



INVOCABIT (“HE SHALL CALL”) THE FIRST SUNDAY IN HOLY LENT

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WELCOME TO ALL! We are pleased you are here!
GUESTS – welcome to our Divine Service! If we can assist you in any way with questions about our confession of faith, spiritual struggles, understanding our liturgical service, or any other need, please let us know. It is our prayer that the Gospel of Jesus Christ will strengthen and comfort you.

PASTORAL CARE AND GUESTS AT THE LORD’S SUPPER: We are concerned about the spiritual welfare of all who commune at the Lord’s Table. If you are a guest and desire to commune, please speak to the pastor before the service. Our altar is open to those who confess oneness with us in doctrine, are members of our congregation or sister congregations of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod, and are not under church discipline in another congregation. In Christ, Pastor Lawson

† In the Name of Jesus †

Prayer before Worship: Lord God, heavenly Father, inasmuch as the adversary does continually afflict us, and as a roaring lion walks about, seeking to devour us: We beseech You for the sake of the suffering and death of Your Son, Jesus Christ, to help us by the grace of the Holy Spirit, and to strengthen our hearts by Your Word, that our enemy may not prevail over us, but that we may evermore abide in Your grace, and be preserved unto everlasting life; through the same, Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

MARCH 6, 2022 † 9:00 A. M.

The Divine Service: Rite Two
Evangelical Lutheran Hymnary: p. 60

The Office of Preparation
(Confession & Holy Absolution)

Hymn of Invocation: *18, God the Father. Be Our Stay, st. 4*

**C: Triune God, be Thou our Stay; O let us perish never!
Cleanse us from our sins, we pray, And grant us life forever.
Keep us from the evil one; Uphold our faith most holy;
Grant us to trust Thee solely With humble hearts and lowly.
Let us put God's armor on, With all true Christians runinning
Our heav'nly race and shunning The devil's wiles and cunning.
Amen, amen! This be done; So sing we Alleluia!**

*At the Invocation and Absolution all **may** make the sign of the †
in remembrance of their Baptism.*

The Invocation: p. 60-61

P: In the Name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

The Confession of Sin (form I): pp. 60-62

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God, our Father, beseech 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 to the Lord;

C: And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

P: Let us bow before the Lord and confess our sins.

C: O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess to 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: I ask each of you, in the presence of God who searches the heart: Do you confess that you have sinned, and do you repent of your sins?

C: I do.

P: Do you believe that Jesus Christ has redeemed you from all your sins, and do you desire forgiveness in His name?

C: I do.

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 to all of you, and in the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

May He comfort your heart by His holy Absolution,
and strengthen you by His Sacraments,
that your joy may be full.

Peace be with you!

C: Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

Introit

Tone 3



You shall tread upon the lion and the cobra:/ the young lion and the serpent you shall tram`ple underfoot.

Gloria Patri (All) **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, forever`more. Amen.

Antiphon (All) **He shall call upon Me, and I will answer him:/ I will deliver him and honor him.**

With long life I will satisfy him:/ And show him My salvation.

The Kyrie Eleison (form II): p. 63-64

C: Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison.

Christe eleison. Christe eleison. Christe eleison.

Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison.

The Gloria in Excelsis is silent through Lent & Holy Week, except on the Feast of the Annunciation and on Maundy Thursday.

The Salutation: p. 66

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And with your spirit.

Collect for the Day: p. 66

P: O Lord, mercifully hear our prayer and stretch forth the right hand of Your majesty to defend us from all that rise up against us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Old Testament: *Genesis 3:1-24*

P: Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, "Has God indeed said, 'You shall not eat of every tree of the garden'?" And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden; but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God has said, 'You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die.'" Then the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and

P: *At that time* Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. And when He had fasted forty days and forty nights, afterward He was hungry. Now when the tempter came to Him, he said, "If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread." But He answered and said, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.'" Then the devil took Him up into the holy city, set Him on the pinnacle of the temple, and said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down. For it is written: 'He shall give His angels charge over you,' and, 'In their hands they shall bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus said to Him, "It is written again, 'You shall not tempt the LORD your God.'" Again, the devil took Him up on an exceedingly high mountain, and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. And he said to Him, "All these things I will give You if You will fall down and worship me." Then Jesus said to Him, "Away with you, Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the LORD your God, and Him only you shall serve.'" Then the devil left Him, and behold, angels came and ministered to Him.

P: This is the † Holy Gospel.

C: Praise be to You, O Christ.

*At the words "And was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary
And was made man" all **may** bow out of reverence for Christ's Incarnation.*

Nicene Creed: p. 69

**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 is seated at the right hand of the Father;
And He shall come again with glory
to judge both the living and the dead;
Whose kingdom shall 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 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.

Chief Hymn: 491, *All Mankind Fell in Adam's Fall*

C: All mankind fell in Adam's fall, One common sin infects us all;
From sire to son the bane descends, And over all the curse impends.

Through all man's pow'rs corruption creeps And him in dreadful bondage keeps;
In guilt he draws his infant breath And reaps its fruits of woe and death.

From hearts depraved, to evil prone, Flow thoughts and deeds of sin alone;
God's image lost, the darkened soul Nor seeks nor finds its heav'nly goal.

But Christ, the second Adam, came To bear our sin and woe and shame,
To be our Life, our Light, our Way, Our only Hope, our only Stay.

As by one man all mankind fell And, born in sin, was doomed to hell,
So by one Man, who took our place, We all received the gift of grace.

We thank Thee, Christ; new life is ours, New life, new hope, new strength, new pow'rs;
This grace our ev'ry way attend Until we reach our journey's end.

Sermon

Pulpit Hymn: (throughout Lent): 593, *On My Heart Imprint Thine Image*

**C: On my heart imprint Thine image, Blessed Jesus, King of grace,
That life's riches, cares, and pleasures, Have no pow'r Thee to efface.
This the superscription be: Jesus, crucified for me,
Is my life, my hope's foundation, And my glory and salvation.**

The Intercessions: *each petition concludes:* Lord, in Your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Note: The Intercessions conclude with the blessing: "The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ..." *The live stream is then turned off for the Holy Communion.*

Hymn of Preparation: 329, *The Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord*

**C: The death of Jesus Christ, our Lord, We celebrate with one accord;
It is our comfort in distress, Our heart's sweet joy and happiness.**

**He blotted out with His own blood The judgment that against us stood;
He full atonement for us made, And all our debt He fully paid.**

**That this is now and ever true He gives an earnest ever new;
In this His holy Supper here We taste His love so sweet, so near.**

**His Word proclaims, and we believe. That in this Supper we receive
His very body, as He said, His very blood for sinners shed.**

**A precious food is this indeed – It never fails us in our need –
A heav'nly manna for our soul Until we safely reach our goal.**

**O blest is each believing guest Who in this promise finds his rest,
For Jesus will in love abide With those who do in Him confide.**

**The guest that comes with true intent To turn to God and to repent
To live for Christ, to die to sin, Will thus a holier life begin.**

**They who His Word do not believe, This food unworthily receive,
Salvation here will never find – May we this warning keep in mind!**

**O Jesus Christ, our Brother dear, Unto Thy cross we now draw near;
Thy sacred wounds indeed make whole A wounded and benighted soul.**

**Help us sincerely to believe That we may worthily receive
Thy Supper and in Thee find rest. Amen! All who believe are blest.**

The Liturgy of the Holy Communion

The Preface: p. 72

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And with your spirit.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up unto the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C: It is good and right so to do.

The Proper Preface & Sanctus: pp. 73-76

P: 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; And now You bid Your people cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast. Renew our zeal in faith and life, and bring us to the fullness of grace that belongs to the children of God. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

**C: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth;
 Heav'n and earth are full of Your glory.
 Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
 Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He
 who come in the name of the Lord.
 Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

The Lord's Prayer: pp. 77-78

P: Our Father who art in heaven,
 Hallowed by 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;

C: For Thine is the kingdom and the pow'r and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Words of Institution: pp. 78-79

*When the Pastor turns and elevates the Host and Cup, the congregation **may** bow as an act of reverent worship toward the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ.*

The Pax Domini (The Peace of the Lord): p. 79

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

C: Amen.

The Agnus Dei: pp. 79-80

**C: O Christ, the Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us.**

**O Christ, the Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us.**

**O Christ, the Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world,
grant us Your peace. Amen.**

The Distribution of the Holy Communion

The Nunc Dimittis: pp. 81-82

C: Lord, now You let Your servant depart in peace according to Your word.

**For my eyes have seen Your salvation, which You have prepared before the face
of all people, a Light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Your people
Israel.**

**Glory be the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, forevermore. Amen.**

The Collect of Thanksgiving: pp. 82-83

P: O give thanks unto the Lord for He is good.

C: And His mercy endures forever.

P: O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in lovingkindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

The Salutation: p. 84

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And with your spirit.

The Benedicamus: p. 84

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

The Benediction: p. 84

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and † give you peace.

C: Amen. Amen. Amen.

Dismissal Hymn: *250, A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

**P: A mighty Fortress is our God, A trusty Shield and Weapon;
He helps us free from every need That hath us now o'ertaken.
The old evil Foe Now means deadly woe; Deep guile and great might
Are his dread arms in fight; On Earth is not his equal.**

**With might of ours can naught be done, Soon were our loss effected;
But for us fights the Valiant One, Whom God Himself elected.
Ask ye, Who is this? Jesus Christ it is. Of Sabaoth Lord,
And there's none other God; He holds the field forever.**

**Though devils all the world should fill, All eager to devour us.
We tremble not, we fear no ill, They shall not overpower us.
This world's prince may still Scowl fierce as he will,
He can harm us none, He's judged; the deed is done;
One little word can fell him.**

**The Word they still shall let remain Nor any thanks have for it;
He's by our side upon the plain With His good gifts and Spirit.
And take they our life, Goods, fame, child and wife,
Let these all be gone, They yet have nothing won; The Kingdom our remaineth.**

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

Bible Studies: Following the Service at Bethany, we will finish our study of James 2 this morning and also cover James 3. The Thursday study resumes this week with a look at John 16. *The entire parish is invited the Bible studies in person or online via the google hangouts link.*



Midweek Lenten Vespers: We will be working our way through St. Mark's Passion account this year for the reading of the Passion History. The Lenten sermon series that began on Ash Wednesday is entitled: *Advancing on the Path of Righteousness*. This week's theme is *The Doctrine of Life*

Brings Death. Lent is a good time to begin or increase participation in worship and instruction. This year's Lenten Schedule is as follows:

Lenten Vespers

Concordia: Wednesdays, 6pm
March 9, 16, 23, 30, April 6

Bethany: Thursdays, 5:30pm
March 10, 17, 24, 31, April 7

It should be noted that March 25 is the *Feast of the Annunciation*. This is the day when the church celebrates the Jesus' conception in the Virgin Mary's womb, according to Luke 1. The Annunciation will be celebrated on March 23 (Concordia) and March 24 (Bethany).

Invite your friends and family who have not been to Church in a while, and resolve to attend Service each Sunday and Wednesdays in Lent to receive Christ's gifts.

Hope Medical Clinic: Besides continuing with the baby bottle program, this year during Lent we would like to do a *diaper & baby wipe drive* for the clinic. If you can find it in your heart to donate, you may bring items to church throughout Lent, to be brought over to Hope Clinic after Easter.



Daily Devotion: Lent is a season set aside for deliberate spiritual growth. It is a perfect time to either begin or improve upon the habit of spending time each day in God's Word and prayer. The cycle of Bible readings on our *Congregation at Prayer* sheet started over on Ash Wednesday with Genesis and Mark. Using the prayer sheet each day is a simple way to meditate on the Scriptures and to pray. It

takes only a few minutes. Pastor also live streams a chanted Matins ("Morning Prayer")

Tuesday-Saturday from the Bethany Sanctuary. Anyone is welcome to join Pastor in person or online, or watch the live stream later in the morning.

Lenten Food Drive: Inflation is at a 40-year high! Gas has gone up almost a \$1 a gallon in little over a month! Everything is costing more! There are sure to be more and more people in need. *He who honors God has mercy on the poor* (Proverbs 14:31). Let us direct a portion of our abundance to assist those less fortunate. Non-perishable food items may be brought to the church, to be distributed to local food banks after Easter.



ELS Center for Apologetics & Worldview: The March article is available on the literature table in the Narthex. Written by Rev. David Thompson of St. Timothy Lutheran Church, Lombard, ILL, this issue explores *How Christians Should Understand "Identity."* These are brief, easily digestible articles. Take one (or a few), read it and pass it on.

Feasts, Commemorations, and Events this Week

***The Office of Matins ("Morning Prayer") is live streamed
Tuesday through Saturday at 8:00am***

Monday: Pastor's Day Off

Tuesday: Pastor at Bethany

Wednesday: Pastor at Concordia; Bethany Mary/Marth Guild, 3:00;
Concordia Lenten Vespers, 6:00pm

Thursday: Pastor at Bethany; Bible Study at Bethany, 10:00
Bethany Lenten Vespers, 5:30pm

Friday: Pastor at Concordia

Saturday: Pastor at Bethany

Next Sunday: *Reminiscere: Second Sunday in Holy Lent*

Concordia Service of the Word, 9am

Bethany Holy Communion, 11am; James Study for the Parish, 12:40pm



LENT
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Things to Notice During Lent: Violet is the penitential color. It is the color of royal mourning, so to speak, because our Lord was clothed in purple (the color of kings) after His scourging as a way to mock Him. There are no flowers on the altar (a fast from beauty) and the Gloria in Excelsis and Alleluias are silent (a fast from joy). Commitment to attending the midweek Lenten Services also constitutes a “fast of time” - dedicating an extra amount of our time for the purpose of being fed by God. So we “fast” in these small ways during the penitential season of Lent that we may be reminded of the emptiness of our sin and then celebrate our Lord’s Resurrection with exceeding joy.

Lent I (Invocavit): Satan’s temptations of Jesus reveal his main tactic—make that which is bad look good. These days he spends much time making death look good; abortion is good and the way out of a difficult situation; assisted suicide is good and the way to relieve suffering. But death is not good! It is the curse of sin! It is our enemy. But just as Jesus defeated Satan, so He has defeated death. We can trust and live in His victory.

Prayer: *Jesus, may Your Word be ever on our hearts and lips that we might resist the snare of the devil. Amen.*

Life Thoughts in the Church Year/One Year Lectionary – Lutherans For Life

