

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

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PRELUDE 8:15
10:45

Liebster Jesu, Wir Sind Hier
Praise The Lord

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WELCOME

OPENING HYMN 8:15

Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

Pastor Penny
LSB 904 (vv. 1, 3-4)

- 1 Blessèd Jesus, at Your Word We are gathered all to hear You.
Let our hearts and souls be stirred Now to seek and love and fear You,
By Your teachings, sweet and holy, Drawn from earth to love You solely.

- 3 Gracious Savior, good and kind, Light of Light, from God proceeding,
Open now our heart and mind; Help us by Your Spirit's pleading.
Hear the cry Your Church now raises; Hear and bless our prayers and praises.

- 4 Father, Son, and Spirit, Lord, Praise to You and adoration!
Grant that we may trust Your Word, Confident of our salvation,
While we here below must wander, Till we sing Your praises yonder.

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10:45

Holy Water
I Am Not Alone

Cash et al.
Davis et al.

OPENING

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: It was in this triune name of God that we were baptized—

People: the name of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Pastor: As we begin our Lenten journey, we remember our Baptism.

People: We remember we were washed and forgiven.

Pastor: We remember we were made members of God's family.

People: We remember we were united with Jesus.

CONFESSION AND GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Pastor: **(do not print/project)** Though we are baptized and united with Jesus, we often act as if we were separated from Jesus. There are times when we fall prey to Satan and his temptations. There are times when sin reigns within us. Still, our heavenly Father is merciful, and He invites us to draw near to Him in repentance, asking for forgiveness.

(Brief silence for reflection on God's Word and personal confession)

Pastor: Together we confess:

People: Heavenly Father, we have ignored Your help in resisting Satan and His temptations. We have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. And so You call us to lives of repentance. Have mercy on us. Forgive our sins, and lead us in righteousness, on account of Jesus. Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son, Jesus Christ, to endure temptation, suffering, and death for us and our salvation; for His sake God forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

KYRIE

Pastor: In peace let us pray to the Lord

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People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

People: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. **(do not print or project)** 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.

People: Amen.

GOD SPEAKS TO US IN HIS WORD

Genesis 22:1-18

22 After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." **2** He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you." **3** So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac. And he cut the wood for the burnt offering and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. **4** On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar. **5** Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy will go over there and worship and come again to you." **6** And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together. **7** And Isaac said to his father Abraham, "My father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" **8** Abraham said, "God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So they went both of them together.

9 When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. **10** Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. **11** But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." **12** He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." **13** And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. **14** So Abraham called the name of that place, "The LORD will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided."

15 And the angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven **16** and said, "By myself I have sworn, declares the LORD, because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, **17** I will surely bless you, and I will surely multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of his enemies, **18** and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice."

James 1:12-18

12 Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him. **13** Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am being tempted by God," for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one. **14** But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. **15** Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death.

16 Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers. **17** Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. **18** Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

MEMORY VERSE OF THE MONTH

Mark 2:27-28 "The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath. So the Son of Man is lord even of the Sabbath."
[Jesus to the Pharisees]

VERSE FOR LENT

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Return to the Lord, your God, for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and abounding in steadfast love.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to Mark the 1st chapter.

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Mark 1:9-15

⁹ In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰ And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. ¹¹ And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

¹² The Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. ¹³ And he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. And he was with the wild animals, and the angels were ministering to him.

¹⁴ Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, ¹⁵ and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand;⁵ repent and believe in the gospel."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven And sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From where He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit; The holy Christian Church, the communion of saints; The forgiveness of sins; The resurrection of the body; And the life everlasting. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**GOD'S MESSAGE FOR YOU**

Journey to the Cross: Sacrifice Matters

*Mary Pat Moeller
 Pastor Patton*

THE OFFERING OF GIFTS AND SIGNING OF FRIENDSHIP PADS

Everyone, please sign the friendship pad, then pass the pad from the outside aisle to the inside aisle.

MUSICAL OFFERING

*Be Still
 Sanctuary Choir*

M. McDonald

PRAISES AND PRAYERS**CHRIST COMES TO US IN HOLY COMMUNION**

† 8:15 THE PREFACE (We Begin the Order of the Sacrament)

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Pastor: (do not print or project) It is truly good, 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 singing:

THE SANCTUS (Our God is Holy)

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Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:
 Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
 Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.
 Blessèd is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
 Hosanna in the highest.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Pastor: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgement. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

THE 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.

THE PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.


THE AGNUS DEI (The Lamb of God takes away our sin)

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Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

 **DISTRIBUTION** Holy Communion is offered in individual cup format. *The lighter colored individual cups are a non-alcoholic wine.*
 All who believe in the special meaning of Holy Communion are invited.

Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord

LSB 637

- 1 Draw near and take the body of the Lord, And drink the holy blood for you outpoured.
 Offered was He for greatest and for least, Himself the victim and Himself the priest.
- 2 He who His saints in this world rules and shields, To all believers life eternal yields;
 With heav'nly bread He makes the hungry whole, Gives living waters to the thirsting soul.
- 3 Come forward then with faithful hearts sincere, And take the pledges of salvation here.
 O Lord, our hearts with grateful thanks endow As in this feat of love You bless us now.

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The Lamb

LSB 547

- 1 The Lamb, the Lamb, O Father, where's the sacrifice?
 Faith sees, believes God will provide the Lamb of price!
Refrain: Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me His own!
 The Lamb is reigning on His throne!
- 2 The Lamb, the Lamb, One perfect final offering.
 The Lamb, the Lamb, Let earth join heav'n His praise to sing. **Refrain**
- 3 The Lamb, the Lamb, As wayward sheep their shepherd kill
 So still, His will On our behalf the Law to fill. **Refrain**

4 He sighs, He dies, He takes my sin and wretchedness.
He lives, forgives, He gives me His own righteousness. **Refrain**

5 He rose, He rose, My heart with thanks now overflows.
His song prolong Till ev'ry heart to Him belong. **Refrain**

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O Christ, You Walked the Road

LSB 424

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

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Lord of Our Life

LSB 659

- 1 Lord of our life and God of our salvation,
Star of our night and hope of ev'ry nation:
Hear and receive Your Church's supplication, Lord God Almighty.
- 2 See round Your ark the hungry billows curling;
See how Your foes their banners are unfurling
And with great spite their fiery darts are hurling, O Lord, preserve us.
- 3 Lord, be our light when worldly darkness veils us;
Lord, be our shield when earthly armor fails us;
And in the day when hell itself assails us, Grant us Your peace, Lord:
- 4 Peace in our hears, where sinful thoughts are raging,
Peace in Your Church, our troubled souls assuaging,
Peace when the world its endless war is waging, Peace in Your heaven.

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10:45

***Holy Spirit
Come As You Are***

*Torwalt, Torwalt
Glover, Crowder, Maher*

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 165

Lord, now You let Your servant go in peace; Your word has been fulfilled.
My own eyes have seen the salvation which You have prepared in the sight of ev'ry people:
A light to reveal You to the nations and the glory of Your people Israel.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this Meal. Help us to resist temptation by daily reminding us of our identity as Your baptized children; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

THE BENEDICTION**CLOSING HYMN 8:15*****Great Is Thy Faithfulness****LSB 809*

1 Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father; There is no shadow of turning with Thee.
 Thou changest not: Thy compassions, they fail not; As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be.
Refrain: Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see;
 All I have needed Thy hand hath provided; Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

2 Summer and winter and springtime and harvest, Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
 Join with all nature in manifold witness To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. **Refrain**

3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
 Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! **Refrain**

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