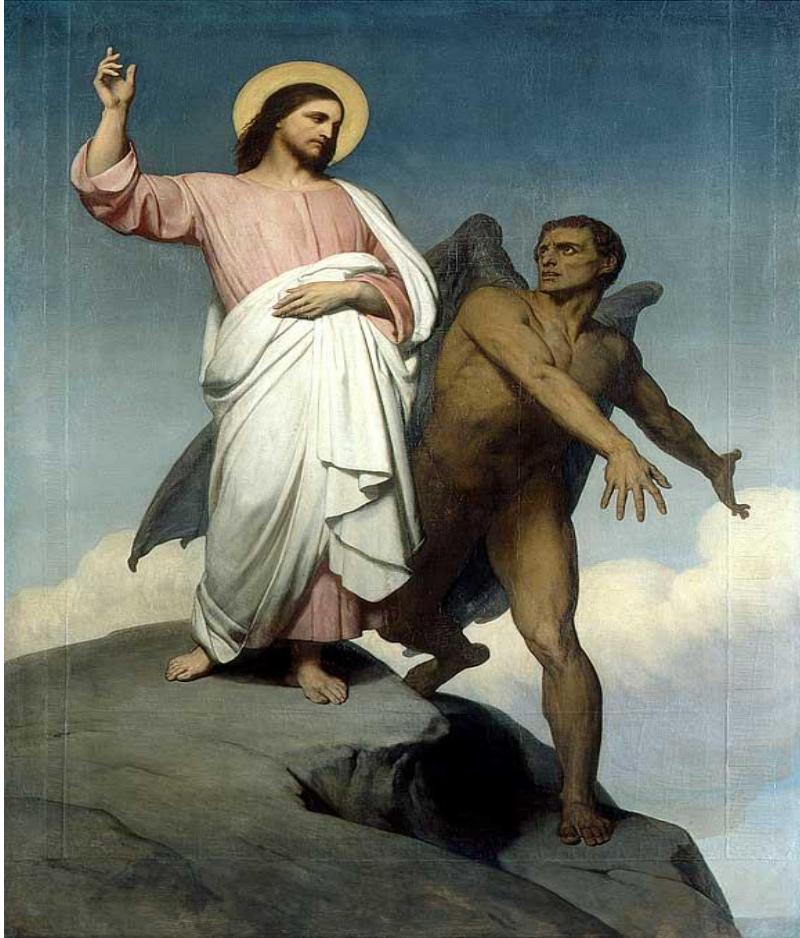


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# The Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

“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.*

### +Worship Notes+

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

**Welcome to weekly Divine Service at The Good Shepherd Lutheran Church!** 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 morning, 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. 13

Please see more notes on the Service and for the facility below and on pgs 22ff

**PLEASE:** 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.

### **Stay Home when Sick**

If you are sick or are exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19, please stay home. If you start to experience symptoms while in attendance at a service or out anywhere else, please go home immediately, exiting down the side aisle, if possible. If at a service, notify an Usher on your way out so we may direct our cleaning and communication efforts.

### **Facility and Service Modifications**

**Until Further Notice Include, But Are Not Limited to:**

**Narthex:** Do not congregate here at any time

**Masks:** to be worn at all times in the presence of others

**Distancing:** Please maintain six feet of separation unless in same household.

**No food or drink** served after the service.

**No Sunday** Adult Bible Class or Sunday School.

**Bulletin:** Pick one up for each individual upon entry, maintaining physical distancing from others in front of you.

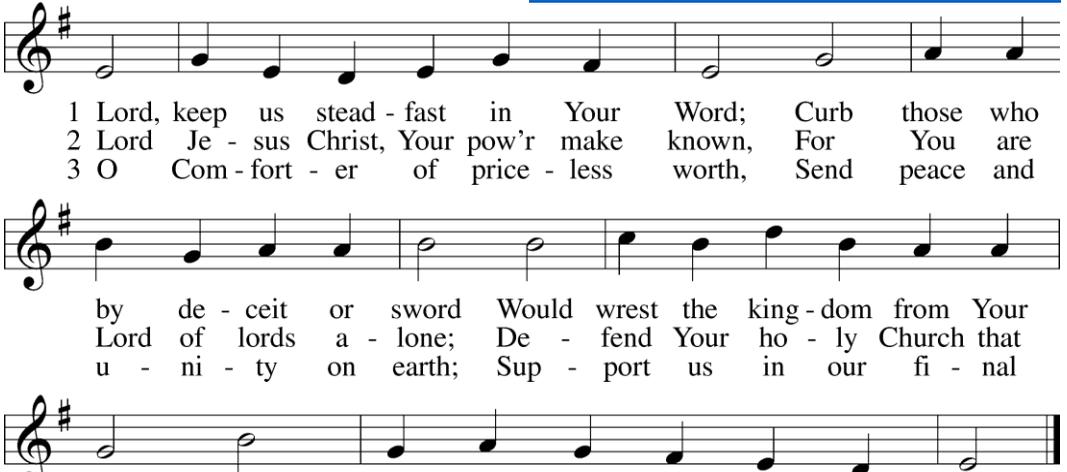
Hymns and liturgy are complete in the bulletin.

**Seating:** In any open (non-taped) pew on either side of the center aisle.

**No Tuesday** Matins or Bible Class.

# Confession and Absolution

Hymn

655 Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word


1 Lord, keep us stead - fast in Your Word; Curb those who  
 2 Lord Je - sus Christ, Your pow'r make known, For You are  
 3 O Com - fort - er of price - less worth, Send peace and

by de - ceit or sword Would wrest the king - dom from Your  
 Lord of lords a - lone; De - fend Your ho - ly Church that  
 u - ni - ty on earth; Sup - port us in our fi - nal

Son And bring to naught all He has done.  
 we May sing Your praise e - ter - nal - ly.  
 strife And lead us out of death to life.

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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.

## 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 is omitted during the season of 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.

## 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;

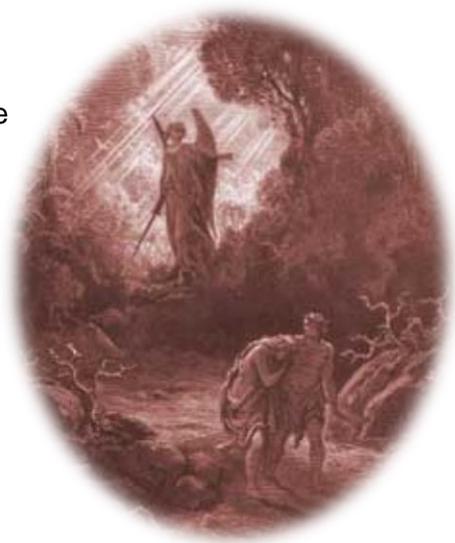
<sup>18</sup>thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you;  
and you shall eat the plants of the field.

<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** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.



## Gradual

*Psalm 91:11–12*

*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.*

## Epistle

*Hebrews 4:14–16*

<sup>14</sup>Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens,  
Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. <sup>15</sup>For we do not have a high  
priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every  
respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. <sup>16</sup>Let us then with confidence  
draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help  
in time of need.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

*\*The Alleluia is omitted during the season of Lent\**

## Holy Gospel

Matthew 4:1-11

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



**C** Glo - ry be to Thee, 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.



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

## Nicene Creed

**☩ 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

## 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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## Sermon

Pastor Killian

## Votum

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

Offering *Collected in the back of the church.*

*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".*

- P** In peace, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
  
- P** For the Lord's guidance, that as God led His ancient people through the desert and brought them to the Promised Land, we may follow our Savior through the wilderness of this world and toward the glory of the world to come, let us pray to the Lord:
- P** For new and contrite hearts, that we may receive God's absolution lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, yet in the confidence that He disdains nothing He has made and forgives the sins of those who are penitent, let us pray to the Lord:
- P** For the Church, her ministers and her people, that God would stretch forth the right hand of His majesty to defend us from those who rise up against her, let us pray to the Lord:
- P** For all catechumens and their teachers, all children and their parents, and every Christian home, that God would preserve them from the assaults of the evil one and, as Christ overcame Satan in the desert by the Word of God, also give us the victory through Him and His Word, let us pray to the Lord:
- P** For peace, that as we sojourn in the wilderness of this earth, God would by His might defend us and our nation against all enemies, let us pray to the Lord:
- P** For the needy, the sick and the troubled *especially Abai, April, Charles, Cynthia, Dalton, David, Debra, Faith, Irmgard, James, Jamesetta, Jod, Johnathan, Karen, Katheryn, Lucy, Lynette, Margie, Marie, Marion and her family, Martin, Rex, Rodgers, Stephen, Susan, and Susie*; and that God would send His holy angels to protect and keep us in His ways, that no evil may befall us, let us pray to the Lord:
- P** For all who commune this day, that as God once covered the sin of our first parents with animal skin, foreshadowing Christ's perfect sacrifice by which we are cleansed and clothed, He would give us the garments of repentance and faith to receive Christ's body and blood for the forgiveness of all our sins, let us pray to the Lord:

**P** Lord God, heavenly Father, inasmuch as the adversary continually afflicts us and as a roaring lion walks about, seeking to devour us: We implore You for the sake of the suffering and death of Your Son, Jesus Christ, to help us by the grace of the Holy Spirit and to strengthen our hearts by Your Word, that our enemy may not prevail over us, but that we may evermore abide in Your grace and be preserved unto everlasting life; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Service of the Sacrament

### 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



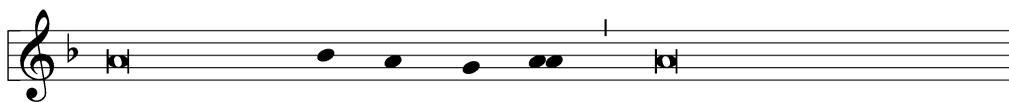
**P** Our Father who art in heav - en, hal - low - ed be Thy name,



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



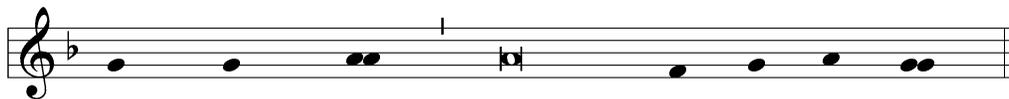
is in heav - en; give us this day our dai - ly bread;



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



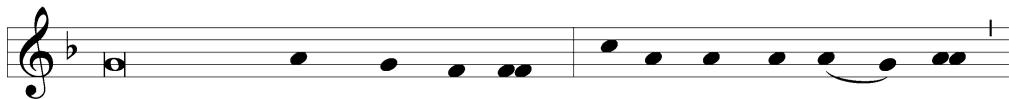
**P** Our Lord Je - sus Christ, on the night when He was be - trayed, took bread,



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  $\text{†}$  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 † 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



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

*Please approach the altar from the center aisle, and return to your seat via the side aisle. Please keep your mask on and remove only for the moments to receive the Sacrament.*

*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 - tiles 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 with - out end. A - men.

### Thanksgiving

LSB 200

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

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

### Post-Communion Collect

**P** Let us pray.

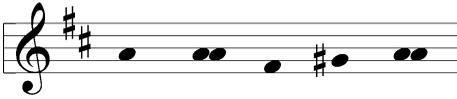
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You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

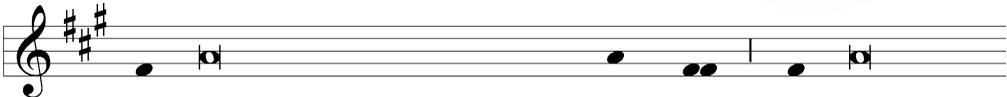


**C** Thanks be to God.

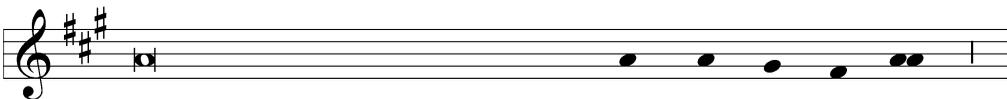


## Benediction

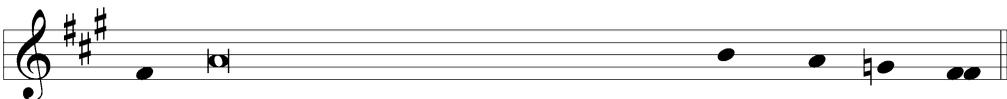
LSB 202



**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 ✠ give you peace.



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

# Hymn to Depart

# 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 other 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.  
 tle word can fell him.  
 dom ours re - main - eth.

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*As the postlude is played, you will be ushered from your pew.  
 So that this may be done orderly, please wait in your pew until approached.  
 Please do not congregate in the Narthex, and please wait until you are outside the building for conversations.*

## A Mighty Fortress Is Our God BWV 720

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

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## **MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES**

**Lent I - February 24<sup>th</sup> at 7pm**

**Lent II - March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7pm**

**Lent III - March 10<sup>th</sup> at 7pm**

**Lent IV - March 17<sup>th</sup> at 7pm**

**Lent V - March 24<sup>th</sup> at 7pm**

**Maundy Thursday – April 1<sup>st</sup> at 7pm**

**Good Friday – April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7pm**



## **Thank You for Your Offerings - Ways to Give**

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# ✠ THIS WEEK'S NOTES ✠

## Announcements

+Last Sunday's Attendance: 25

Midweek Attendance: 24

+Join us for midweek Lenten Vespers services on Wednesdays at 7pm.

## Synod Sentences for 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 (Gen. 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 (Mt. 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. Jesus stands as David in our place to do battle against the Goliath, Satan (1 Samuel 17:40–51). 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 Cor. 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 (Heb 4:14–16).

### Lutherans for Life Thoughts for the First Sunday in Lent

Satan's temptations of Jesus reveal his main tactic—make that which is bad look good. These days he spends much time making death look good; abortion is good and the way out of a difficult situation; assisted suicide is good and the way to relieve suffering. But death is not good! It is the curse of sin! It is our enemy. But just as Jesus defeated Satan, so He has defeated death. We can trust and live in His victory.

Prayer: *Jesus, may Your Word be ever on our hearts and lips that we might resist the snare of the devil. Amen.*

### An Excerpt from Martin Luther's Sermons

"The Scriptures present to us two kinds of true fasting: one, by which we try to bring the flesh into subjection to the spirit, of which St. Paul speaks in 2 Cor. 6:5, 'In labours, in watchings, in fastings.' The other is that which we must bear patiently, and yet receive willingly because of our need and poverty, of which St. Paul speaks in 1 Cor. 4:11, 'Even unto this present hour we both hunger, and thirst,' and Christ in Mt. 9:15, 'When the bridegroom shall be taken away from them, then will they fast.' This kind of fasting Christ teaches us here while in the wilderness alone without anything to eat, and while He suffers His penury without murmuring. The first kind of fasting, one can end whenever he wills, and can satisfy it by food; but the other kind we must observe and bear until God Himself changes it and satisfies us. Hence it is much more precious than the first, because it moves in greater faith." *From Martin Luther's Sermon for Invocavit*

## Stewardship Thought for the First Sunday in Lent

**Matthew 4:4 – “But he answered, ‘It is written,’ “Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.” ”** What good are all the things of this world (food, drink, house, home, wealth, etc.) if we lose the things of God? What’s more important? How should our priorities be arranged?

### A Prayer for the Week

Lord God, heavenly Father, inasmuch as the adversary does continually afflict us, and as a roaring lion walks about, seeking to devour us: We beseech You for the sake of the suffering and death of Your Son, Jesus Christ, to help us by the grace of the Holy Spirit, and to strengthen our hearts by Your Word, that our enemy may not prevail over us, but that we may evermore abide in Your grace, and be preserved unto everlasting life; through the same, Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever. Amen.

### 1517 Lenten Series

***The Seed of the woman is he who will crush the head of the evil one and restore man to a right and proper relationship with God.***

The Old Testament Lesson for this Sunday is written in the first book of the Torah, Genesis. The text is Genesis 3:1-21 and includes the temptation and fall into sin, the curses which follow, the Gospel promise of the Messiah and the expulsion from the Garden of Eden. There is so much going on in this lengthy pericope that we must be careful not to try to cover every detail in our preaching, lest there be a rebellion in the pew when the hour mark is hit.

This text provides an excellent opportunity to preach the separation/reunion motif of Scripture since all the details are here. In the beginning all is good and right; man and God dwell together, walk together, speak to one another face to face. This is the perfect relationship between God and man and Satan is unable to leave it alone. So, Satan takes the form of a serpent and tempts Adam and Eve. They eat the fruit of the Tree and the sin of disobedience separates God from man. No longer will they speak face to face and walk hand in hand. They are expelled from the Garden, separated from the presence of the LORD God. As we know, the LORD does not desire this separation and does everything needful to bring an end to it. Of greatest importance is the sending of His Son, born of a woman. The Seed of the woman is he who will crush the head of the evil one and restore man to a right and proper relationship with God. God desires that man would return to the Garden to dwell with Him once again, and, this New Garden is the courts of everlasting life as revealed in Revelation 22. This pericope almost preaches itself with the entire, beautiful Law/Gospel pattern. An excellent text for the first Sunday of Lent. *Jeffrey Pulse*

## Around the Word Devotion for the Week

May be found [here](#)



# We Pray For...

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

**April:** *Karina's cousin* – COPD

**Charles:** *Bruce' brother* – heart issues

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

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

**Cynthia** – our TGSLC shut-in

**Dalton** – chronic sciatica

**David** - DD shut-in

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

**Faith:** *friend of Mary* – Stage 4 cancer

**The Paul Federwitz Family:** *LWML Support* - LBT Support in Ghana

**Irmgard:** *friend of Bruce&Karina* – 90 y.o. with heart, lung, and vision issues

**Rev. James Kollie:** Our Missionary in Liberia; wisdom and strength (L)

**Jamesetta Kollie** - kidney failure

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

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

**Karen:** *Jod's sister* – personal and family matters

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

**Lucy:** *friend of Bruce&Karina* – peace of mind, strength, life as a refugee (K)

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

**Margie:** *mother of Olaf* – recovering from hip replacement surgery

**Marie** – recovering from surgery



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

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

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

**Rev. Rex Umbenhaur:** complications with malignant intestinal mass

**Rodgers:** *friend of Bruce&Karina* – employment; health (K)

**Stephen:** *Son-in-law of Pastor&Jill* – diagnosed with Hodgkin's Lymphoma

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

**Susie** – recovery from auto accident

**The Rev. Tuomo Simojoki Family:** our LHF missionary in Kenya – forced to leave their Kenyan home due to SARS-CoV-19 and return to Finland

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

**(K)** – person living in Kenya

**(L)** – person living in Liberia

