

# The First Sunday in Lent

February 18, 2024

8:30 & 10:45 a.m.

(Readings for Lent 1 Series B)

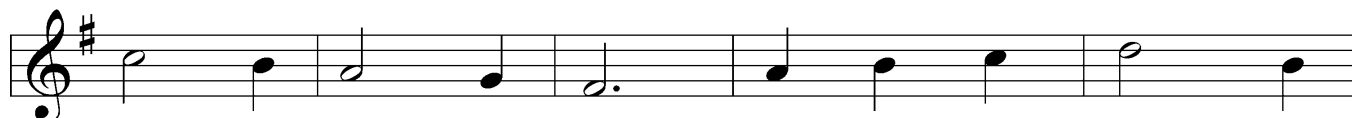
## WELCOME

## OPENING HYMN "Drawn to the Cross, Which Thou Hast Blessed"

**LSB #560**



1 Drawn to the cross, which Thou hast blessed With heal - ing  
2 Thou know - est all my griefs and fears, Thy grace a -  
3 Wash me and take a - way each stain; Let noth - ing  
4 And then for work to do for Thee, Which shall so



gifts for souls dis - tressed, To find in Thee my  
bused, my mis - spent years; Yet now to Thee with  
of my sin re - main. For cleans - ing, though it  
sweet a ser - vice be That an - gels well might



life, my rest, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.  
con - trite tears, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.  
be through pain, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.  
en - vy me, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.

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## INVOCATION

*The sign of the cross (✠) may be made by all in remembrance of their baptism.*

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

**People:** Amen.

*Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]*

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION based on Psalm 25

**Pastor:** <sup>1</sup> To you, O LORD,

**People:** I lift up my soul.

Pastor: <sup>2</sup> O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame;

People: **let not my enemies exult over me.**

Pastor: <sup>3</sup> Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame;

People: **they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.**

Pastor: <sup>4</sup> Make me to know your ways, O LORD;

People: **teach me your paths.**

Pastor: <sup>5</sup> Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation;

People: **for you I wait all the day long.** *(Psalm 25:1-5)*

Pastor: Lord we are not good at waiting.

People: **We trust in ourselves rather than in you, and so in our shame our enemies triumph over us. We fail to reign in our wantonly treacherous hearts, and so our sins rule over us. We desire to walk in your paths, but in our stubbornness we wander our own way.**

Pastor: We cry out along with the psalmist:

People: <sup>6</sup> **Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. <sup>7</sup> Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O LORD!** *(Psalm 25:6-7)*

*Silence for personal reflection and silent confession.*

Pastor: The LORD our God has heard the cry of our soul and has not abandoned us to our sinful condition. "This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him." (1 John 4:9) We are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: <sup>8</sup> Good and upright is the LORD;

People: **therefore he instructs sinners in the way.**

Pastor: <sup>9</sup> He leads the humble in what is right,

People: **and teaches the humble his way.**

Pastor: <sup>10</sup> All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness,

People: **for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.** *(Psalm 25:8-10)*

## **FIRST READING** Genesis 22:1-18

<sup>1</sup>After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here am I." <sup>2</sup>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." <sup>3</sup>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. <sup>4</sup>On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar. <sup>5</sup>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." <sup>6</sup>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. <sup>7</sup>And Isaac said to his father Abraham, "My father!" And he said, "Here am I, my son." He said, "Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" <sup>8</sup>Abraham said, "God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So they went both of them together.

<sup>9</sup>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. <sup>10</sup>Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. <sup>11</sup>But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here am I." <sup>12</sup>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." <sup>13</sup>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. <sup>14</sup>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."

<sup>15</sup>And the angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven <sup>16</sup>and said, "By myself I have sworn, declares the LORD, because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, <sup>17</sup>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, <sup>18</sup>and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice."

## **EPISTLE** James 1:12-18

<sup>12</sup>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. <sup>13</sup>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. <sup>14</sup>But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. <sup>15</sup>Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death.

<sup>16</sup>Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers. <sup>17</sup>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. <sup>18</sup>Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

**HYMN** "My Faith Looks Up To Thee"

**LSB #702 vv. 1 & 2**



1 My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,  
2 May Thy rich grace im - part Strength to my faint - ing heart;



Sav - ior di - vine. Now hear me while I pray; Take all my  
My zeal in - spire! As Thou hast died for me, Oh, may my



guilt a - way; O let me from this day Be whol - ly Thine!  
love to Thee Pure, warm, and change-less be, A liv - ing fire!

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## **HOLY GOSPEL**    Mark 1:9-15

**Pastor:**     The Gospel according to Mark, the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter

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

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

<sup>12</sup>The Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. <sup>13</sup>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.

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

**Pastor:**     This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **CHILDRENS' MESSAGE**

**SONG OF THE DAY** "Whom Shall I Fear (God of Angel Armies)"  
by Chris Tomlin, Ed Cash, & Scott Cash

1. You hear me when I call. You are my morn - ing song.

Though dark-ness fills the night, it can-not hide the light. Whom shall I

— fear? You crush the en - e - my un - der - neath my feet.

You are my sword and shield, though trou-bles lin - ger still. Whom shall I

— fear? **CHORUS 1a** I know Who goes be - fore me, I know Who stands be - hind:

The God of an - gel ar - mies is al - ways by my side! The One Who reigns for - ev - er,

2nd time to Coda  $\oplus$

He is a friend of mine. The God of an - gel ar - mies is al - ways by my

side! 2. My strength is in Your name, for You a - lone can save.

You will de - liv - er me. Yours is the vic - to - ry. Whom shall I

— fear? Whom shall I — fear? — **D.S. al Coda**

$\oplus$  Coda **BRIDGE**

side! And noth - ing formed a - gainst — me — shall — stand! —

You hold the whole — world in Your — hands. — I'm hold - ing on — to Your

prom - is - es; — You are faith - ful, — You are faith - ful. —

1.

2.

faith - ful. — You are faith - ful. —

**CHORUS 1b**

I know Who goes be-fore me, I know Who stands be-hind: The God of an - gel ar-mies

is al-ways by my side! The One Who reigns for - ev - er, He is a friend of mine.

**CHORUS 1c**

The God of an - gel ar-mies is al-ways by my side! I know Who goes be-fore me, —

I know Who stands be-hind: The God of an - gel ar-mies is al-ways by my side!

The One Who reigns for - ev - er, — He is a friend of mine. The God of an - gel ar-mies

is al-ways by my side! The God of an - gel ar-mies is al-ways by my side!

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**SERMON "Life Cycles of Sin and Grace"**  
**Text: James 1:12-18**

**OFFERING**

## **NICENE CREED**

**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 people and for our salvation came down from heaven and was  
incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man; 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.**

## **PRAYERS**

### **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 LORD'S SUPPER ✠

Pastor: The Lord be with You.

2 Timothy 4:22

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

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

Colossians 3:1

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

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

Psalm 136

Pastor: Lord Jesus, even as we recall the words you spoke as you first instituted this meal, we receive it together while singing our thanks and praise to you.

### THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24

Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

### DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

“The Tree of Life”

**LSB #561**



1 The tree of life with ev - 'ry good In E - den's  
2 The still - ness of that sa - cred grove Was bro - ken,  
3 What mer - cy God showed to our race, A plan of  
4 Now from that tree of Je - sus' shame Flows life e -



ho - ly or - chard stood, And of its fruit so pure and  
as the ser - pent strove With tempt - ing voice Eve to be -  
res - cue by His grace: In send - ing One from wom - an's  
ter - nal in His name; For all who trust and will be -



sweet God let the man and wom - an eat. Yet in this  
guile And Ad - am too by sin de - file. O day of  
seed, The One to fill our great - est need— For on a  
lieve, Sal - va - tion's liv - ing fruit re - ceive. And of this



gar - den al - so grew An - oth - er tree, of which they  
sad - ness when the breath Of fear and dark - ness, doubt and  
tree up - lift - ed high His on - ly Son for sin would  
fruit so pure and sweet The Lord in - vites the world to

knew; death, die, eat, Its love - ly limbs Its aw - ful poi - son Would drink the cup of scorn and To find with - in this cross of

dorned played dread wood A - gainst whose eat - ing God had warned. With - in the world so new - ly made. To crush the an - cient ser - pent's head! The tree of life with ev - 'ry good.

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“Lamb of God”

**LSB #550**

1 Your on - ly Son, no sin to hide, But You have  
2 Your Gift of love they cru - ci - fied, They laughed and  
3 I was so lost, I should have died, But You have

sent Him from Your side To walk up - on this guilt - y  
scorned Him as He died: The hum - ble King they named a  
brought me to Your side To be led by Your staff and

sod, And to be - come the Lamb of God.  
fraud, And sac - ri - ficed the Lamb of God.  
rod, And to be called a lamb of God.

*Refrain*

O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the ho - ly Lamb of God!

O wash me in His pre-cious blood, My Je-sus Christ, the Lamb of God.

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## BENEDICTION

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

[Psalm 103:1]

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and  $\text{✠}$  give you peace.

Numbers 6:24-26

People: **Amen.**

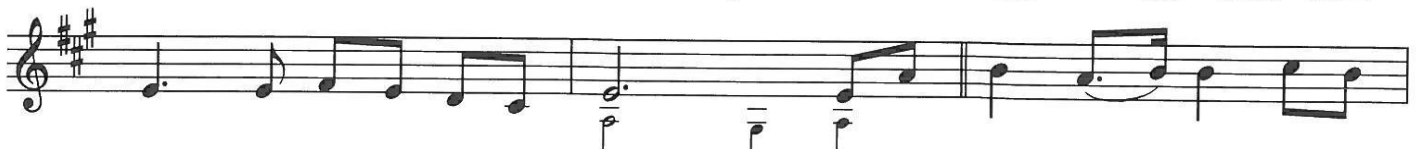
## SENDING SONG "Benediction" by Keith Getty & Stuart Townend



1. May the peace of God our heav'nly Fa - ther, and the \_ grace of Christ the ris - en  
2. May this peace which pas-ses un - der - stand - ing, and this \_ grace which makes us what we



Son, and the fel - low - ship of God the Spir - it keep our \_  
are, and this fel - low - ship of His com - mun - ion make us \_



hearts and minds with - in His love. And to Him be \_\_\_ praise for His  
one in spir - it and in heart



glor - ious reign, from the depths of \_\_\_ earth to the heights of heav'n. We de -



-clare the \_\_\_ name of the Lamb once slain: Christ e - ter - nal, the King of kings!

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Sunday School for Kids and Youth at 10 a.m.  
"To Be" Study Groups at 9, 10, & 10:30 a.m.