

# 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent

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# The Season of Lent

The English word Lent is a shortened form of the Old English word *lencten*, meaning "spring season" from which we also get the word "lengthen" referring to the lengthening of daylight in spring.

The season of Lent in the church points us specifically to the redemptive work of Jesus Christ. The emphasis of Lent is not what we might give up for God. The emphasis is on what God gave up for us: his only begotten Son (John 3:16). In Lent, focusing on the passion of Christ leads us to prepare our hearts to observe the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead during Holy Week and Easter.



## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### THE OPENING HYMN

"Through Jesus' Blood and Merit" (p.11)

CW, # 445

### ORDER OF WORSHIP

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**P:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**C:** And also with you.

### CONFESSION OF SINS

**P:** God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

**C:** **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

**P:** God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called 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.

**C:** Amen.

## **PRAYER AND PRAISE**

- P:** For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.



- P:** For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.



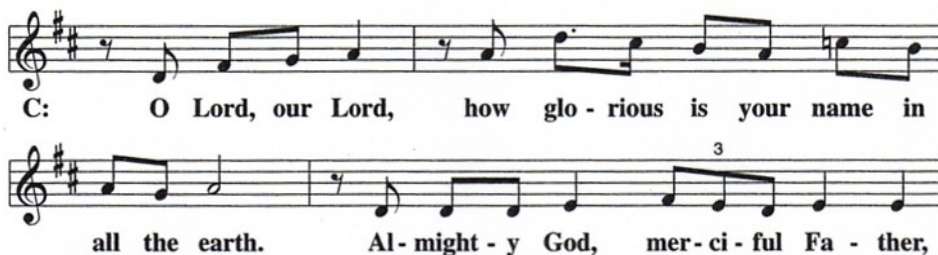
- P:** For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.



- P:** Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:



- P:** The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.



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you crown our life with your love. You take a-way our sin;  
 you com - fort our spir - it; you make us pure and  
 ho - ly in your sight. You did not spare your on - ly Son,  
 but gave him up for us all. O Lord, our Lord,  
 how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.

O Son of God, e - ter - nal Word of the Fa - ther,  
 you came to live with us; you made your Fa - ther known;  
 you washed us from our sins in your own blood. You are the  
 King of glo - ry; you are the Lord! O Lord, our Lord,  
 how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P:** Let us pray.

Lord our strength, the battle of good and evil rages within and around us, and our ancient foe tempts us with his deceits and empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your Word, and when we fall, raise us up again and restore us through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



## **THE OLD TESTAMENT READING: GENESIS 22:1-18**

*God's call to Abraham to sacrifice his only son is a prophetic picture of the sacrifice God Himself would make when Jesus gave his life for us at the cross. The ram substituted for Isaac reminds us of how Jesus is our Substitute under God's justice. The faith of Abraham is a model for us, faith that says with Abraham, "God will provide."*

Some time later God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" "Here I am," he replied. Then God said, "Take your son, your only son, Isaac, whom you love, and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains I will tell you about." Early the next morning Abraham got up and saddled his donkey. He took with him two of his servants and his son Isaac. When he had cut enough wood for the burnt offering, he set out for the place God had told him about. On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place in the distance. He said to his servants, "Stay here with the donkey while I and the boy go over there. We will worship and then we will come back to you." Abraham took the wood for the burnt offering and placed it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. As the two of them went on together, Isaac spoke up and said to his father Abraham, "Father?" "Yes, my son?" Abraham replied. "The fire and wood are here," Isaac said, "but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?" Abraham answered, "God himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering, my son." And the two of them went on together. When they reached the place God had told him about, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it. He bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then he reached out his hand and took the knife to slay his son. But the angel of the LORD called out to him from heaven, "Abraham! Abraham!" "Here I am," he replied. "Do not lay a hand on the boy," he said. "Do not do anything to him. Now I know that you fear God, because you have not withheld from me your son, your only son." Abraham looked up and there in a thicket he saw a ram caught by its horns. He went over and took the ram and sacrificed it as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called that place The LORD Will Provide. And to this day it is said, "On the mountain of the LORD it will be provided." The angel of the LORD called to Abraham from heaven a second time and said, "I swear by myself, declares

the LORD, that because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, I will surely bless you and make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as the sand on the seashore. Your descendants will take possession of the cities of their enemies, and through your offspring all nations on earth will be blessed, because you have obeyed me.”

## **THE RESPONSE**

“Psalm 6”

(p.13)

## **THE EPISTLE**

### **ROMANS 8:31-39**

*The apostle Paul addresses the fears, doubts and trials that Christians face with the grand reminder that Jesus triumphed everything and God’s grace assures us of forgiveness and everlasting life with him. Nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.*

What, then, shall we say in response to this? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. Who is he that condemns? Christ Jesus, who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? As it is written: “For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.” No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

## **VERSE OF THE DAY** *Matthew 4:10b*

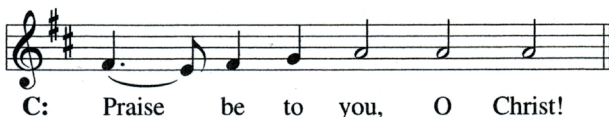
It is written: “Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.”

## **THE GOSPEL**

### **MARK 1:12-15**

*The beginning of Jesus’ ministry demonstrates how our Savior overcame Satan and proclaimed the Gospel of forgiveness and salvation.*

At once the Spirit sent him out into the desert, and he was in the desert forty days, being tempted by Satan. He was with the wild animals, and angels attended him. After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. “The time has come,” he said. “The kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news!”



**THE SERMON Genesis 22:1-18**

**Lord, Give Me a Faith Like Abraham's  
A Faith That Loves You Supremely and Obeys Your Word Unquestionably  
A Faith That Trusts You Confidently and Worships You Joyfully**

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We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is,  
seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,  
and became fully human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.



## THE OFFERING

*Online or in the entry to the gym. Guests please do not feel any obligation to participate in the offering (though you are always welcome to do so). Find and fill out a Guest Card as you leave, and drop it in with the offerings so we can connect with you – thanks!*

## PRAYERS AND 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 SACRAMENT

**P:** Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He made his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever.

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

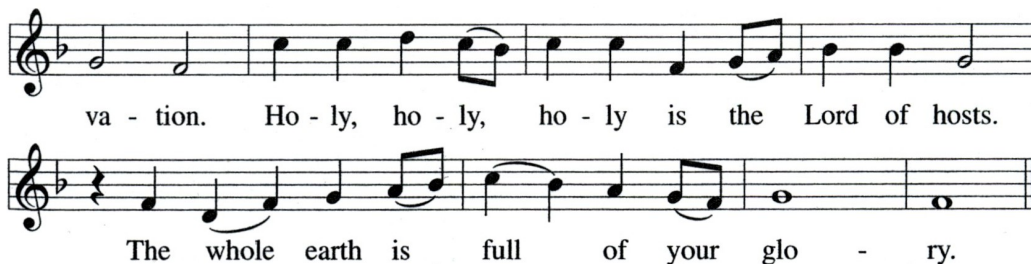
C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.

The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

You are my God, and I will ex - alt you.

I will give you thanks, for you have be - come my sal -





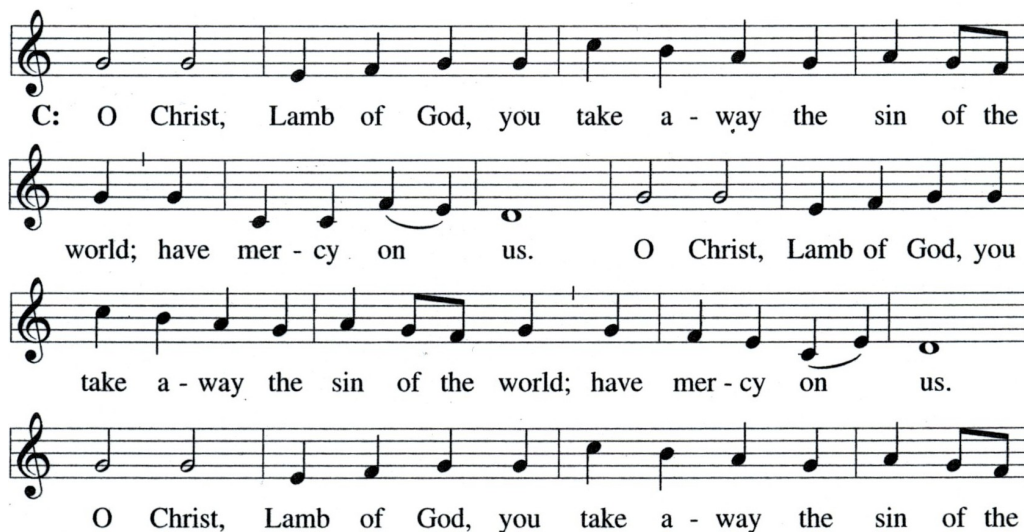
## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

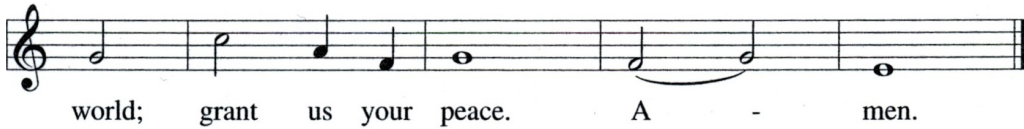
**P:** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me." The peace of the Lord be with you always.



## **O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD**





### **THE DISTRIBUTION HYMN**

“Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide” (p.12)

CW, # 541

### **PRAYER**

**P:** Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**P:** Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.



### **THE CLOSING HYMN**

“I Know My Faith Is Founded” (p.14)

CW, # 403:3



### **SILENT PRAYER & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## 445

## Through Jesus' Blood and Merit

1 Through Je - sus' blood and mer - it I am at peace with God;  
 2 There's noth - ing that can sev - er Me from the love of God,  
 3 Yes, nei - ther life's temp - ta - tion Nor death's so try - ing hour,  
 4 Nor an - y crea - ture ev - er Shall from the love of God

What, then, can daunt my spir - it, How - ev - er dark my road?  
 No want, no pain what - ev - er, No fam - ine, dan - ger, sword.  
 Nor an - gels of high sta - tion, Nor an - y oth - er pow'r,  
 This child of heav - en sev - er, For in my Sav - ior's blood

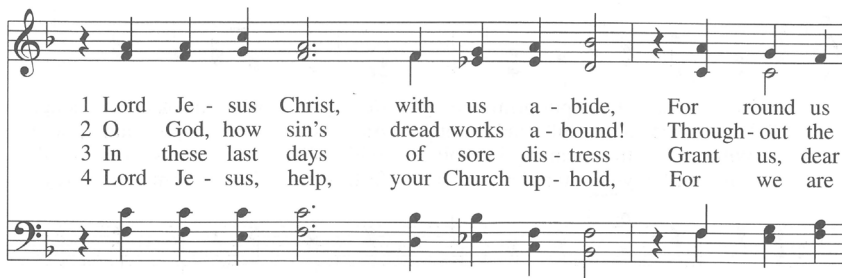
My cour - age shall not fail me, For God  
 Though thou - sand foes sur - round me, For slaugh -  
 Nor things that now are pres - ent, Nor things  
 This love has its foun - da - tion — God hears

is on my side; Though hell it - self as -  
 ter mark his sheep, They nev - er shall con -  
 that are to come, Nor height, how - ev - er  
 my faith - ful prayer — And as his new cre -

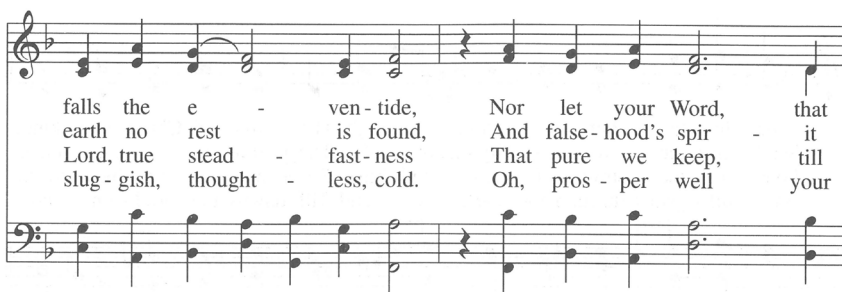
sail me, Its rage I may de - ride.  
 found me — The vic - t'ry I shall keep!  
 pleas - ant, Nor depth of deep - est gloom,  
 a - tion Keeps me his child and heir.

## 541

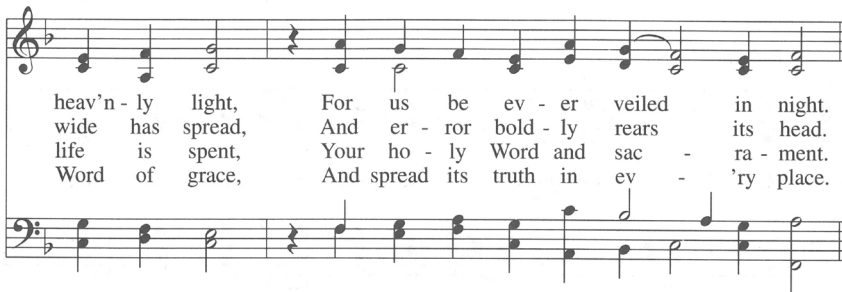
## Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, with us a - bid, For round us  
 2 O God, how sin's dread works a - bound! Through - out the  
 3 In these last days of sore dis - tress Grant us, dear  
 4 Lord Je - sus, help, your Church up - hold, For we are



falls the e - ven - tide, Nor let your Word, that  
 earth no rest is found, And false - hood's spir - it  
 Lord, true stead - fast - ness That pure we keep, till  
 slug - gish, thought - less, cold. Oh, pros - per well your



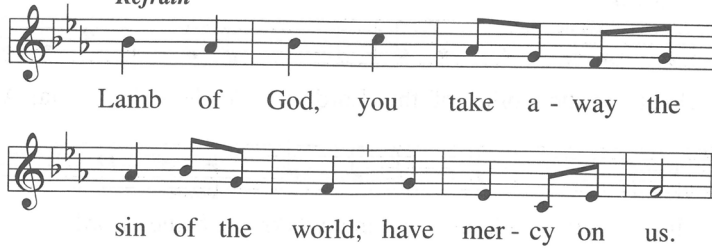
heav'n - ly light, For us be ev - er veiled in night.  
 wide has spread, And er - ror bold - ly rears its head.  
 life is spent, Your ho - ly Word and sac - ra - ment.  
 Word of grace, And spread its truth in ev - 'ry place.

- 5 Oh, keep us in your Word, we pray;  
 The guile and rage of Satan stay!  
 Oh, may your mercy never cease!  
 Give concord, patience, courage, peace.
- 6 The cause is yours, the glory, too,  
 So hear us, Lord, and keep us true.  
 Your Word alone is our defense,  
 The Church's glorious confidence.

- 7 Oh, grant that in your holy Word  
 We here may live and die, dear Lord,  
 And when our journey's ending here,  
 Receive us into glory there.

# Psalm 6

## *Refrain*



## *Psalm tone*



O LORD, do not rebuke me in your ánger\*  
or discipline me in your wrath.

Be merciful to me, LORD, for Í am faint;\*  
O LORD, heal me, for my soul is in anguish.

Turn, O LORD, and deliver me;\*  
save me because of your unfailing love.

## *Refrain*

I am worn out from ǵroaning.\*  
My eyes grow weak with śorrow.

Away from me, all you who do évil,\*  
for the LORD has heard my weeping.

The LORD has heard my cry for mércy;\*  
the LORD accépts my prayer.

**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. Ámen.**

## *Refrain*

## 403

## I Know My Faith Is Founded

1 I know my faith is found - ed On Je - sus Christ, my  
 2 In - crease my faith, dear Sav - ior, For Sa - tan seeks by  
 3 In faith, Lord, let me serve you; Though per - se - cu - tion,

God and Lord; And this my faith con - fess - ing, Un -  
 night and day To rob me of this trea - sure And  
 grief, and pain Should seek to o - ver - whelm me, Let

moved I stand up - on his Word. Man's rea - son can - not  
 take my hope of bliss a - way. But, Lord, with you be -  
 me a stead - fast trust re - tain. And then at my de -

fath - om The truth of God pro - found; Who trusts in  
 side me I shall be un - dis - mayed; And led by  
 par - ture, Lord, take me home to you, And let me

world - ly wis - dom Re - lies on shift - ing ground. God's Word is  
 your good Spir - it, I shall be un - a - fraid. A - bide with  
 there in - her - it All you have prom - ised me. In life and

all - suf - fi - cient, It makes di - vine - ly sure, And,  
 me, O Sav - ior, A firm - er faith be - stow. Then  
 death, Lord, keep me Un - til your heav'n I gain, Where

trust - ing in its wis - dom, My faith shall rest se - cure.  
 I shall bid de - fi - ance To ev - 'ry e - vil foe.  
 I by your great mer - cy The end of faith at - tain.



## THIS WEEK AT OUR SAVIOR

Sunday (2/21)	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>Worship Service w/Communion</b>
	9:15 AM	Adult Bible School
	9:15 AM	Sunday School
	<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>Worship Service w/Communion</b>
Wednesday	8:30 AM	Children's Chapel
	4:00 PM	Public School Confirmation Class
Thursday	<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>Midweek Lent Worship Service</b>
Sunday (2/28)	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>Worship Service</b>
	9:20 AM	Open Forum
	<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>Worship Service</b>

### Next Week's Readings

First Lesson	Ruth 4:13-17
Second Lesson	Ephesians 3:2-12
Gospel	Matthew 2:1-12
Psalm	Psalm 72

*LiveStream on Youtube Channel at 10:30am every Sunday*

*This service is also recorded for review after livestream.*

*Link on our website (see below).*

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### Vocalists

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**HYMNS** 445, 403:1-2,  
541, 403:3

### **FIRST LESSON:**

Genesis 22:1-18

### **SECOND LESSON:**

Romans 8:31-39

### **GOSPEL LESSON:**

Mark 1:12-15

### **SERMON:**

Genesis 22:1-18

**"Lord, Give Me a Faith  
Like Abraham's"**