **CHILDREN'S CHURCH**

Jane Goss

*(Kindergarten – 4th grade students are excused to attend Children's Church in the ANNEX)*

## **SONG OF THE DAY**

### **O Worship The King**

LSB 804

- 1    O worship the King,  
      all-glorious above.  
      O gratefully sing  
      His pow'r and His love;  
Our shield and defender,  
      the Ancient of Days,  
Pavilioned in splendor  
      and girded with praise.
- 2    O tell of His might,  
      O sing of His grace,  
Whose robe is the light,  
      whose canopy space;  
His chariots of wrath  
      the deep thunderclouds form,  
And dark is His path  
      on the wings of the storm.
- 3    This earth, with its store  
      of wonders untold,  
Almighty, Thy pow'r  
      hath founded of old,  
Established it fast  
      by a changeless decree,  
And round it hath cast,  
      like a mantle, the sea.
- 4    Thy bountiful care  
      what tongue can recite?  
It breathes in the air,  
      it shines in the light,

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It streams from the hills,  
it descends to the plain,  
And sweetly distills  
in the dew and the rain.

- 5 Frail children of dust  
and feeble as frail,  
In Thee do we trust,  
nor find Thee to fail.  
Thy mercies, how tender,  
how firm to the end,  
Our maker, defender,  
redeemer, and friend!
- 6 O measureless Might,  
ineffable Love,  
While angels delight  
to hymn Thee above,  
Thy humbler creation,  
though feeble their lays,  
With true adoration  
shall sing to Thy praise.

## **MESSAGE**

*"Trials, Temptations, and Victory"*

*Pastor Marty Tyler*

James 1:12-18

*Please stand.*

## **REPENTANCE AND RENEWAL**

*Though we are baptized and united with Jesus, we often act as if we were separated from Jesus. There are times when we fall prey to Satan and his temptations. There are times when sin reigns within us. Still, our heavenly Father is merciful, and He invites us to draw near to Him in repentance, asking for forgiveness.*

*A moment of silence to reflect on our sin and our need for the Lord's mercy and forgiveness.*

*Heavenly Father,*

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**We have ignored Your help in resisting Satan and His temptations. We have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. Yet our entire lives are lives of repentance. Have mercy on us. Forgive our sins, and lead us in righteousness, on account of Jesus. Amen.**

*Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son, Jesus Christ, to endure temptation, suffering, and death for us and our salvation. 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. We are forgiven. We are baptized into Christ.**

## **OFFERTORY SONG**

***Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing***

*LSB 686*

- 1 Come, Thou Fount of ev'ry blessing,  
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,  
Call for songs of loudest praise.  
While the hope of endless glory  
Fills my heart with joy and love,  
Teach me ever to adore Thee;  
May I still Thy goodness prove.
- 2 Here I raise my Ebenezer,  
Hither by Thy help I've come;  
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure,  
Safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger,  
Wand'ring from the fold of God;  
He, to rescue me from danger,  
Interposed His precious blood.
- 3 Oh, to grace how great a debtor  
Daily I'm constrained to be;  
Let that grace now like a fetter  
Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee:



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Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it;  
Prone to leave the God I love.  
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,  
Seal it for Thy courts above.

- 4 Oh, that day when freed from sinning,  
I shall see Thy lovely face;  
Clothed then in the blood-washed linen,  
How I'll sing Thy wondrous grace!  
Come, my Lord, no longer tarry;  
Take my ransom'd soul away;  
Send Thine angels soon to carry  
Me to realms of endless day.

*Please be seated.*

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

*1 Timothy 2:1-4*

*God has called us as His own, gathered us together, and enlightened us by His Spirit through the Word. Therefore, we bring to Him our prayer and praise, for in all times and in all places, He promises to hear our prayers and to answer them according to His gracious will.*

## **SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

**Holy Communion** is a confession of the faith whereby we profess at this altar that our Lord Jesus Christ gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Therefore, any who are not yet instructed, or who are in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, are respectfully asked to refrain from partaking in the meal and instead may come to the altar and receive a blessing, or remain in your pew during distribution, and afterwards speak with the pastor.

*Please stand.*

## **OPENING RESPONSES**

*The Lord be with you.*  
**And also with you.**

*2 Timothy 4:22*

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*Lift up your hearts.*

*Colossians 3:1*

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

*Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.*

*Psalm 136*

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

It is truly good, right, and proper that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, almighty and 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:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord  
God of Sa -bā - oth adored;  
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim  
Shout the glory of Your name.  
Sing hosanna in the highest,  
Sing hosanna to the Lord;  
Truly blest is He who comes  
In the name of the Lord!**

*Sabaoth (SAH-bay-oath) is Hebrew for "heavenly hosts."  
Hosanna is a Hebrew word of praise meaning "save us now."*

## **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

*At Your command, Abraham prepared to offer his son Isaac as a sacrifice on the mountain; yet, in mercy You provided a ram as a substitute. We give You thanks that on Calvary You spared not Your only Son but sent Him to offer His life as a ransom for many. As we eat and drink His body and blood, grant us, like Abraham our father, to trust in Your promise now fulfilled in Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.*

**Amen.**

## **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;**

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**and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

*Mathew 6:9-13*

**For thine is the kingdom  
and the power and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.**

## **THE WORDS OF OUR LORD**

*Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24;  
Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25*

## **THE PEACE**

*The peace of the Lord be with you always.*  
**Amen.**

*John 20:19*

*Please be seated.*

### **MY CONFESSIONAL PRAYER**

I REJOICE in Jesus as my personal Lord and Savior.  
I REPENT of all my sins in thought, word, and deed.  
I RECEIVE Christ's real body and blood, as well as the bread and wine in this Sacrament.  
I RELY on our Savior's promise of forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation given to me  
through this Holy Supper.  
I REAFFIRM my oneness with fellow communicants in accepting all of Christ's teaching.  
I RESOLVE to live a sanctified life by the power of the Holy Spirit.

## **DISTRIBUTION SONGS**

### ***A Place at Your Altar***

*Gerrit Gustafson and Gary Sandler*

I will seek a place at Your altar,  
Humbly draw near to You;  
I will hide myself in Your shadow,  
Worship in spirit and truth. **(Repeat)**

Even the swallow has found a nest  
Where she can lay her young;  
So, we are longing to find that rest.  
So, into Your courts we come,  
Into Your courts we come. **(Repeat song)**

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## **All We Like Sheep**

Don Moen

All we, like sheep, have gone astray,  
each of us turning our own sep'rate way,  
We have all sinned and fallen short of Your glory;  
But Your glory is what we desire to see  
and in Your presence is where we long to be.

### **Chorus**

O Lord, show us Your mercy and grace,  
Take us to Your holy place;  
Forgive our sin and heal our hearts, Your healing begin.  
We long to live in Your presence once again.

Taking our sickness, taking our pain,  
Jesus, the sacrificed Lamb, has been slain.  
He was despised, rejected by men, He took our sin;  
Draw us near to You, Father, through Jesus, Your Son,  
let us worship before You, cleansed by His blood. **Chorus**

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## **As Bread That Is Broken**

Paul Baloche, Claire Cloniger

Many hearts are hungry tonight,  
Many trapped in darkness,  
Yearn for the light;  
So many who are far from home,  
And many who are lost,  
O Lord, Your wounded children  
Need the power of Your cross.

### **Chorus**

As bread that is broken,  
Use our lives,  
As wine that is poured out,  
A willing sacrifice;  
Empower us, Father,  
To share the love of Christ,  
As bread that is broken, Lord, use our lives.

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Help us to begin where we are,  
Help us love the people  
Near to our hearts;  
Then give our faith a mission field  
Wherever You may call,  
Lord, love Your world through each of us,  
Until we've touched them all. **Chorus 2X**

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## **Lamb of God**

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- 1 Your only Son, no sin to hide,  
But You have sent Him from Your side  
To walk upon this guilty sod,  
And to become the Lamb of God. **Refrain**

### **Refrain**

O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God,  
I love the holy Lamb of God!  
O wash me in His precious blood,  
My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

- 2 Your Gift of love they crucified,  
They laughed and scorned Him as He died:  
The humble King they named a fraud,  
And sacrificed the Lamb of God. **Refrain**

- 3 I was so lost, I should have died,  
But You have brought me to Your side  
To be led by Your staff and rod,  
And to be called a lamb of God. **Refrain**

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*Please stand.*

## **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

*Let us pray. . . Almighty and everlasting God, through Your Son You have promised us forgiveness of sins and everlasting life. Govern our hearts by Your Holy Spirit that in our daily need, and especially in all time of testing and*

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temptation, we seek Your help and, by a true and lively faith in Your Word, obtain all that You have promised, remembering all that our Savior has accomplished for us that we not be alone or without the refuge of Your grace in time of test or trial, through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**Amen.**

## **BLESSING TO DEPART**

*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.*

*The almighty and merciful Lord—the Father, the ✝ Son, and the Holy Spirit—bless and preserve you.*

**Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## **DISCIPLESHIP CHALLENGE**

*Abbie Crist*

- Read and meditate on the Book of James, chapters 1 and 2.
- Encourage one another to rejoice in trials.
- Spend time praying specifically for strength to resist temptations.

## **SENDING SONG**

### ***Walk By Faith***

*Jeremy Camp*

#### **Verse 1**

Will I believe You when You say,  
Your hand will guide my ev'ry way?  
Will I receive the words You say,  
Ev'ry moment of ev'ry day?

#### **Chorus**

Well, I will walk by faith,  
Well, Even when I cannot see,  
Well, because this broken road  
Prepares Your will for me.

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## **Verse 2**

Help me to rid my endless fears.  
You've been so faithful for all my years.  
With one breath You made me new:  
Your grace covers all I do.  
Yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah. **Chorus**

## **Bridge**

Well, I'm broken, But I still see Your face.  
Well, You've spoken, Pouring Your words of grace. **Chorus twice**

## **Ending**

Well, hal - le - lu - jah, \_\_\_ hal - - le - lu.  
Well, hal - le - lu - jah, \_\_\_ hal - - le - lu.  
Well, hal - le - lu - jah, \_\_\_ hal - - le - lu.  
Well, hal - le - lu - jah, \_\_\_ hal - - le - lu.

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