

The First Sunday of

LENT

March 9, 2025



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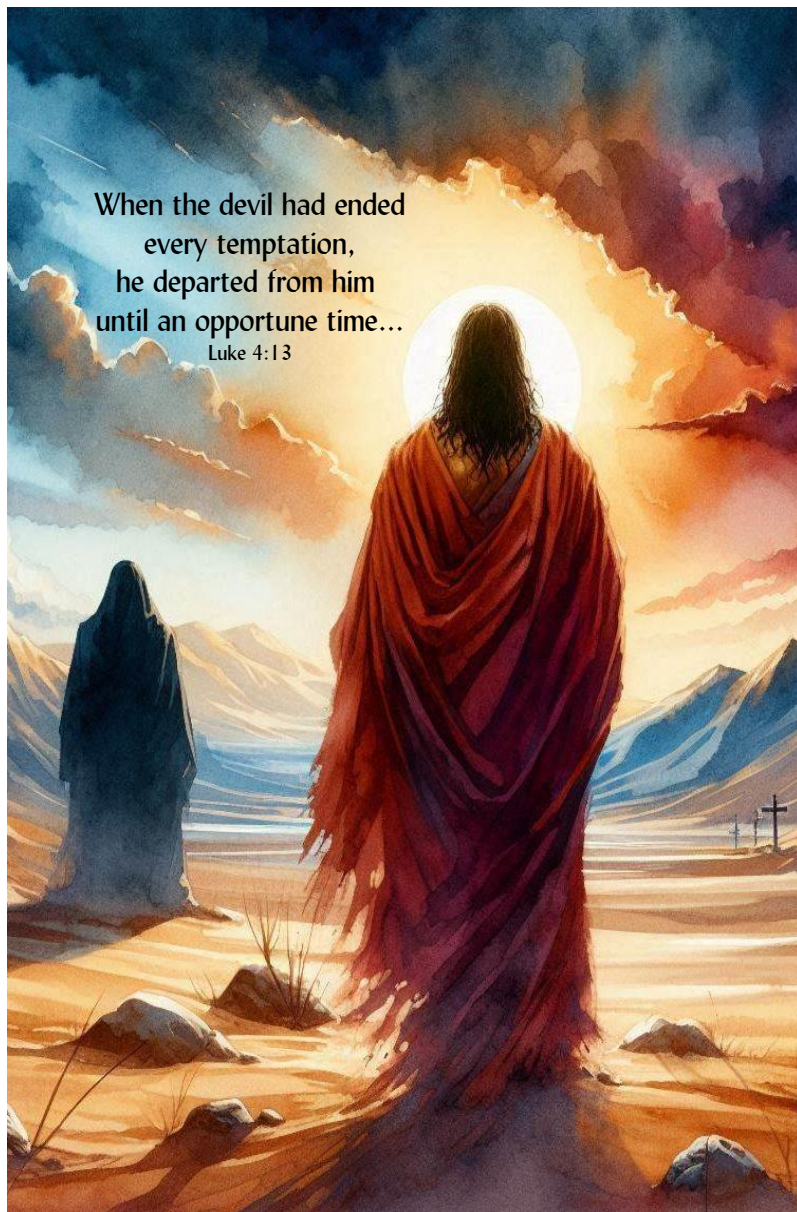
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every temptation,
he departed from him
until an opportune time...
Luke 4:13



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PRELUDE

"A Mighty Fortress"

Johann Nikolaus Hanff

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"A Mighty Fortress"

LSB 657



1 A might - y for - tress is our God, A sword and shield vic -
2 No strength of ours can match his might. We would be lost, re -
3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land All threat'-ning to de -
4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, No thanks to foes, who



to - rious; He breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod And wins sal -
ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, Whom God Him -
your us, We trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; They can - not
fear it; For God Him - self fights by our side With weap - ons



va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe Has sworn to
self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be? The Lord of
o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage; In bat - tle
of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house, Goods, hon - or,



work us woe. With craft and dread - ful might He
hosts is He, Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord, God's
we'll en - gage. His might is doomed to fail; God's
child, or spouse, Though life be wrenched a - way, They



arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.
on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.
judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.
can - not win the day. The King - dom's ours for - ev - er!

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INVOCATION Mt 28:19

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

People:  Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

Pastor: The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge,

People: my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. *Psalm 18:2*

Pastor: He will cover you with His feathers, and under His wings you will find refuge;

People: His faithfulness will be your shield. *Psalm 91:4*

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *Joel 2:13*

Pastor: Return to the LORD, your God, for He is gracious and merciful,

People: slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.

Pastor: O Lord, our gracious and merciful Father,

People: we confess our unworthiness to be in Your presence. Our sins of thought, word, and deed leave us hopeless without Your saving work in our lives. Hear us as we call out for mercy and grace. Save us by the power of Your name. Help us find our refuge in the cross of Your only Son. By Your steadfast love, draw us to Jesus that we worship You with cleansed minds and hearts. In His saving name, we pray. Amen.

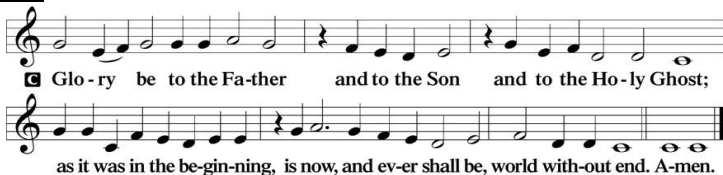
Pastor: In the mercy of the Lord our God, we are redeemed by Jesus Christ, and in Him we are fully and freely forgiven. Since He alone is our refuge and fortress, we find peace in the forgiveness earned for all people by Jesus' death and resurrection. Upon this your confession, as a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: ♪ Amen.

THE INTROIT *Psalm 91:9–12; antiphon: v. 15*

Pastor/Choir: When he calls to Me, I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will rescue him and honor him. Because you have made the LORD your dwelling place—the Most High, who is my refuge—no evil shall be allowed to befall you, no plague come near your tent. For He will command His angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways. On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.

THE GLORIA PATRI



LENTEN KYRIE (spoken)

Pastor: Lord, have mercy.
People: Be our shelter.
Pastor: Christ, have mercy.
People: Be our protection.
Pastor: Lord, have mercy.
People: We trust in You.

The Hymn of Praise is omitted during the season of Lent

THE SALUTATION 2 Timothy 4:22

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: 
And with thy spir - it.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Almighty God, You sent Your Son to be tempted by the devil, and by the power of Your Holy Word alone He defeated the old, evil foe for us. Increase our faith and confidence in Your mighty Word to be a lamp to our feet and a light to our path, that we may endure all temptation and remain true to Your call as members of Your family and the household of faith; 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 Word †

With the First Sunday in Lent, we mark the first week of our journey to the cross.

Remembering how God delivered His people of old from their slavery to freedom, we are called to stand in the strength of Jesus and the Word of God before the tempter's power. From Deuteronomy, we hear how Israel recalled their journey in the wilderness and their deliverance at the hand of the Lord. In Romans, Paul describes how near the Word of the Lord is to us and how all who call on the name of the Lord will be saved. In the Gospel, we hear how Jesus went from the Jordan into the wilderness where He was tempted by the devil and answered him with the Word of the Lord.

OLD TESTAMENT

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

(The people of God are directed to remember their journey in the wilderness and how the Lord brought them to the land of promise.)

¹ "When you come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you for an inheritance and have taken possession of it and live in it, ² you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from your land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket, and you shall go to the place that the LORD your God will choose, to make his name to dwell there. ³ And you shall go to the priest who is in office at that time and say to him, 'I declare today to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the

LORD swore to our fathers to give us.’ ⁴Then the priest shall take the basket from your hand and set it down before the altar of the LORD your God.

⁵ “And you shall make response before the LORD your God, ‘A wandering Aramean was my father. And he went down into Egypt and sojourned there, few in number, and there he became a nation, great, mighty, and populous. ⁶And the Egyptians treated us harshly and humiliated us and laid on us hard labor. ⁷Then we cried to the LORD, the God of our fathers, and the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. ⁸And the LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with great deeds of terror, with signs and wonders. ⁹And he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰And behold, now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground, which you, O LORD, have given me.’ And you shall set it down before the LORD your God and worship before the LORD your God. ¹¹And you shall rejoice in all the good that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house, you, and the Levite, and the sojourner who is among you.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

Romans 10:8b-13

(The word of faith is near us and that all who call on the name of the Lord shall be saved.)

⁸But what does it say? “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. ¹¹For the Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.” ¹² For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. ¹³For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM @9am

“Christ Went Up Into the Hills Alone”

*Roberta Bitgood
The Cathedral Choir*

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 4:1-13

(Jesus journeys into the wilderness.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 4th chapter.

People:



G Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

¹ And Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness ² for forty days, being tempted by the devil. And he ate nothing during those days. And when they were ended, he was hungry. ³ The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread." ⁴ And Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone.'" ⁵ And the devil took him up and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time, ⁶ and said to him, "To you I will give all this authority and their glory, for it has been delivered to me, and I give it to whom I will. ⁷ If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." ⁸ And Jesus answered him, "It is written,

"You shall worship the Lord your God, and him only shall you serve."

⁹ And he took him to Jerusalem and set him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, ¹⁰ for it is written,

"He will command his angels concerning you, to guard you," ¹¹ and "On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone."

¹² And Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.'" ¹³ And when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from him until an opportune time.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People:



CONFESSION OF FAITH @9am Large Catechism

Martin Luther

Pastor: There are the great, grievous perils and temptations which every Christian must bear, even if they come one by one.

People: **As long as we remain in this vile life in which we are attacked, hunted, and harried on all sides, we are constrained to cry out and pray every hour**

Pastor: that God may not allow us to become faint and weary and to fall back into sin, shame, and unbelief.

People: **Otherwise it is impossible to overcome even the least temptation.**

Pastor: This then is "leading us not into temptation" when God gives us power and strength to resist, even though the tribulation is not removed or ended.

People: **For no one can escape temptations and allurements as long as we live in the flesh and have the devil prowling around us.**

Pastor: Accordingly we Christians must be armed and prepared for incessant attacks.

People: **At such times your only help or comfort is to take refuge in the Lord's Prayer**

Pastor: and to appeal to God from your heart,

People: **"Dear Father, Thou hast commanded me to pray; let me not fall because of temptation."**

Pastor: But the efficacy of prayer consists in our learning also to say "Amen" to it—that is, not to doubt that our prayer is surely heard and will be granted.

THE ORDER OF HOLY BAPTISM @10:30am

LSB 595 v. 5

♪ **Christ, holy Vine, Christ, living Tree, Be praised for this blest mystery:
That Word and water thus revive And join us to Your Tree of Life.**

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*Baptized in God's House today is **Skye Soleil Stefanski**
Her parents are Brandon Stefanski and Karlie Witbrodt,
Her godparents are Tara Taylor, Lauren Verbiscus Rowe, Zac Wick*

HYMN OF THE DAY

"It is Well with My Soul"

LSB 763



1 When peace, like a riv - er, at - tend - eth my way; When
2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, Let
3 He lives— oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; My
4 And, Lord, haste the day when our faith shall be sight, The



sor - rows, like sea bil - lows, roll; What - ev - er my lot, Thou hast
this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, That Christ hath re - gard - ed my
sin, not in part, but the whole, Is nailed to His cross, and I
clouds be rolled back as a scroll, The trum - pet shall sound and the



taught me to say, It is well, it is well with my soul.
help - less es - tate And hath shed His own blood for my soul.
bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
Lord shall de-scend; E - ven so it is well with my soul.

Refrain



It is well with my soul, It is well, it is well with my soul.

SERMON

"Standing at the Crossroads"

Luke 4:1-2

Rev. D. Lee Andrzejewski, Head Pastor
Historic Trinity Lutheran Church

OFFERTORY Ps 51:10-12

♪ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

GATHERING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

We continue to gather offerings utilizing the offering receptacles (one at the back of the church and one at the Gratiot entrance in the parish hall), through the mail, and online.



VOLUNTARY

"Jesus, Lead Thou On"

Paul Manz

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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.

10:30am continues with benediction

† The Order of Holy Communion †

@9am

THE PREFACE AND PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you. 2 Tim. 4:22

People:



☐ And with thy spir - it.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts. Lam 3:41

People:



☐ We lift them up un - to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God. Ps 100:4

People:



☐ It is meet and right so to do.

Pastor: 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 saying:

SANCTUS *Is 6:3*

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♪ **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth; heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION *Mt 26:26-28; Mk 14:22-24; Lk 22:19-20; 1 Co 11:23-25*

THE PAX DOMINI *Jn 20:19*

Pastor: The peace of Lord be with you all.

People: ♪ **Amen.**

THE AGNUS DEI *Jn 1:29*

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♪ **O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace.
Amen.**

DISTRIBUTION

For those with health concerns, there are gluten free wafers and non-alcoholic white wine available.

TWO STATION COMMUNION:

If you would like to receive communion at the altar, take the path to the left before the chancel step.

If you would like to receive communion in a continuous line, take the path to the right before the chancel step.

"Glory Be to Jesus"

LSB 433

1 Glo - ry be to Je - sus, Who in bit - ter pains
2 Grace and life e - ter - nal In that blood I find;
3 Blest through end - less a - ges Be the pre - cious stream
4 A - bel's blood for ven - geance Plead - ed to the skies;

Poured for me the life - blood From His sa - cred veins!
Blest be His com - pas - sion, In - fi - nite - ly kind!
Which from end - less tor - ment Did the world re - deem!
But the blood of Je - sus For our par - don cries.

Oft as earth exulting Wafts its praise on high,
 Angel hosts rejoicing Make their glad reply.

Lift we, then, our voices, Swell the mighty flood;
Louder still and louder Praise the precious blood!

DISMISSAL

NUNC DIMITTIS

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♪ Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word,
for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all
people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost,
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

People: ♪ **and His mercy endureth forever.**

Pastor: We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through
the saving gift of Your Son's body and blood, and we humbly ask that You
would enable us to find refuge in Your holy name and, as Your baptized
children, to live holy lives according to it; through Jesus Christ, Your Son,
our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now
and forever.


People: ♪ **Amen.**

BENEDICTION *Psalm 91:1-2, Num. 6:24-26*

Pastor: He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of
the Almighty.

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

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you
and be gracious to you. The Lord † lift his countenance upon you and give
you peace.

People: 
A-men, a-men, a - men.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

"Jesus, Lead Thou On"

LSB 718

1 Je - sus, lead Thou on Till our rest is won; And al - though the
 2 If the way be drear, If the foe be near, Let not faith - less
 3 When we seek re - lief From a long-felt grief, When temp - ta - tions
 4 Je - sus, lead Thou on Till our rest is won. Heav'n - ly lead - er,

way be cheer - less, We will fol - low calm and fear - less.
 fears o'er - take us; Let not faith and hope for - sake us;
 come al - lur - ing, Make us pa - tient and en - dur - ing.
 still di - rect us, Still sup - port, con - sole, pro - tect us,

Guide us by Thy hand To our fa - ther - land.
 For through man - y a woe To our home we go.
 Show us that bright shore Where we weep no more.
 Till we safe - ly stand In our fa - ther - land.

POSTLUDE

"Toccata in E Minor"

Johann Pachelbel

A CALL TO PRAYER

Let us pray to the Lord without dishonesty, in tune with one another, pleading to Him with sighs and tears—as is fitting for His people—placed as we are between the many in this world, while lamenting those who have fallen away along with the faithful who fear it may do the same; between the weak—laid low in large numbers—and the few still standing strong. Let us pray that peace may very soon be restored to us, that peace would reach us in our dangers, and draw us away from our dark retreats. May the Lord's promises find fulfillment within us. May we see the Church restored and our salvation secured; after the rain, fair weather; after the darkness, light; after the storms and tempests, a gentle calm. Let us ask him to help us, because He loves us as a Father loves his children, and to give us the tokens of his divine power that He so freely gives. So will our oppressors be stopped from blaspheming, those who have fallen away repent, and the firm, unwavering faith of the steadfast be crowned with glory.

-St. Cyprian of Carthage (200-258 AD)

