

*First Sunday in Lent*  
*February 26, 2023*



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## THIS ONE IS DIFFERENT

**PRESERVICE MUSIC** “A Mighty Fortress” (arr. Walther) & “Jesus, Lead Thou On” (arr. Manz)

**A Reminder: Please be respectful to our brothers and sisters who use the time prior to worship for quiet meditation on God's Word. - Thank you**

### 727 ON EAGLES' WINGS

1 You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,  
Who abide in His shadow for life,  
Say to the Lord: “My refuge,  
My rock in whom I trust!” **Refrain**

**Refrain** And He will raise you up on eagles' wings,  
Bear you on the breath of dawn,  
Make you to shine like the sun,  
And hold you in the palm of His hand.

2 The snare of the fowler will never capture you,  
And famine will bring you no fear;  
Under His wings your refuge,  
His faithfulness your shield. **Refrain**

3 You need not fear the terror of the night,  
Nor the arrow that flies by day;  
Though thousands fall about you,  
Near you it shall not come. **Refrain**

4 For to His angels He's given a command  
To guard you in all of your ways;  
Upon their hands they will bear you up,  
Lest you dash your foot against a stone. **Refrain**

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### MEMORY VERSE OF THE MONTH

Great is Your mercy, O Lord. *Psalm 119:156*

### INVOCATION

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

**P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** who made heaven and earth.

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

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

**P** O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C** I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

**P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## **SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also 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** Amen.

## **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

*Genesis 3:1–21*

<sup>1</sup>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’?” <sup>2</sup>And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, <sup>3</sup>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.’” <sup>4</sup>But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die. <sup>5</sup>For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” <sup>6</sup>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. <sup>7</sup>Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths. <sup>8</sup>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. <sup>9</sup>But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, “Where are you?” <sup>10</sup>And he said, “I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself.” <sup>11</sup>He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?” <sup>12</sup>The man said, “The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate.” <sup>13</sup>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.” <sup>14</sup>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. <sup>15</sup>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.” <sup>16</sup>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.” <sup>17</sup>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; <sup>18</sup>thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field. <sup>19</sup>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.” <sup>20</sup>The man called his wife’s name Eve, because she was the mother of all living. <sup>21</sup>And the LORD God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## EPISTLE

<sup>12</sup>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— <sup>13</sup>for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. <sup>14</sup>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. <sup>15</sup>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. <sup>16</sup>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. <sup>17</sup>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. <sup>18</sup>Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. <sup>19</sup>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.

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

**G** Thanks be to God.

**SOLO** "Til the Storm Passes By" (Lister) Karen Hassey

## HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 4:1–11

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

**G** Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. <sup>2</sup>And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. <sup>3</sup>And the tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." <sup>4</sup>But he answered, "It is written, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" <sup>5</sup>Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the temple <sup>6</sup>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." <sup>7</sup>Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.'" <sup>8</sup>Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. <sup>9</sup>And he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." <sup>10</sup>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.'" <sup>11</sup>Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him.

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

**G** Praise to You, O Christ.

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### 657 A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD

sts. 1–4

1 A mighty fortress is our God,  
A sword and shield victorious;  
He breaks the cruel oppressor's rod  
And wins salvation glorious.  
The old satanic foe  
Has sworn to work us woe.  
With craft and dreadful might  
He arms himself to fight.  
On earth he has no equal.

2 No strength of ours can match his might.  
We would be lost, rejected.  
But now a champion comes to fight,  
Whom God Himself elected.  
You ask who this may be?  
The Lord of hosts is He,  
Christ Jesus, mighty Lord,  
God's only Son, adored.  
He holds the field victorious.

3 Though hordes of devils fill the land  
All threat'ning to devour us,  
We tremble not, unmoved we stand;  
They cannot overpower us.  
Let this world's tyrant rage;  
In battle we'll engage.  
His might is doomed to fail;  
God's judgment must prevail!  
One little word subdues him.

4 God's Word forever shall abide,  
No thanks to foes, who fear it;  
For God Himself fights by our side  
With weapons of the Spirit.  
Were they to take our house,  
Goods, honor, child, or spouse,  
Though life be wrenched away,  
They cannot win the day.  
The Kingdom's ours forever!

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**SERMON** "This One is Different" Matthew 4:1-11

## OFFERTORY

LSB 192

**C** Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

**CREED** Early Service – Apostles' Creed Late Service – Nicene Creed  
*(Creed can be found in the back of the hymnal and on the screens)*

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

*After each petition, please respond with the following:*

**P** Let us pray to the Lord,

**C** Lord have mercy.

*At the end of the prayer:*

**C** Amen.

***Early service please continue with the Lord's Prayer & Benediction***

## + SERVICE OF THE 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.

**P** It is truly meet, right, and salutary 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:

### SANCTUS

LSB 195

**C** Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;

heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

### LORD'S PRAYER

LSB 196

### THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

LSB 197

### PAX DOMINI

LSB 197

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

**C** Amen.

### AGNUS DEI

LSB 198

**C** O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

## + DISTRIBUTION HYMNS +

*For guests and visitors, we invite you to please read our statement regarding the Lord's Supper on the inside cover of your bulletin.*

### 774 FEED THY CHILDREN, GOD MOST HOLY

1 Feed Thy children, God most holy; Comfort sinners poor and lowly.

O Thou Bread of Life from heaven, Bless the food Thou here hast given!

As these gifts the body nourish, May our souls in graces flourish

Till with saints in heav'nly splendor At Thy feast due thanks we render.

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## 424 O CHRIST, YOU WALKED THE ROAD

- 1 O Christ, You walked the road Our wand'ring feet must go.  
You faced with us temptation's pow'r And fought our ancient foe.
- 2 No bread of earth alone Can fill our hung'ring hearts.  
Lord, help us seek Your living Word, The food Your grace imparts.
- 3 No blinding sign we ask, No wonder from above.  
Lord, help us place our trust alone In Your unswerving love.
- 4 When lures of easy gain With promise brightly shine,  
Lord, help us seek Your kingdom first; Our wills with Yours align.
- 5 O Christ, You walked the road Our wand'ring feet must go.  
Stay with us through temptation's hour To fight our ancient foe.

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## 722 LORD, TAKE MY HAND AND LEAD ME

- 1 Lord, take my hand and lead me  
Upon life's way;  
Direct, protect, and feed me  
From day to day.  
Without Your grace and favor  
I go astray;  
So take my hand, O Savior,  
And lead the way.
- 2 Lord, when the tempest rages,  
I need not fear,  
For You, the Rock of Ages,  
Are always near.  
Close by Your side abiding,  
I fear no foe,  
For when Your hand is guiding,  
In peace I go.
- 3 Lord, when the shadows lengthen  
And night has come,  
I know that You will strengthen  
My steps toward home.  
Then nothing can impede me,  
O blessèd Friend;  
So take my hand and lead me  
Unto the end.

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## THANKSGIVING

LSB 200

**P** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

**C** and His mercy endureth forever.

**P** Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

**BENEDICAMUS**

- P** Bless we the Lord.  
**C** Thanks be to God.

**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 ☩ give you peace.  
**C** Amen.

**418 O LORD, THROUGHOUT THESE FORTY DAYS**

- 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.

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**DISMISSAL**

- P** Go in peace as you serve the Lord.  
**C** Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE** “Toccatà in E Minor” (Pachelbel)**ACKNOWLEDGMENTS**

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## Congregation at Prayer and Devotions for the Week

**Invocation** In the name of the Father, and of the Son  $\text{✠}$ , and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**Introit** (found on front page)

**Catechism Review** (found on front page)

**Meditation:** Portals of Prayer, [www.lhm.org/dailydevotions](http://www.lhm.org/dailydevotions), Other

### *Daily Scripture Readings*

Sunday: Genesis 4:1-26; Mark 2:18-28  
Monday: Genesis 6:1-7:5; Mark 3:1-19  
Tuesday: Genesis 7:11-8:12; Mark 3:20-35  
Wednesday: Genesis 8:13-9:17; Mark 4:1-20  
Thursday: Genesis 11:27-12:20; Mark 4:21-41  
Friday: Genesis 13:1-18; Mark 5:1-20  
Saturday: Genesis 15:1-21; Mark 5:21-43

### *In Our Prayers This Week (as of Thursday morning)*

Herb, health issues	William, a child with leukemia
Kathy, cancer	Mary, Jan's sister-in-law, cancer
Diane, recovery	Pierce, an infant with leukemia
Jack, ongoing health issues	Georgia, recovery
Lauren's mother, Phyllis	Margo, health issues
Shirley, health issues	Duane, cancer
Kent, recovery	Blake
Georgia, recovery	Nate, cancer
Jim, cancer	Jim, Parkinson's
Tom, cancer	Steve, Guillain-Barre Syndrome
Lauren, cancer	Barb, Healing
Judi and Don	Rick, cancer
Mike's mother - Jean, health issues	Jean, recovery
Sidney, granddaughter of Steinke's with medical issues	

For those who mourn the evil in our world, that God's comfort and peace may point them to the hope of the resurrection.  
For those with hearts where evil dwells, that God's kingdom would come and rule over their life.  
For our nation, that God would bring about repentance through His Word that He may heal our land.

**Our Savior Families:** Carol, Raymond, Amanda, Martin & Kim, Karen

**Hymn of the Week** "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" LSB 656

**Collect** (found on front page)

**Apostles' Creed, Lord's Prayer, Benediction**