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The First Sunday in Lent ~ Invocabit
✠ THE SUNDAY OF THE TEMPTATION ✠
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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).

Communing at this Altar

The Lord's Supper is celebrated and offered here every Lord's day!

**Guests wishing to join our confession and receive this Holy Sacrament now, and in the future, are asked to meet with the pastor before communing.*

Because we consider communing at this altar a public declaration of fellowship in what our church believes, teaches, and confesses, we welcome to commune those who:

- ✠ are baptized into the Name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (Mt 28:19);
- ✠ confess Jesus Christ as their personal Savior from sin;
- ✠ discern the Lord's Body and Blood as truly present, together with the bread and wine (1 Cor 11:29), as taught by The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod in the Small Catechism;
- ✠ examine themselves and repent, as instructed in the Scriptures (1 Cor 11:28);
- ✠ believe the words of Jesus, "*Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins*" (Mt 26:28);

If this is *not* your confession, or you're seeking a church home and wish to learn more about Trinity, our Pastor will gladly meet with you after the service. In the meantime, we welcome you forward for a blessing during the distribution. Simply come forward and, when kneeling, ***cross your arms over your chest***, indicating that you'd like to receive a blessing.

As you commune, select either the individual cup or the common chalice.

Communicants who cannot easily come to the altar will be communed in the pew.

Please notify an usher or the Pastor beforehand if you need such assistance.

To help prepare yourself to receive the Lord's Body and Blood you may read "[Christian Questions with Their Answers](#)" found on pages 329 and 330 of the hymnal.

LENTEN RUBRICS

*During the forty days of Lent, God's baptized children cleanse their hearts through the disciplines of Lent: **repentance, prayer, fasting, and almsgiving**. Lent is a time in which God's people prepare with solemn joy for the Paschal Feast (Easter). During this preparation we restrain our joy liturgically by omitting the Greater Gloria ("Glory to God in the Highest...") and the "alleluias".*

✠ THE DIVINE SERVICE ✠

Setting Three, Lutheran Service Book, p.184

ENTRANCE HYMN ~ O Lord, Throughout These Forty Days

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△ Please stand and face the cross as it enters.

✠ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION ✠

INVOCATION

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

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

C Amen.

Matthew 28:19

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. Our help is in the name of the Lord,

[Hebrews 10:22]

C who made heaven and earth.

Psalm 124:8

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

C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Psalm 32:5

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

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

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

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

C Amen.

✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

INTROIT

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



Ch. When He calls to me, I will | answer Him; *

I will rescue Him and | honor Him.

C With long life I will sat- | isfy Him*
and show Him my sal- | vation.

Ch. He who dwells in the shelter of the | Most High*

Will abide in the shadow of the Al- | mighty

C I will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my | fortress,*
My God, in | whom I trust."

Ch. Because you have made the LORD your | dwelling place – *

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

¹¹ 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

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;

**You may genuflect
in reverence of the incarnation*

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 ~ *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

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SERMON

Stand

OFFERTORY ~ *Create in Me a Clean Heart O Lord*

Psalm 51:10-12



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.

Sit

OFFERING

The offering is a joyful response of faith. It should be free, generous, and offered with thanksgiving to God.

The offering today goes toward the work and mission of the Church.

Guests, especially, should not feel obliged to give.

Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

[1 Timothy 2:1-4]

After each petition respond: "Hear our prayer."

✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

C And with your Spirit.

P Lift up your hearts.

Colossians 3:1

C We lift them up unto the Lord.

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

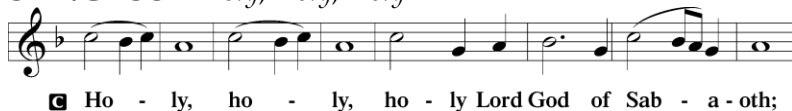
Psalm 136

C It is meet and right so to do.

P It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS ~ Holy, Holy, Holy

Isaiah 6:3, Matthew 21:9



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

Matthew 6:9-13

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.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Mt 26:26-28; Mk 14:22-24; Lk 22:19-20; 1 Cor 11:23-25

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PAX DOMINI ~ *The Peace of the Lord*

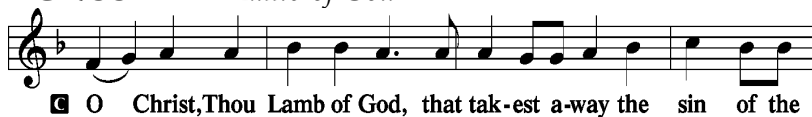
John 20:19

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

C Amen.

AGNUS DEI ~ *Lamb of God*

John 1:29



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

Please take a moment and read 'COMMUNING AT THIS ALTAR' in the front cover of the bulletin.
 Guests are invited to please speak with the Pastor before communing for the first time.

Prayer Before Reception of Holy Communion

O Lord, I am not worthy that You should enter under my roof; but speak only Your Word, and my soul will be healed. I will take the Bread of Heaven and call upon the Name of the Lord. What shall I give to the Lord for all that He has given to me? I will take the Cup of Salvation and call upon the Name of the Lord. Amen.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS ~

<i>The Tree of Life with Ev'ry Good</i>	561
<i>All Mankind Fell In Adam's Fall</i>	562
<i>O Christ, You Walked The Road</i>	424
<i>Christ, The Lord Of Hosts, Unshaken</i>	521

Prayer After Reception of Holy Communion

I live, and yet not I, but Christ lives in me. What we have received with our mouths, O Lord, let us keep with faithful hearts, that this Gift given us in earthly time may bring us to eternal salvation. Amen.

Additional prayers to prepare for receiving the Sacrament are found in the front cover of the hymnal.

Stand

NUNC DIMITTIS ~ Song of Simeon

Luke 2:29-32

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 without end. A - men.

THANKSGIVING

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

C and His mercy endures forever.

A 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 fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

SALUTATION and BENEDICAMUS

P The Lord be with you.

C and with thy Spirit.

A Bless we the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

C Amen. Amen. Amen.

Numbers 6:24-26

△ Please remain standing and face the cross in reverence as it processes out.

CLOSING HYMN ~ *Jesus, Lead Thou On*

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TRINITY MIDWEEK LENT & EASTER SCHEDULE

Divine Service ~ Wednesdays, 11:00 am

Light Supper ~ Wednesdays, 5:45-6:30pm

Private Absolution ~ Wednesdays, 5:30-6:30 pm

Vespers ~ Wednesdays, 7:00 pm

3/12 ~ Midweek II

3/19 ~ Midweek III

3/26 ~ Midweek IV

4/2 ~ Midweek V

4/9 ~ Midweek VI

Holy Week Services:

(No meals during Holy Week)

4/14 ~ Holy Monday, 7pm

The Passion According to St. Matthew

4/15 ~ Holy Tuesday, 7pm

The Passion According to St. Mark

4/16 ~ Holy Wednesday, 7pm

The Passion According to St. Luke

4/17 ~ Maundy Thursday, 7pm

4/18 ~ Good Friday Chief Service, 12pm

Good Friday Tenebrae Service, 7pm

4/19 ~ Easter Vigil, 8pm

4/20 ~ Easter Sunday, 9am

Easter Sunday Feast, 11:00am

*“On my heart imprint Your image, Blessed Jesus, King of grace,
That Life’s riches, cares, and pleasures Never may Your work erase;
Let the clear inscription be: Jesus, crucified for me,
Is my life, my hope’s foundation, And my glory and salvation!” (LSB 422)*