
FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

FEBRUARY 20 & 21, 2021

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

AS WE GATHER

As we journey through this Lenten season and the days of Holy Week, we encounter Jesus acting in a way that is somewhat unfamiliar to us: He is angry and forceful, clearing the temple of all those who have turned His Father's house into a den of robbers. We would do well to consider if God's house in our own church is what Jesus desires: a house of prayer for all nations.

HYMN

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 sign 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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Stand

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.

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.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

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

C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

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.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

LSB 805

△ 1

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.*

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SERVICE OF THE WORD

KYRIE 

LSB 186

C *Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.*

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

P Let us pray.

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.

C Amen.

Sit

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 22:1-18

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

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

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

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 25:1-10; antiphon: v. 14

- 1 To you, O LORD,
I lift up my soul.
- 2 O my God, in you I trust;
let me not be put to shame;
let not my enemies exult over me.
- 3 Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame;
they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.
- 4 Make me to know your ways, O LORD;
teach me your paths.
- 5 Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation;
for you I wait all the day long.
- 6 Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love,
for they have been from of old.
- 7 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!
- 8 Good and upright is the LORD;
therefore he instructs sinners in the way.
- 9 He leads the humble in what is right,
and teaches the humble his way.
- 10 All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness,
for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

EPISTLE

James 1:12-18

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

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

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 1:9–15

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.

C Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

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

¹²The Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. ¹³And 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.

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

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;
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

O Love, How Deep

LSB 544 vs. 1, 2, 5, 7

- 1 *O love, how deep, how broad, how high,
Beyond all thought and fantasy,
That God, the Son of God, should take
Our mortal form for mortals' sake!*
- 2 *He sent no angel to our race,
Of higher or of lower place,
But wore the robe of human frame,
And to this world Himself He came.*
- 5 *For us by wickedness betrayed,
For us, in crown of thorns arrayed,
He bore the shameful cross and death;
For us He gave His dying breath.*
- △ 7 *All glory to our Lord and God
For love so deep, so high, so broad;
The Trinity whom we adore
Forever and forevermore.*

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SERMON

- P** The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.
C Amen.

Stand

OFFERTORY 

LSB 192

- C** *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.*

Sit

OFFERING

Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- P** In peace, let us pray to the Lord:
C Lord, have mercy.
- P** For the Lord to remember us according to His steadfast love and goodness in Christ and to instruct and lead us by His Spirit in His ways, that we may repent and believe the Gospel, let us pray to the Lord:
C Lord, have mercy.
- P** For the Lord who placed the wood of the cross on the back of His only begotten Son to bless His Church and all those called to preach and teach with the certainty that the gates of hell, which Christ possessed through His death, cannot prevail against them; and for bold faith to trample every power of the enemy underfoot, let us pray to the Lord:
C Lord, have mercy.

P For all catechumens and their teachers, all children and their parents, and every Christian home, that God would preserve them from the assaults of the evil one and, as Christ overcame Satan in the desert by the Word of God, give us the victory through Him and His Word, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P To the Most High, who is our refuge in every trouble and has promised to hear us when we call to Him, that He would command His angels to guard our brothers and sisters [*especially _____*] and all those who suffer in our midst, and keep them from every evil that can befall the body, mind and soul, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P In thanksgiving for those before us whom God brought forth by the Word of truth and who now live and reign in His presence with His Son; and that the Lord would bring us to full maturity by this same Word, which brought us forth in Baptism, that we, too, may be gathered with them to His Son on the glorious harvest of the Last Day, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of Him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever.

C Amen.

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.**

BENEDICAMUS

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

P The grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C Amen.

- 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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SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

LSB 194

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

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

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

LSB 195

C *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 OUR LORD

LSB 197

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

LSB 197

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C Amen.

AGNUS DEI

LSB 198

- C** 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.

Sit

DISTRIBUTION

HYMN

I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table

LSB 618

- 1 I come, O Savior, to Thy table,
For weak and weary is my soul;
Thou, Bread of Life, alone art able
To satisfy and make me whole:
- Refrain* Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood
Be for my soul the highest good!
- 2 Thy heart is filled with fervent yearning
That sinners may salvation see
Who, Lord, to Thee in faith are turning;
So I, a sinner, come to Thee. *Refrain*
- 3 Unworthy though I am, O Savior,
Because I have a sinful heart,
Yet Thou Thy lamb wilt banish never,
For Thou my faithful shepherd art: *Refrain*
- 4 Weary am I and heavy laden;
With sin my soul is sore oppressed;
Receive me graciously and gladden
My heart, for I am now Thy guest. *Refrain*
- 5 What higher gift can we inherit?
It is faith's bond and solid base;
It is the strength of heart and spirit,
The covenant of hope and grace. *Refrain*

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Care Center Residents

Delores Doss	Mary Lou Goetting	Norma Wolters	Eileen Clements
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Please help us keep this list updated, if you know of any changes in status call the church office 965-3192.

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Mission Prayer

Give thanks as you pray: That the Lord would open up the hearts and minds of people around the world, so that His grace-filled message can be spread far and wide.

Bible Readings

From *Lutheran Service Book* Daily Lectionary, pp. 299-304

Sunday, 2/21	Genesis 4:1-26; Mark 2:18-28
Monday, 2/22	Genesis 6:1-7:5; Mark 3:1-19
Tuesday, 2/23	Genesis 7:11-8:12; Mark 3:20-35
Wednesday, 2/24	Genesis 8:13-9:17; Mark 4:1-20
Thursday, 2/25	Genesis 11:27-12:20; Mark 4:21-41
Friday, 2/26	Genesis 13:1-18; Mark 5:1-20
Saturday, 2/27	Genesis 15:1-21; Mark 5:21-43

Worship Service Schedule

Saturday @ 6:00 p.m. & Sunday @ 9:00 a.m.

Handicapped Accessible Service—March 10 @ 10:00 a.m.

**A video recording of the service will be posted on Facebook and the website. **

Public School Confirmation Class—Tuesday, February 23 @ 7:00 p.m.

Lenten Services—Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.

(We will not have pre-service meals this year.)

Curb-Side Chicken Dinner—Mark your calendar for March 14th.

GriefShare Support Group

Pastor Mark is looking for those interested in attending a GriefShare Support Group. The group will begin meeting at a time to be determined after the New Year. If you are interested, call the church office at 965-3192.

Home Visits

Many of our members are choosing to stay home during this pandemic but Pastor can bring communion to you. To schedule a visit, call the church office (965-3192).

2020 Giving Statements are available in the Narthex.

Wish List

- **Church Ceiling Repair & Painting**—The bid we have received is over \$100,000 to sandblast the ceiling and repaint the church.
- **Building & Maintenance Savings**—Our Building & Maintenance Savings account is getting low and needs to be replenished to allow the Board of Trustees to keep our church and school running safely and efficiently.

It is time to direct Thrivent Choice Dollars®

Grant funding from Thrivent Financial through its Thrivent Choice® program can help support organizations you care about. Eligible Thrivent Financial members who have been designated Choice Dollars have until March 31, 2021, to direct any remaining 2020 Choice Dollars. You can use those dollars to support St. Mark's Lutheran Church or School. Go to <http://www.Thrivent.com/thriventchoice> to learn more and find program terms and conditions. Or call 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" after the prompt.

Coffee Cakes and Cinnamon Rolls

The Youth Group is taking orders for coffee cakes and cinnamon rolls. The coffee cake flavors that are available are Cherry, Peach, Peanut Butter and Old Fashioned. Cinnamons rolls come in packages of 6. The price is \$5 per/item.

To place an order, call a youth group member, the church office at 965-3192 or Rhonda Wilson at 559-0964. Deadline to place orders is March 20th and the orders will be available on April 2nd between 3-4 p.m. We will bring your orders to your car, please pull up front and we will meet you at your car.

The youth group has about 5 members at this time. The goal is to still be able to have the coffee cake/cinnamon roll fundraiser. If you can help, we would appreciate it. It takes about 20 people from 8-4 and delivering orders to the cars may mean extra helpers from 3:00—4:30. If you can help please call Cole at 615-5790 or Rhonda at 559-0964.

Email Updates

To be added to our Online Church Directory, send an email to stmks.directory@gmail.com and we will send you more information on how to get set up. We send our emails directly from this app. If you did not get an email this past week about the Ash Wednesday cancellation, check your SPAM folder. The email will be from Misty Smith. We would love to get more of our members included in this app, it also gives you access to information to stay connected to your fellow members.