



# Holy Cross Lutheran Church

(Lutheran Church Missouri Synod)

## Divine Service One

The First Sunday in Lent

February 26, 2023

“FOR AS BY THE ONE  
MAN'S DISOBEDIENCE  
THE MANY WERE  
MADE SINNERS,  
SO BY THE ONE  
MAN'S OBEDIENCE  
THE MANY WILL BE  
MADE RIGHTEOUS.”

*Romans 5:19*





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8 AM and 10:30 AM

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Sunday Worship Services.....8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.  
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### Prayer for the First Sunday in Lent

Gracious God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ and also our dear Father, we thank You that You have permitted us to see another Lenten season, during which we are privileged to again meditate on the cross of Christ with its many spiritual blessings. Cause the message of the slain Lamb of God to impress upon our hearts and minds the awfulness of our sins so that we are led to the cross of Calvary for pardon and peace. Lead us to see that our sins caused His great agony in the garden; that our sins nailed Him to the cross of Calvary; that He was forsaken by His own that we might not be forsaken by You; and that He died so that we might not die eternally. We ask this in His name, the sinless Lamb of God. Amen.



## Confession and Absolution

### 424 O Christ, You Walked the Road

*Stand*

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

#### Invocation

*Matthew 28:19b; 18:20*

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

#### Exhortation

*1 John 1:8–9*

- 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.

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

#### Confession of Sins

- 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.

## Absolution

[John 20:19–23]

**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

### Introit

*Psalm 91:9–13; antiphon: vv. 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 sat- | isfy him\*  
and show him my sal- | vation.**

Because you have made the LORD your | dwelling place—\*  
the Most High, who is my | refuge—

**no evil shall be allowed to be- | fall you,\*  
no plague come | near your tent.**

For he will command his angels con- | cerning you\*  
to guard you in | all your ways.

**On their hands they will | bear you up,\*  
lest you strike your foot a- | gainst a stone.**

You will tread on the lion and the | adder;\*  
the young lion and the serpent you will trample | underfoot.

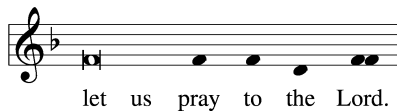
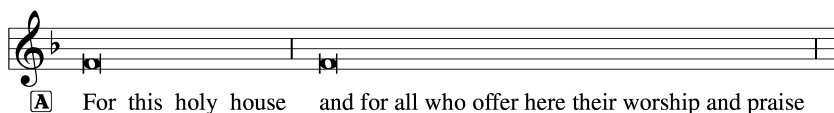
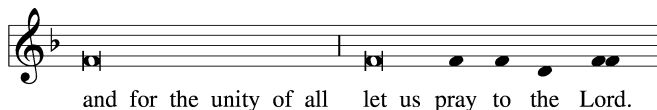
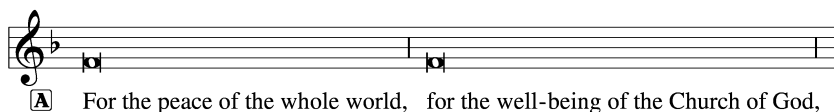
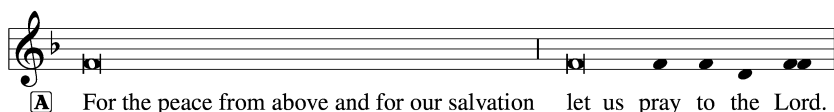
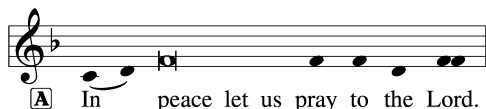
**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\*  
and to the Holy | Spirit;  
as it was in the be- | ginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

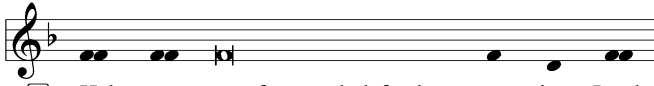
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## Kyrie

Mark 10:47





**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



**C** A - men.

## Gloria in Excelsis

*During Lent the Gloria in Excelsis is omitted.*

## Salutation and Collect of the Day



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And al - so with you.

**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** A - men.

*Sit*

## Old Testament Reading: Genesis 3:1–21

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made.

He said to the woman, "Did God actually say, 'You shall not eat of any tree in the garden?'" And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, but God said,

'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.'" But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.

And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?" And he said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself." He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate." Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

The LORD God said to the serpent,

"Because you have done this,  
cursed are you above all livestock  
and above all beasts of the field;  
on your belly you shall go,  
and dust you shall eat  
all the days of your life.

I will put enmity between you and the woman,  
and between your offspring and her offspring;  
he shall bruise your head,  
and you shall bruise his heel."

To the woman he said,

"I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing;  
in pain you shall bring forth children.

Your desire shall be for your husband,  
and he shall rule over you."

And to Adam he said,

"Because you have listened to the voice of your wife  
and have eaten of the tree  
of which I commanded you,  
'You shall not eat of it,'  
cursed is the ground because of you;  
in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life;  
thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you;  
and you shall eat the plants of the field.  
By the sweat of your face  
you shall eat bread,  
till you return to the ground,  
for out of it you were taken;  
for you are dust,  
and to dust you shall return."

The man called his wife's name Eve, because she was the mother of all living. And the LORD God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Gradual

*Hebrews 12:2*



**[O come, let us fix our eyes on] | Jesus,\*  
the founder and perfecter | of our faith,  
who for the joy that was set before him  
endured the cross, despis- | ing the shame,\*  
and is seated at the right hand of the | throne of God.**

## Epistle: Romans 5:12–19

Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned—for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given,



but sin is not counted where there is no law. Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come.

But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many. And the free gift is not like the result of that one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brought justification. If, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ.

Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

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

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

## **Alleluia and Verse**

*During Lent the Alleluia is omitted.*

## **Holy Gospel: Matthew 4:1–11**

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fourth chapter.



**C** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. And the tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written,

“Man shall not live by bread alone,  
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.”

Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written,

“He will command his angels concerning you,”

and

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

Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.’” Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. And he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” Then Jesus said to him, “Be gone, Satan! For it is written,

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

Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



*Sit*

## **657 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God**

### **Sermon**

#### **“The Second Adam”**

Text: Romans 5:12-19

## **600 Mark How the Lamb of God’s Self-Offering**

*Stand*



## **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.**

## **Prayer of the Church**

*After each portion of the prayer:*

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

*Sit*

## **Offering**

*(Please add your name to the red fellowship  
book and pass it to your fellow worshippers.)*

*Stand*

## Offertory

*Psalms 116:12–13, 17–19*



What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to  
me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will  
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-  
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my  
vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the  
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

## Lord's Prayer

*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.**



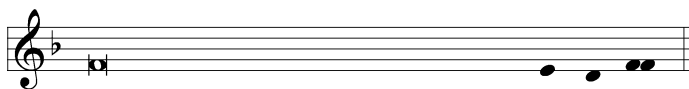
## Closing Collect

- P** Lord Jesus Christ, giver and perfecter of our faith, we thank and praise You for continuing among us the preaching of Your Gospel for our instruction and edification. Send Your blessing upon the Word, which has been spoken to us, and by Your Holy Spirit increase our saving knowledge of You, that day by day we may be strengthened in the divine truth and remain steadfast in Your grace. Give us strength to fight the good fight and by faith to overcome all the temptations of Satan, the flesh, and the world so that we may finally receive the salvation of our souls; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



## Benediction

*Numbers 6:24–26*



- 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.



## 521 Christ, the Lord of Hosts, Unshaken



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## **Announcements**



Assisting Elders:  
8 a.m. – Steve White  
10:30 a.m. – Andy Olson



### **Lent Service 2023**

**One Midweek Lent Service  
Wednesday, March 8, 2023**

**11:30 a.m. and 7 p.m.**

**Communion Worship Service  
6 p.m. Potluck Supper**

Following the 11:30 a.m. service there will be a light lunch served.

For the 6 p.m. Soup Supper, the soup will be provided. You are asked to bring a side or dessert.

### **March Mission Project!**

LWML Women of the Cross is collecting



**Peanut Butter and Jelly  
(or Sunflower Butter or  
any nut or seed butter)**

For the Douglas County Food Bank

There will be a collection bin in the narthex  
**Sunday, March 5 – Sunday, March 26.**

Thank you!



Please check the **Sunday Greeter schedule**, posted on the bulletin board, to find out when you're scheduled to serve. Thank you!

**Petitions and Prayers:** According to Isaiah, we pray because God has promised to hear us.



### **Health concerns:**

*Dear Jesus, Great Physician of body and soul, hear our prayers for those who are ill. Help them to see their suffering as a reminder not only of our mortality, but also a blessed remembrance of how You “took our illnesses and bore our diseases” (Matthew 8:17) to the cross of Calvary. If it be Your will, bring healing to these people as we anticipate the ultimate freedom from pain in the joys of heaven. Amen.*

Please keep the following in your prayers:

- Devon Hanson (grandson of Connie and Terry Mitchell) – mental health issues
- Roger Frank (brother of Connie Mitchell) cancer
- Mary (relative of Tabris') pray for protection and wisdom for her family concerning special needs.
- Angela (single mother in Illinois) friend of Helen Tabris – having a heart pump implanted on March 6 while waiting for heart transplant
- Jamie (is missing and has mental health issues) and young daughter Jade (is being adopted by family in Colorado)

### **Prayer of intercession:**

*\*Heavenly Father, throughout these forty days of Lent, draw us ever closer to You. Help us lay aside the sins that cling so closely and run with endurance the race that is before us, Looking to Jesus Christ, the author and perfecter of our faith. As we have been made one with Him through Baptism, empower us to share the good news of Your grace with others. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.*

### **“Life Quotes” from Lutherans for Life February 26, 2023**

“Going to be with the Lord is not meant to be an escape from the responsibilities and good works God has prepared in advance for us to do!”

*Barbara Lane Geistfeld, D.V.M., Lutherans For Life  
A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)*





**I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,"  
and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

*Psalm 32:5*

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**What would you do today  
if you knew Christ was  
coming tomorrow?**