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# THE DIVINE SERVICE

OF THE GRACE OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

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**The Good Shepherd Lutheran Church**

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“A Church where God gives and we receive”

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*Welcome to our Divine Service! We are pleased that you are with us.*

*The entire service, including the **rubrics** of when to sit and when to stand and what to say, is printed out in this folder so you may follow along.*

## Worship Notes

### Thoughts to Ponder Before the Divine Service

**Welcome to weekly** Divine Service at The Good Shepherd Lutheran Church! Today is the First Sunday in Lent. We are a congregation that confesses the Holy Bible as inerrant, that justification is by faith according to the Holy Bible and confessed in the 1580 Book of Concord. God bless you.

**To all of you who are visiting** our service this evening, we extend a most cordial welcome in Jesus' name. Please introduce yourself to our pastor. It is our hope that you will feel at home in our midst and will be blessed by our message of Christ crucified and risen for the sins of the world. If you are looking for a church home and would like to know about our beliefs and practice, please see the pastor. He will be happy to visit with you at your convenience. *Please see our statement on Holy Communion on p. 17.*

### **NOTES ON THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT - JESUS DOES BATTLE IN OUR PLACE**



In the Garden, man exalts himself to be a god in place of God (Genesis 3:1–21). He succumbs to the temptation of the devil, and eating of the forbidden fruit, he receives death. But in the sin-cursed wilderness, God humbles Himself to become man in place of man (St. Matthew 4:1–11). He does not eat but fasts and bears the onslaughts of the devil for us that we may be restored to life. Though outwardly Jesus appears weak, yet He comes in the name of the Lord of hosts. He draws from the five smooth stones of the books of Moses and slings the Word of God. The stone sinks into the forehead, and the enemy falls. In Christ we are victorious over the devil. Let us therefore not receive the grace of God in vain (2 Corinthians 6:1–10), but seeing that we have a great High Priest, let us come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain help in time of need.

**Prayer upon entering:** *O Lord, we are tempted day and night by the murderous, lying devil. Protect us by Your might. Teach us with Your Word. And comfort us with Your Spirit. Amen.*

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*Upon entering the nave, silence should be observed in order to allow all to prayerfully prepare for the presence of the LORD and the reception of His gifts.*

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## Grant Peace, We Pray, in Mercy, Lord

Ralph C. Schultz (b. 1932)

(For your meditation: LSB 777, 778)

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# Confession and Absolution

## Hymn of Invocation

## 569 In Adam We Have All Been One



1 In Ad - am we have all been one, One huge re - bel - lious man;  
2 We fled Thee, and in los - ing Thee We lost our broth - er too;  
3 But Thy strong love, it sought us still And sent Thine on - ly Son  
4 O Thou who, when we loved Thee not, Didst love and save us all,



We all have fled that eve - ning voice That sought us as we ran.  
Each sin - gly sought and claimed his own; Each man his broth - er slew.  
That we might hear His Shep - herd's voice And, hear - ing Him, be one.  
Thou great Good Shep - herd of man - kind, O hear us when we call.

5 Send us Thy Spirit, teach us truth;  
Thou Son, O set us free  
From fancied wisdom, self-sought ways,  
To make us one in Thee.

△ 6 Then shall our song united rise  
To Thine eternal throne,  
Where with the Father evermore  
And Spirit Thou art one.

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*Stand*

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

## Invocation

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

**C** Amen.

*\*At the name of Jesus you may bow your head slightly in reverence.*

## Exhortation

LSB 184

- 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.**

*Kneel/Stand*

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

## Confession of Sins

LSB 184

- 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.**

## Absolution

LSB 185

- 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.**

*Stand*

# Service of the Word

## Introit

*Psalm 91:1-2, 9-10, 13; antiphon: vv. 15a, c, 16*

When he calls to me, I will | answer him;\*  
I will rescue him and | honor him.  
With long life I will sat- | isfy him\*  
and show him my sal- | vation.  
*He who dwells in the shelter of the | Most High\**

will abide in the shadow of the Al- | mighty.  
 I will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my | fortress,\*  
 my God, in | whom I trust."  
 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.  
 You will tread on the lion and the | adder,\*  
 the young lion and the serpent you will trample | underfoot.



### Gloria Patri

LSB 186

**C** Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;  
 as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

### Kyrie

LSB 186

**C** Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -  
 on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

*The Gloria in Excelsis is omitted during Lent.*

### Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** And with thy spir - it.



**P** Let us pray.

**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** A - men.

*Sit*

## 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.

**P** The Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.



<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.



*Jesus Ministered to by Angels,  
James Tissot, 1886-1894*

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.



**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

## Nicene Creed

**C** 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.**

*Sit*

**Hymn of the Day**

**656 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God**



1 A might - y for - tress is our God,  
 2 With might of ours can naught be done,  
 3 Though dev - ils all the world should fill,  
 4 The Word they still shall let re - main



A trust - y shield and weap - on;  
 Soon were our loss ef - fect - ed;  
 All ea - ger to de - vour us,  
 Nor an - y thanks have for it;



He helps us free from ev - 'ry need  
 But for us fights the val - iant One,  
 We trem - ble not, we fear no ill;  
 He's by our side up - on the plain



That hath us now o'er - tak - en.  
 Whom God Him - self e - lect ed.  
 They shall not o - ver - pow'r us.  
 With His good gifts and Spir - it.



The old e - vil foe Now means  
 Ask ye, Who is this? Je - sus  
 This world's prince may still Scowl fierce  
 And take they our life, Goods, fame,



dead - ly woe; Deep guile and great might  
 Christ it is, Of Sab - a - oth Lord,  
 as he will, He can harm us none.  
 child, and wife, Though these all be gone,



Are his dread arms in fight; On earth  
 And there's none oth - er God; He holds  
 He's judged; the deed is done; One lit -  
 Our vic - t'ry has been won; The King -



is not his e - qual.  
 the field for - ev - er.  
 the word can fell him.  
 dom ours re - main - eth.

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## Sermon

(See worksheet on p.27)

Pr. von Hindenburg

## Votum

- P** The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ \*Jesus.
- C** Amen.

## Offering

**A Stewardship thought for Invocavit:** Matt. 4:7 – *Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.' "* Jesus defeats Satan in our place – not by using His power as God but by His perfect obedience in His perfect humanity. Jesus defeats Satan – not by miracles but by quoting the Scriptures and living according to it. This should cause us great joy for two reasons. First, because we see Jesus win the victory for us. Second, because here Jesus shows us how to stand in that victory – on the Word of God alone.



*Stand*

## Offertory

LSB 192

**C** Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -  
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

## Prayer of the Church

*Response to petitions is, 'Lord, have mercy'.*

- ❏ Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ \*Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

*Brief silence (In Christian freedom, you may kneel, stand, or sit during the Prayer.)*

For all who dwell in the shelter of the Most High through Baptism into Christ, that they would continue to receive the forgiveness, life and salvation He delivers in His Church via His Holy Word and Sacraments, let us pray to the Lord:

- ❏ For all pastors in Christ, that they would commend themselves as servants of God and, by truthful speech and the power of God, preach the Gospel of \*Jesus Christ with conviction and a sense of urgency, let us pray to the Lord:
- ❏ For all those being tempted to doubt their Christian faith, that they would be filled with the Holy Spirit and find comfort, peace and assurance in the One who overcame Satan's temptations in the wilderness, let us pray to the Lord:
- ❏ For Donald, our president; Gavin, our governor; and all those who serve us at the federal, state and local levels of government, that they would serve with integrity and honor, and for the benefit of all, let us pray to the Lord:
- ❏ For the sick and shut-in, the hospitalized and recovering, and for all those currently undergoing trials and tribulations in this vale of tears, *especially Abai, Alice, Angie, Anita, Bonnie, Charles, Charlotte, Clinton, Cynthia, Dalton, David, Debra, Deneice, Edward, Gerald and Lois, Irmgard, James, Janice, Jod, Johnathan, Katheryn, Katrina, Ken, Kristopher, Lucy, Lynette, Marc, Marie, Marilyn, Marion and her family, Marjorie, Martin, Melessa, Michele, Nickole, Olivier, Philip, Phillip, Rodgers, Royce, Stephanie, Stephen, Susan, Susie, and Tuomo* that they would be comforted by, and find refuge in, the sure and certain promise that nothing can separate them from the love of God, which is theirs through \*Jesus Christ, let us pray to the Lord:
- ❏ For those who come to the holy altar this day, that they would receive the very body and blood of Christ in repentance and faith, with reverence and awe, and to their abundant blessing, let us pray to the Lord:
- ❏ For all the faithful who have departed this world in faith, let us give thanks to the Lord; and for those of us who remain in this valley of the shadow of

death, that Your holy angels would be with us, so that the evil foe may have no power over us, let us pray to the Lord:

- P** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through \*Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.
- C** Amen.

## Service of the Sacrament

*The Blessed Sacrament is given to us by God to strengthen and preserve against the assaults of the devil. The Sacrament is also a pledge and constant reminder of the One who not only has overcome the devil, but also promises to fight him for us in our flesh*

**PASTORAL CARE AND HOLY COMMUNION:** At The Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, we celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Altar every Lord's Day. In this Sacrament, we joyfully receive Christ's true Body and Blood, under bread and wine, for the forgiveness of our sins.

As we celebrate the Sacrament, we also give public confession of our unity in the Christian faith (1 Cor. 10). Members in good standing of congregations of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod and congregations in which the LCMS is in Altar/Pulpit fellowship are asked to announce themselves to the pastor prior to the service. All others are invited to speak with the pastor regarding preparation for communion fellowship with the Evangelical Lutheran Church. Those who are baptized but not receiving communion are invited to come forward for a blessing, kneeling with arms crossed at your heart.

Please be assured that we do so not out of spiritual arrogance, but rather in a sincere desire to be faithful to our Lord's command and the apostles' teaching. For more information, please take one of the trifold brochures in the Narthex entitled, "Why?" Sacraments and Closed Communion. For scriptural reference regarding our Communion practice, please see the laminated cards located in the hymnal/Bible holder on the back of the pew.

### Preface

LSB 194



**P** The Lord be with you.



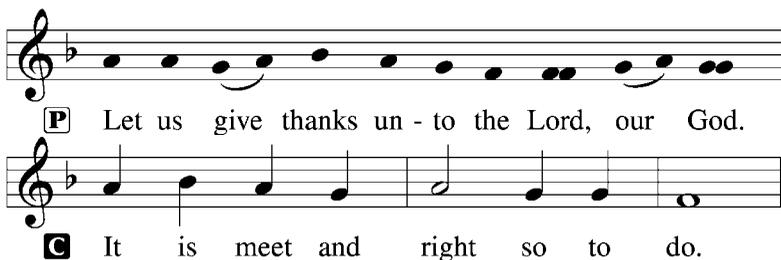
**C** And with thy spir - it.



**P** Lift up your hearts.



**C** We lift them up un - to the Lord.



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

**C** It is meet and right so to do.

### Proper Preface (Abbreviated)

*LSB 194*

**P** It is truly meet, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising You and saying:

### Sanctus

*LSB 195*



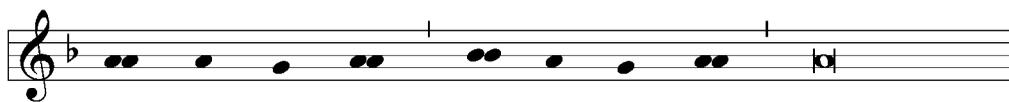
**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;  
 heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,  
 ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,  
 bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.  
 Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

### Lord's Prayer

*LSB 196*



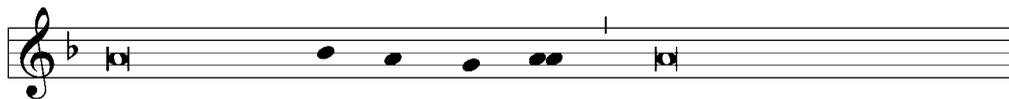
**P** Our Father who art in heav - en, hal - low - ed be Thy name,



Thy king - dom come, Thy will be done on earth as it



is in heav - en; give us this day our dai - ly bread;



and forgive us our tres - pass - es as we forgive those who



tres - pass a - gainst us; and lead us not in - to



temp - ta - tion, but deliver us from e - vil.



**C** For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the



glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

## The Words of Our Lord

*LSB 197*



**P** Our Lord Je - sus Christ, on the night when He was be - trayed, took bread,



and when He had giv - en thanks, He broke it and gave it to the

dis-ci-ples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  $\dagger$  bod - y, which is giv-en for you.

This do in re-mem - brance of Me." In the same way al - so

He took the cup after sup - per, and when He had giv-en thanks, He gave it

to them, say - ing: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in

My  $\dagger$  blood, which is shed for you for the for-give-ness of sins.

This do, as often as you drink it, in re-mem-brance of Me."

### Pax Domini

LSB 197

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.

**C** A - men.



### Agnus Dei

LSB 198

**C** O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the

world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that  
 tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us.  
 O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the  
 world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

*Sit*

### Distribution

*Responses when receiving the true body and very blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and when your table is dismissed are:*

*LSB 199*

#### **Amen, Amen and Amen.**

*When all have communed, you will be invited to stand, and the following is said:*

### The Dismissal

*LSB 199*

**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.

### Nunc Dimittis

*LSB 199*

**C** Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-

cord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,

which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,

a light to light - en the Gen - tles and the glo - ry of Thy

peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and

to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,

is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A - men.

## Thanksgiving

*LSB 200*

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

**B** and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

## Post-Communion Collect

**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** A - men.

## Salutation

*LSB 201*



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.

## Benedicamus

*LSB 202*



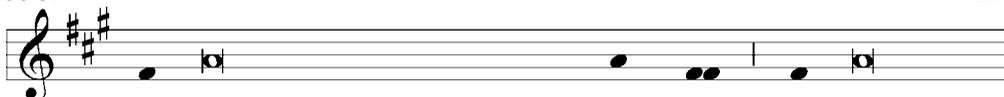
**A** Bless we the Lord.



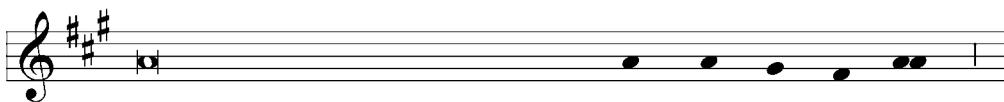
**C** Thanks be to God.

## Benediction

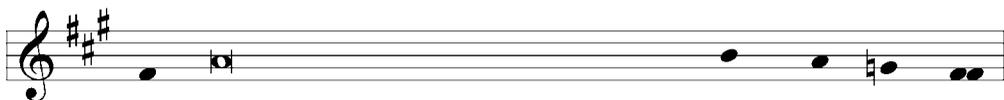
*LSB 202*



**P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.



The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and  $\text{✠}$  give you peace.



**C** A-men, a-men, a - men.

*Sit*

### Hymn to Depart

### 424 O Christ, You Walked the Road



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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*As the postlude is played, all will follow Pastor down the center aisle to the narthex as we greet one another there.*

### A Mighty Fortress is Our God

*Helmut Walcha (1907-1991)*

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# Parish Announcements

## + Christian Education +

**WE GATHER TO HEAR GOD'S WORD**—"Your word I have hidden in my heart, that I might not sin against You. Blessed are You, O Lord! Teach me Your statutes." (Psalm 119:11-12.)

**Each week the faithful gather to receive the Word of their Lord.**

In addition to our **Divine Service** on Sunday at 10 am, and **Matins** on Tuesday at 11 am, we have opportunities to gather and study God's Holy Word:

**Adult Bible Classes:** Sunday at 8:30 and Tuesday at 11:30

**Sunday School (ages 3+):** Sunday at 8:30

**Confirmation and Membership Classes:** As requested

## STEWARDSHIP

23 Feb Attendance: 33

Adult Bible Class/SS: 13

Altar Guild today: Marie

Next week: Nannette

Greeters today: Stephanie & Marc

Next week: Norm & Royce

**Church Council Meeting is after the *Amani* on March 15<sup>th</sup>!**

**Lent has begun which means a return of **Midweek Services!****



**Make midweek services part of your family's repentant preparation for the celebration of Holy Easter.** Please plan to join us on **Wednesday nights at 6:00 for Soup Suppers and 7:00 for Vespers** as we go through the theme of *Eyes on Jesus*. Remember that our pastor is participating in a pulpit exchange with other wonderful, faithful men for this year's midweek services, so do come early enough each Wednesday to meet and chat with the visiting pastor.

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Pastor</u> | <u>from Parish</u>      | <u>Soup Hostess</u> |
|-------------|---------------|-------------------------|---------------------|
| 04 March    | Marin         | Immanuel, Redondo Bch   | Gayle               |
| 11 March    | Toma          | Redeemer Huntington Bch | Anita               |
| 18 March    | Percy         | Trinity, Whittier       | Royce               |
| 25 March    | Pierson       | St. Paul's, Long Beach  | Stephanie           |
| 01 April    | von H         | <i>our own</i>          | Susie               |

[Soup Hostesses – please be here in order to start serving at 6, and see Gayle with any questions.

***THANK YOU for sharing and serving in this way!***

## THE HOLY FORTY-DAY FAST OF LENT

began on Ash Wednesday. The words of the prophet Joel admonish the chosen people of God to true repentance, not an external repentance to be seen by others, but a tearing of heart in anguish over sin, all the while trusting in God's Gospel promise. Lent is a period of 40 days before Easter characterized by intensified meditation upon God's Word, prayer, confession and absolution. Forty is a number that teaches us about our earthly pilgrimage and our struggle against sin, death, and the devil. For 40 days, the earth was cleansed from sin in the great Flood. For 40 years the Israelites wandered in the wilderness. For 40 days, our Lord fasted and prayed in the wilderness before embarking on His three-year ministry. During our 40 days of Lent, our hearts, minds, and affections are fixed upon Christ and His call to repentance and forgiveness for the renewal of our Christian faith and life.



## LENT IS A GOOD TIME TO BEGIN OR INCREASE

participation in worship and catechesis. Invite your friends and family who have not been to Divine Service in a while, and resolve to attend each Sunday and Wednesday in Lent to receive Christ's gifts in Preaching and His Supper.



## TODAY IS MITE SUNDAY

Drop off your coins; get a sweet treat!

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!! LUTHERAN BIBLE TRANSLATORS VISIT

We are privileged to have **Paul Federwitz** with Lutheran Bible Translators join us on **Tuesday, March 10**, for our Matins service at 11:00 a.m. Paul will speak about his work with LBT at our Bible Study time at 11:30 a.m. The **Lutheran Women's Missionary League** of The Good Shepherd have been supporters of Paul and his family, living in Ghana, Africa, for several years and you may remember them visiting in the past with their three children! Paul serves as a computer consultant to missionaries and organizations in both Ghana and Liberia. Please take this opportunity to learn more about his and LBT's work in Africa in words and pictures. LUNCH will be served after his presentation! I would especially like to see some of our **LWML** women attend. Hope to see you there! - *Gayle Tarr*



## ALTAR GUILD – MARK YOUR CALENDARS

There will be an AG meeting after the *Amani* on Sunday, March 23.



## **LUTHER QUOTES FOR THE WEEK**

"This is written for our comfort, that we may know that many angels minister also to us, where one devil attacks us; if we fight with a knightly spirit and firmly stand, God will not let us suffer want, the angels of heaven would sooner appear and be our bakers, waiters, and cooks and minister to all wants." (*Church Postils, Invocavit*)



This Gospel is read today at the beginning of Lent in order to picture before Christians the example of Christ, that they may rightly observe Lent, which has become mere mockery: first, because no one can follow this example and fast forty days and nights as Christ did without eating any food. Christ rather followed the example of Moses, who fasted also forty days and nights, when he received the law of God on mount Sinai. Thus Christ also wished to fast when he was about to bring to us, and give expression to, the new law. In the second place, Lent has become mere mockery because our fasting is a perversion and an institution of man. For although Christ did fast forty days, yet there is no word of his that he requires us to do the same and fast as he did. Indeed he did many other things, which he wishes us not to do; but whatever he calls us to do or leave undone, we should see to it that we have his Word to support our actions. (*Excerpt from Sermon for Invocavit*)



## **PATRISTIC QUOTE FOR THE DAY from St. Augustine**

"In Christ you were tempted, for Christ received his flesh from your nature, but by his own power gained salvation for you; he suffered death in your nature, but by his own power gained life for you; he suffered insults in your nature, but by his own power gained glory for you; therefore, he suffered in your nature, but by his own power gained victory for you." (*from a Homily for Invocavit*)

**GOOD THOUGHT FROM GERHARD**...in light of the Invocabit Gospel: It is very profitable for the faithful soul to be tested and confirmed in the faith by temptations, whilst tarrying in this world. Our Savior Himself was willing to wrestle with the devil in the wilderness, in order that He might overcome Him for us and for our salvation and thus be our faithful Champion in all our conflicts with the tempter. Before He ascended to heaven He descended into hell as its Conqueror, and so the faithful soul must first descend into the very lowest depths of temptation, before ever it can ascend to the glories of heaven.

-*Johann Gerhard, Sacred Meditations, XL. "The Advantages of Temptations"*



## MUSIC FOR INVOCAVIT

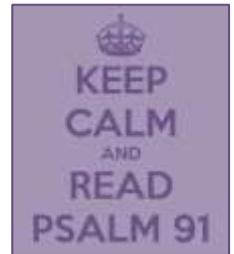


The “Battle Hymn of the Reformation” is Luther’s paraphrase of Psalm 46. Christians are soldiers in the war against “the old evil foe,” who “Now means deadly woe,” and who has no equal on earth; they have dire need of spiritual armor (Ephesians 6.10–17) and a fortress that is the LORD. No one can stand before this foe, but he has been defeated by the right man, Jesus Christ, upon the cross. Since Satan is the accuser and father of lies (John 8.44; Revelation 12.10), Luther tells us the word that can destroy him and his works, “LIAR” (see *Against Hanswurst*, AE XLI, 186). Though the devil would snatch away the Word of God, yet that Word forever stands firm

alongside the Spirit and his gifts. The gifts and promises of Christ are so great they surpass any loss that Christians have, even of “goods, fame, child, and wife.” The kingdom of God, his church, still belongs to those who believe in Christ, now and into eternity. —Rev. Fr. Thomas Lock, kantor; Trinity Evangelical-Lutheran Church—Denver, CO

## THE PSALM FOR THIS WEEK IS PSALM 91. PRAY IT EVERY DAY!

What a fitting Psalm to pray throughout the week when we contemplate Our Lord’s fasting and temptation. In it we boldly confess that Our Lord delivers us from every evil, past, present and to come. The angels (v 11), the “feathers” of His “wings” (v 4) and even His “shadow” (v 1) He uses for your protection and rescue. Therefore we gladly make the Lord our habitation (v 9), the One in whom we trust (v 2), and the One we call upon in trouble (v 15). For He delivers us and satisfies us with the long life of eternal salvation. (v 15-16)



## THANKS TO ALL Y'ALL

for the outpouring of Christian love by donating new socks and undies to our [LWML](#) for the Orphan Grain Train's Undie Sunday effort to be distributed from its Lancaster facility to the needy in Southern California and Arizona, and spread to the border areas.



## UPCOMING CELEBRATIONS

Baptismal Birthday – **March 3**: Kristopher Wedding Anniversary – **March 5**: Dick & Alice Birthday – **March 7**: Marion

## We Pray For . . .

**Abai:** *friend of Pr&K* – guidance and comfort (K)

**Alice** – recovering from surgery

**Angie:** *K's cousin* – recovery from fall

**Anita** – grieving the death of her mother

**Bonnie:** *Pr's cousin* - liver cancer

**Charles:** *Pr's brother* – heart issues

**Charlotte:** *Jamesetta's mother, wife of Pr. Kollie* – financial, strength (L)

**Clinton** – recovering from surgery; grieving

**The Conrad Family** – *our missionaries in Mexico*

**Cynthia** – our TGSLC shut-in

**Dalton** – chronic sciatica

**David** - DD shut-in

**Debra:** *Jod's cousin* - recovering from cancer

**The DeGroot Family and St. Andrew's Lutheran Church** – *our missionaries in Albuquerque*

**Deneice** – breast cancer recovery

**Rev. Ed Killian** – recovering from systemic bacterial infections

**Gerald and Lois:** *friends of Marlene* – cancer (Gerald); strength and comfort in the loss of 2 sons

**Irmgard:** *friend of Pr&K* – 89 y.o. with heart, lung, and vision issues

**Rev. James Kollie:** *Jamesetta's father and our Missionary in Liberia*; wisdom and strength (L)

**Janice:** *member at St Philip Compton* – breast cancer recovery

**Jod** – peace of mind, attacks from the Enemy, recovery from auto/bike accident, health

**Johnathan** – strengthening of faith; continued remission

**Katheryn:** *Karina's mother* - various health issues

**Katrina** – pneumonia

**Ken:** *friend of Pr&K* – wisdom

**Kevin** – at university

**Kristopher** – bronchiolitis

**Lucy** – peace of mind, strength, life as a refugee, new studies (K)

**Lynette** – strengthening of faith; chronic health issues



**Marc** – complications with diabetes

**Marie** – recovering from surgery

**Marilyn:** *Stephen's mother* - various health issues

**Marion and her family** – various health issues around the country

**Marjorie:** *mother of Pr. Rob't Green* – 87 y.o. in final stages of bladder cancer

**Martin:** *friend of Karina* – financial, various health (K)

**Melessa:** *friend of Steph* – swallowing difficulties

**Michele:** *friend of Pr&K* – strength

**Nickole:** *friend of Steph* - breast cancer treatment

**Olivier:** *friend of P&K* – studies, general health

**Philip:** *friend of Marlene and Stephanie* – metastasized colon cancer

**Phillip Magness:** *our missionary to Francophone Africa*

**Rodgers:** *friend of Pr&K* – employment (K)

**Royce** – health issues

**Stephanie:** bronchitis

**Stephen** – COPD, other health issues

**Susan:** *friend of Pr&K* – financial, good health (K)

**Susie** – auto accident

**Tuomo Simojoki:** *our LHF missionary in Kenya* – severe attacks from the Enemy as he shares the Word in East Africa (K)

**Walter Steele** – *our LCMS missionary to Matongo Seminary, Kenya* (K)

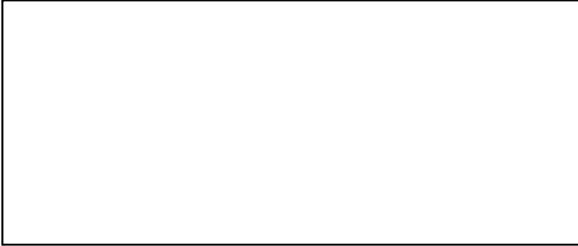
(K) – *person living in Kenya*

(L) – *person living in Liberia*

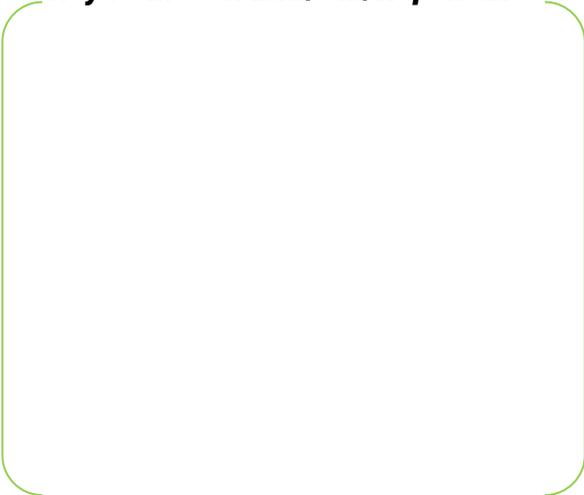
You may notice we have an extensive prayer list. **It is our joy to pray for you!** Check out the **Picture Board in the Narthex** of those for whom we are praying, to put faces to names. If you'd like someone to be added, or one of yours removed, just let Karina know.

# Sermon Notes

Scripture Text



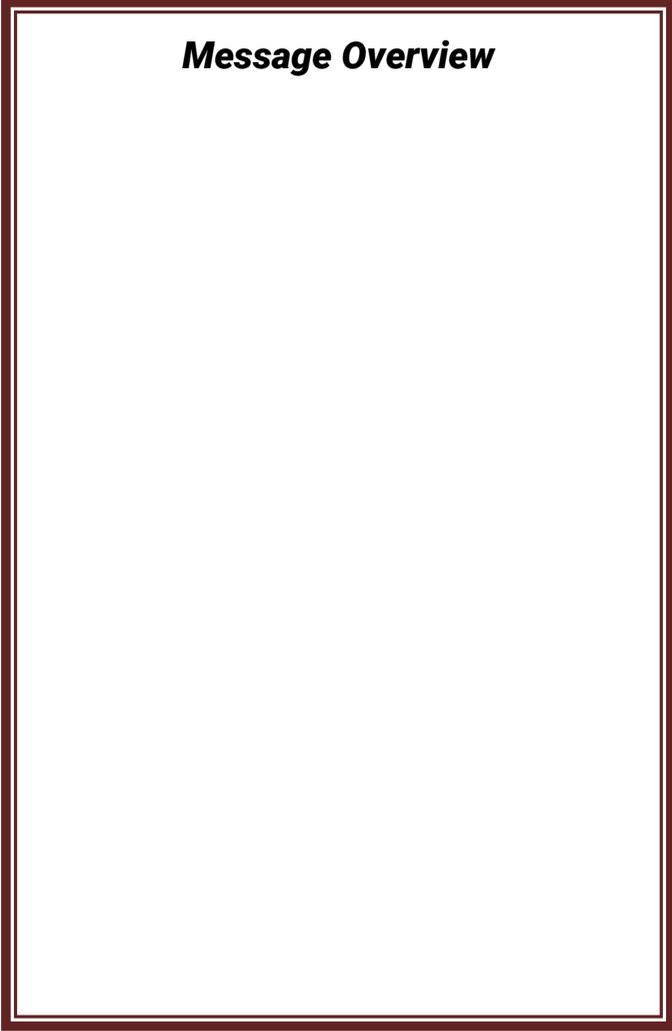
**Key Points on Law/Sin/Repentance**



**Key Points on Gospel/Grace/Love**



**Message Overview**



Things to Study Further

