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First Sunday  
In Lent

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At  
once  
the  
*Spirit*  
forced Jesus  
OUT INTO  
the  
*wilderness.*

Mark 1:12, CEB

# FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT SETTING TEN

9:00 A.M. ~ Sunday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024

**“GOD’S RADICAL LOVE, LIVED OUT EVERY DAY”**



*THE LORD JESUS CHRIST WELCOMES ALL who enter this house of worship! Today the risen Christ calls all to faith as we come to receive his presence and promise of forgiveness & life given in the form of Bread and Wine. During the time of offering, please sign the Friendship Pad as it is passed to you. If you are visiting today, we pray our service of worship together will be a special blessing to you as you are to us.*

## WORSHIP AIDS

**LARGE PRINT BULLETINS** are available from the ushers.

**ACTIVITY BAGS** for young children are on a stand at the rear of church; please return it after services—thank you.

**IF YOUR OFFERING** is given by bank-pay, please use the cards in the pews as a sign of your offering in the plate.

**PREFERENCE** to receiving grape juice and/or gluten free bread is indicated by raising your index finger to the server.

## GATHERING

**WE PREPARE...** *On Ash Wednesday the church began its journey toward baptismal immersion in the death and resurrection of Christ. This year, the Sundays in Lent lead us to focus on five covenants God makes in the Hebrew Scriptures and to use them as lenses through which to view baptism. First Peter connects the way God saved Noah’s family in the flood with the way God saves us through the water of baptism. The baptismal covenant is made with us individually, but the new life we are given in baptism is for the sake of the whole world.*

**PRELUDE / BELL**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the Holy Trinity, + one God, our life, our mercy, our might. **Amen.**

As we await the day of the Lord, let us confess our sin...

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God of peace,

**we confess that we are not at peace—with others or with ourselves. We bring to you all that tears us apart: discord in our families, violence in our world, our own conflicted hearts. In your mercy, mend us. Reconnect us to one another and to you. Let peace reign over all the earth, through the Prince of peace, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

1 Guide me ev - er, great Re - deem - er, pil - grim through this  
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain where the heal - ing  
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land. I am weak, but you are might - y; hold me  
 wa - ters flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me  
 fears sub - side; death of death and hell's de - struc - tion, land me

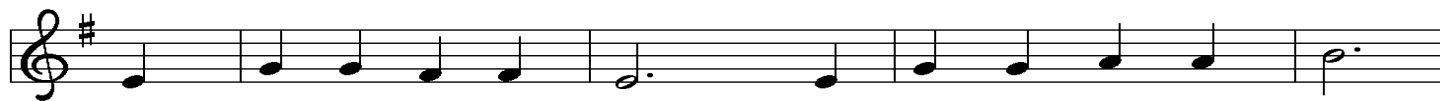
with your pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,  
 all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'rer, strong de - liv - 'rer,  
 safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs and prais - es, songs and prais - es

feed me now and ev - er - more, ev - er - more, feed me now and ev - er - more.  
 shield me with your might - y arm, might - y arm, shield me with your might - y arm.  
 I will raise for - ev - er - more, ev - er - more, I will raise for - ev - er - more.

## GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you. **And also with you.**

## KYRIE

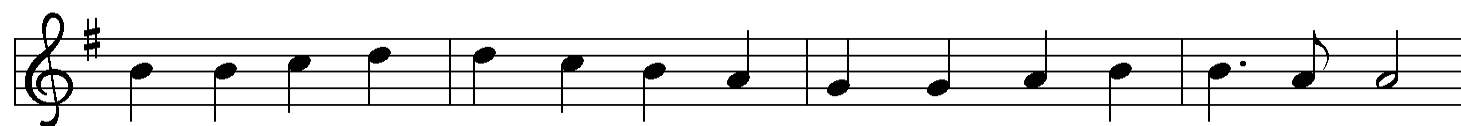


- 1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
- 2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
- 3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.  
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.  
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

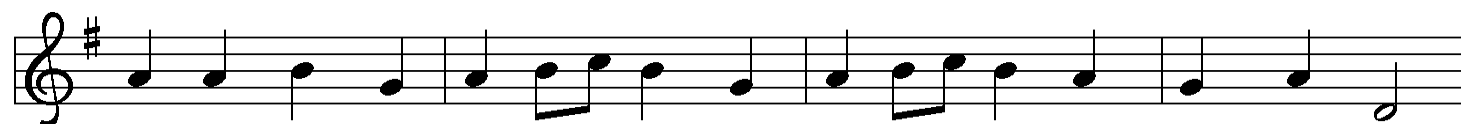
## CANTICLE OF PRAISE



- 1 Glo - ry be to God in heav - en; peace, good - will to all the earth.
- 2 Glo - ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
- 3 Ho - ly One we now ac - claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might - y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:  
Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;  
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.  
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.  
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.  
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.  
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy God, heavenly Father, in the waters of the flood you saved the chosen, and in the wilderness of temptation you protected your Son from sin. Renew us in the gift of baptism. May your holy angels be with us, that the wicked foe may have no power over us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

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## WORD

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### FIRST READING

Genesis 9:8-17

The first reading is in Genesis chapter 9, verses 8 - 17. Today's reading is the conclusion to the flood story. Because of human sin, the Lord destroys the earth by flood, saving only Noah, his family, and the animals on the ark. Yet divine destruction gives way to divine commitment. As in the first creation, God blesses humanity and establishes a covenant with all creatures.

*Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, "As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."*

The Word of the Lord      **Thanks be to God**

### SECOND READING

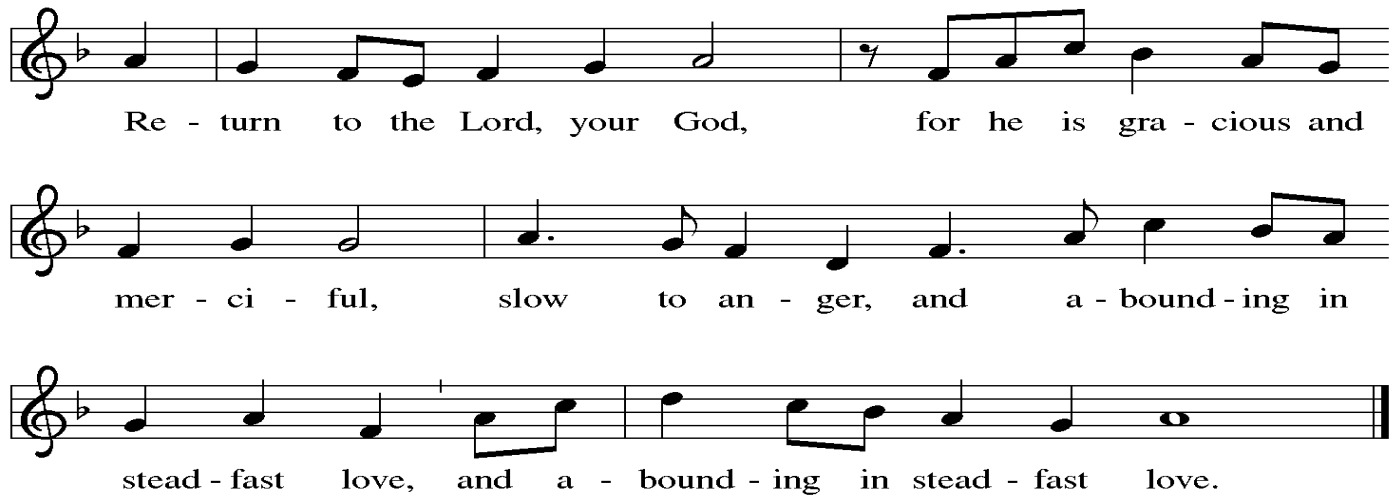
1 Peter 3:18-22

The second reading is in 1 Peter chapter 3, verses 18 - 22. As God acted through Christ's suffering and death to bring us to God, so God acts through baptism to save us from a sinful existence. This spiritual cleansing marks our new life in Christ.

*For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you — not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.*

The Word of the Lord      **Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and  
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in  
stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

## GOSPEL READING

Mark 1:9-15

The gospel is found in Mark chapter 1, verses 9 - 15. The Spirit that comes upon Jesus at his baptism sustains him when he is tested by Satan so that he might proclaim the good news of God's reign.

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."*

*And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.*

*Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near, repent, and believe in the good news."*



"The time has come," he said.

"The kingdom of God is near.  
Repent and believe the good news!"

Mark 1:15

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## MESSAGE

Pastor Grant Fischer

1 I want Je - sus to walk with me;  
 2 In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me; walk with  
 3 When I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;

me; I want Je - sus to walk with me;  
 in my tri - als, Lord, walk with me; walk with  
 when I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;

me; all a - long my pil - grim jour - ney,  
 when my heart is al - most break - ing,  
 when my head is bowed in sor - row,

Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.  
 Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me. walk with me.  
 Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.

## CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.\* On the third day he rose again;**

**he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,**

**the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION** Merciful God, receive our prayer.

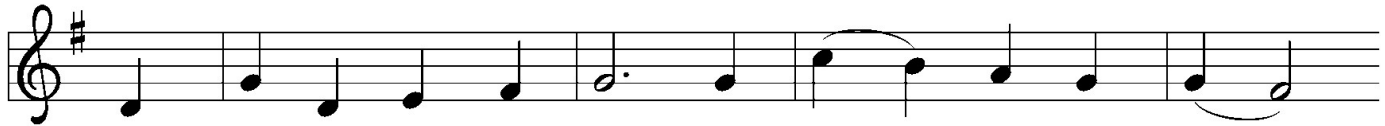
## PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

## OFFERING

*We Give Thee But Thine Own*

*ELW 686*



1 We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;  
2 May we thy boun - ties thus as stew - ards true re - ceive,  
3 The cap - tive to re - lease, to God the lost to bring,  
4 And we be - lieve thy word, though dim our faith may be:



all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.  
and glad - ly, as thou bless - est us, to thee our first - fruits give.  
to teach the way of life and peace—it is a Christ - like thing.  
what - e'er we do for thine, O Lord, we do it un - to thee.

(THE USHERS BRING UP THE OFFERING)

## OFFERING PRAYER

Holy God, the earth is yours and everything in it, yet you have chosen to dwell among your creatures. Come among us now in these gifts of bread and wine, and strengthen us to be your body for the world through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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## MEAL

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## THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast. That renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,  
 heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.  
 Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
 san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF JESUS

LORD’S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; 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.**

DISTRIBUTION

*(Please sign the Welcome Pads and pass to your neighbor.)*



PRAYER

Let us pray. Living God, you have greeted us in our brokenness and nourished us with the body of Christ, broken for us. Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Risen to new life with you, send us now to bear your healing love into the wounded world, in the name of our risen Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

*(The offering is brought forward by the ushers.)*

**SENDING**

**BLESSING**

May God who has called us forth from the dust of the earth, and claimed us as children of the light, strengthen you on your journey into life renewed. The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord’s face shine upon you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you ☩ peace. **Amen.**

1 Lord Je - sus, think on me, and purge a - way my sin;  
 2 Lord Je - sus, think on me, by anx - ious thoughts op - pressed;  
 3 Lord Je - sus, think on me, nor let me go a - stray;  
 4 Lord Je - sus, think on me, that, when the flood is past,  
 from self - ish pas - sions set me free and make me pure with - in.  
 let me your lov - ing ser - vant be and taste your prom - ised rest.  
 through dark - ness and per - plex - i - ty point out your cho - sen way.  
 I may the e - ter - nal bright - ness see and share your joy at last.

**DISMISSAL** Marked with the cross of Christ, go forth to love and serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**OUR THANKS TO ALL WHO SERVE THE BODY OF CHRIST**

SUNDAY	9:00 am Sunday Worship	6:30 pm Wednesday Worship
Accompanist	Mary Mulry	Mary Mulry
Acolytes	Shea Evers	Kaden Braun
Readers	Sue Pedersen	Levi Johnson
Communion Assistants	Larry Baumgardt & Mark Miller	*****
Sound Techs	Russ Sorensen	Russ Sorensen
Greeters	Eric & Juliann Wahborg	Jacob Fulmer & Brayden Heiderscheidt
Ushers	Dennis Mangan & Mike Petersen	Kaylie & Natalie Fulmer
Altar Guild	Joleen Dittbenner	



The Boards of Trinity cordially invite you to join us for supper each week before the evening service and Church School at 6:30.

We are raising funds to support Summer Church Camp with the help of Thrivent Action Teams

Meals are served from 5:30 pm – 6:15 pm each Wednesday  
 Cost for the meal is a Free Will Offering

February 21<sup>st</sup>: Choice of Four Soups, Bread, Beverage and Dessert  
 Youth Child Friendly Option

All Wednesday Lenten service offerings are designated for the **General Fund**. Quarter folders and/or film canisters are available to fill with coins. The **Lenten quarter folders** as well as the **Lenten supper donations** have been designated for Green Lake Bible Camp Scholarships. Please donate. Camp is costly.



We will celebrate "Breaking Bread Together" today after fellowship at 11:00. Evangelism will meet Wednesday, February 21<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 am at church.

February 18, 2024

## Lent is a time to say no to sin and yes to Jesus.

### DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These readings are related to the Lectionary readings for this Sunday.

We invite you to take time each day to read the assigned Bible passages.

Sunday	Mark 1:9-15	The temptation of Jesus
Monday	Matthew 4:1-11	Jesus is tempted by Satan
Tuesday	Luke 22:39-46	Pray that you will not fall
Wednesday	1 Corinthians 10:1-13	God will provide a way out
Thursday	Hebrews 2:10-18	Christ helps those tempted
Friday	James 1:12-18	Do not be deceived
Saturday	Psalms 77:1-15	Prayer for God's help
Sunday	Mark 8:31-38	Jesus predicts his death



### SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

**Christ died for sins once and for all time. The One who did what is right died for those who don't do right. He died to bring you to God.** 1 Peter 3:18

### **SAY, PRAY AND BLESS:**

A Prayer for the Week:

Lord God, help us when we are tempted today. Make us strong through you and others so that we may do what is right. Amen. (Mark 1:12-13)

Mealtime Prayer:

For food in a world where many walk in hunger; for faith in a world where many walk in fear; for friends in a world where many walk alone - we give you thanks, O Lord. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May God help you when you are tempted and lead you along his good path. Amen.

### CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your household or small group:

- What is temptation? Share about a time when you felt tempted.
- Jesus spent 40 days in the desert where he was tempted by the devil. What do you think it was like for Jesus to spend that time alone in the desert?
- Why is it important for us that Jesus said no to the devil's temptations?
- How did Jesus overcome the devil's temptations? How does God help us when we are tempted?

### DEVOTIONS

Ash Wednesday begins the season of Lent. The weeks of Lent are a time to refocus our lives on God. One important spiritual practice that Christians emphasize during Lent is prayer. Make this Lent a time of prayer for others. Cut out 36 pieces of paper (one for each of the remaining days of Lent), and on each one write the name of a person your household can pray for during Lent. Place these into a jar and mix them up. Each day of Lent, pull out a slip from the jar and ask God to care for and bless the person named.

### SERVICE

As a Lenten practice, many people choose to give up something they usually enjoy. Decide together to give up a special food item that you would normally buy each week, or to set aside the money you would usually have spent on eating out. At the end of March, use what you have saved to buy food items to donate to a community food shelf or food pantry serving the needy.

### RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Make a "crown of thorns" wreath to serve as a home devotional feature. Make or purchase a grapevine wreath (or equivalent) to use as the base. Insert six purple candles, one for each remaining week of Lent, and a white candle to represent Christ. Light one candle the first week, two candles for the week after, and so on. Begin Holy Week (on Palm Sunday) with all of the six purple candles lit, then extinguish one candle each night thereafter. Light the Christ candle as you celebrate Jesus' resurrection on Easter Sunday.

This week, read 1 Peter 3:18 (*Scripture Verse for the Week*) as you light the first candle. Then say this prayer together: Lord Jesus, thank you for dying to free us from sin, once and for all time. Thank you for bringing us back to God. Amen.

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***Please take your bulletin home for weekly family devotional time***

