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First Sunday in Lent



*Exactly What
I Need: A
Champion*



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Welcome to Holy Trinity

We're glad you came today to join us in worshiping the one true God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. He has graciously created us, mercifully redeemed us, and freely gives us all the treasures of heaven through His Word and Sacraments!

If you are a visitor with us today and want to find out more about what we teach, or are curious about church membership, please talk to our pastor. Please be sure to provide us with your contact information in our friendship register that is passed around before or after the service.

Restrooms are located on the north end of the fellowship hall through the doors to the Learning Center. Additional restrooms with changing tables are located to the left of the entrance to the fellowship hall, through the doors to the Learning Center, then to the left.

Parents who need to leave the service to have quiet time with their child are welcome to use any of our classrooms in the Learning Center.

HOLY TRINITY is a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod (ELS), a national church body headquartered in Mankato, Minnesota. We confess that we are saved by Grace Alone (Eph. 2:8) through Faith Alone (Acts 16:31) revealed in Scripture Alone (John 5:24). Though we are totally sinful from birth, Jesus Christ paid for our sins on the cross and gives us eternal life in heaven. We subscribe to the Lutheran Confessions (the Book of Concord, 1580) because they are a faithful and accurate summary of this Biblical doctrine. The ELS has been in fellowship with the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS) since 1872.



ORDER OF WORSHIP

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Hymn • “*All Mankind Fell in Adam’s Fall*”

[CW93 378]

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| <p>1. All mankind fell in Adam’s fall;
One common sin infects us all.
From one to all the curse descends,
And over all God’s wrath impends.</p> <p>2. Through all our pow’rs corruption creeps
And us in dreadful bondage keeps;
In guilt we draw our infant breath
And reap its fruits of woe and death.</p> <p>3. 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.</p> | <p>4. 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.</p> <p>5. 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 were justified by grace.</p> <p>6. We thank you, Christ; new life is ours,
New light, new hope, new strength, new
pow’rs;
This grace our ev’ry way attend
Until we reach our journey’s end.</p> |
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-Stand-

Call to Worship

☞ **ASTOR** *The grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.*

☞ **CONGREGATION** **And also with you.**

CONFESSION OF SINS

☞ *We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.*

☞ **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

☐ *God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.*

☐ **Amen.**

PRAYER AND PRAISE

☐ *In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.*

Oh, Taste and See

- Please Note: There is a brief musical introduction before the congregation joins in singing.

C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are
 they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e -
 ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav -
 ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for -
 ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.
 Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

Prayer of the Day

☞ *Let us pray.*

Mighty God and Father, our Lord Jesus walked into the wilderness to face the devil's temptations, but he did not succumb to Satan's lies or falter in his resolve to save the world from the prison of hell. Bolster our faith by his mighty victory that we may battle against the forces of evil with courage and confidence; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



-Be seated-

THE WORD

First Lesson • Genesis 3:1-15

| God promised to send a champion to do what I could not, defeating my greatest enemy. |

Now the serpent was more clever than any wild animal which the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, “Has God really said, ‘You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?’”

²The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat fruit from the trees of the garden, ³but not from the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden. God has said, ‘You shall not eat from it. You shall not touch it, or else you will die.’”

⁴The serpent said to the woman, “You certainly will not die. ⁵In fact, God knows that the day you eat from it, your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”

⁶When the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was appealing to the eyes, and that the tree was desirable to make one wise, she took some of its fruit and ate. She gave some also to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. ⁷The eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized that they were naked. They sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for their waists. ⁸They heard the voice of the Lord God, who was walking around in the garden during the cooler part of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden.

⁹The Lord God called to the man and said to him, “Where are you?”

¹⁰The man said, “I heard your voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, so I hid myself.”

¹¹God said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree from which I commanded you not to eat?”

¹²The man said, “The woman you gave to be with me—she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate it.”

¹³The Lord God said to the woman, “What have you done?”

The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”

¹⁴The Lord God said to the serpent:

Because you have done this,
you are cursed more than all the livestock,
and more than every wild animal.

You shall crawl on your belly,
and you shall eat dust all the days of your life.

¹⁵I will put hostility between you and the woman,
and between your seed and her seed.

He will crush your head,
and you will crush his heel.

Psalm of the Day • 46

Refrain



The might-y Lord is with us; the God of Ja-cob is our for-tress.

Psalm tone



God is our ref- | uge and strength, *
an ever-present help in | trouble.

Therefore we will not fear, though the | earth give way *
and the mountains fall into the heart | of the sea.

Though its waters ^l roar and foam *
and the mountains quake with their ^l surging.

[Refrain]

There is a river whose streams make glad the ci- ^l ty of God,*
the holy place where the Most ^l High dwells.

God is within her, she ^l will not fall; *
God will help her at ^l break of day.

“Be still, and know that ^l I am God; *
I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted ^l in the earth.”

**Glorify the Father and ^l to the Son* and to the Holy ^l Spirit,
as it was in the be- ^l ginning,* is now, and will be forever. ^l A-men.**

[Refrain]

Second Lesson • Romans 5:12-19

| Adam's defeat meant death for me. Christ's victory means life for me. |

So then, just as sin entered the world through one man and death through sin, so also death spread to all people because all sinned. ¹³ For even before the law was given, sin was in the world. Now, sin is not charged to one's account if there is no law, ¹⁴ and yet death reigned from the time of Adam to the time of Moses, even over those whose sin was not like the transgression of Adam, who is a pattern of the one who was to come.

¹⁵ But the gracious gift is not like Adam's trespass. For if the many died by the trespass of this one man, it is even more certain that God's grace, and the gift given by the grace of the one man Jesus Christ, overflowed to the many!

¹⁶ And the gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin, for the judgment that followed the one trespass resulted in a verdict of condemnation, but the gracious gift that followed many trespasses resulted in a verdict of justification.

¹⁷ Indeed, if by the trespass of the one man, death reigned through the one man, it is even more certain that those who receive the overflowing grace of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ!

¹⁸ So then, just as one trespass led to a verdict of condemnation for all people, so also one righteous verdict led to life-giving justification for all people. ¹⁹ For just as through the disobedience of one man the many became sinners, so also through the obedience of one man the many will become righteous.

-Stand-

Verse of the Day

Hebrews 4:15

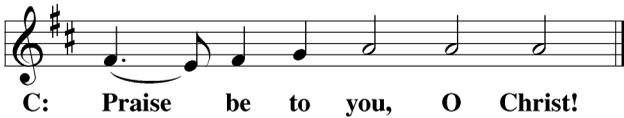
☐ *For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are, yet was without sin.*

Gospel • Matthew 4:1-11

| The champion of demons and the champion of mankind do battle. Jesus wins. |

Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the Devil. ² After he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. ³ The Tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become bread.” ⁴ But Jesus answered, “It is written: Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes out of the mouth of God.” ⁵ Then the Devil took him into the holy city. He placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, ⁶ and he said to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down. For it is written: He will command his angels concerning you. And they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.” ⁷ Jesus said to him, “Again, it is written: You shall not test the Lord your God.” ⁸ Again the Devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. ⁹ He said to him, “I will give you all of these things, if you will bow down and worship me.” ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to him, “Go away, Satan! For it is written: Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.” ¹¹ Then the Devil left him, and just then angels came and served him.

Ⓟ *Here ends the Gospel.*



-Be seated-

Hymn of the Day • “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

[CW93 200]

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| <p>1. A mighty fortress is our God,
A trusty shield and weapon;
He helps us free from ev’ry need
That has 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.</p> | <p>3. 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.</p> |
| <p>2. With might of ours can naught be done;
Soon were our loss effected.
But for us fights the valiant one
Whom God himself elected.
You ask, “Who is this?”
Jesus Christ it is,
The almighty Lord.
And there’s no other God;
He holds the field forever.</p> | <p>4. 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 do what they will—
Hate, steal, hurt, or kill—
Though all may be gone,
Our victory is won;
The kingdom’s ours forever.</p> |

Sermon • *Romans 5:12-19*

Sinful in Adam, But Righteous in Christ

-Stand-

Apostles Creed

☩ I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From there He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the Communion of Saints, the Forgiveness of sins, the Resurrection of the body, and the Life everlasting. Amen.

-Be seated-

THANKSGIVING

Offering

-Stand-

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.

-Be seated-

Hymn • “Jesus, Your Blood and Righteousness”

[CW93 376]

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| <p>1. Jesus, your blood and righteousness
My beauty are, my glorious dress;
Mid flaming worlds, in these arrayed,
With joy shall I lift up my head.</p> <p>2. Bold shall I stand in that great day—
Who can a word against me say?
Fully through you absolved I am
From sin and fear, from guilt and shame.</p> <p>3. Lord, I believe your precious blood,
Which at the very throne of God
Forever will for sinners plead,
For me—e’en for my soul—was shed.</p> | <p>4. Lord, I believe were sinners more
Than sands upon the ocean shore,
You have for all a ransom paid,
For all a full atonement made.</p> <p>5. When from the dust of death I rise
To claim my mansion in the skies,
E’en then this shall be all my plea:
Jesus has lived and died for me.</p> <p>6. Jesus, be worshiped endlessly!
Your boundless mercy has for me,
For me and all your hands have made,
An everlasting ransom paid.</p> |
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Prayer of Thanksgiving

☐ *Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*



Blessing

☐ *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 †.



-Be seated-

Closing Hymn • “Jesus, Lead Us On”

[CW93 422]

1. Jesus lead us on

Till our rest is won;
And although the way be cheerless,
We will follow, calm and fearless.
Guide us by your hand
To our fatherland.

2. If the way be drear,

If the foe be near,
Let not faithless fears o’ertake us;
Let not faith and hope forsake us,
For through many a woe
To our home we go.

3. When we seek relief

From a long-felt grief,
When temptations come alluring,
Make us patient and enduring;
Show us that bright shore
Where we weep no more.

4. Jesus, still lead on

Till our rest is won.
Heav’nly Leader, still direct us;
Still support, console, protect us
Till we safely stand
In our fatherland.

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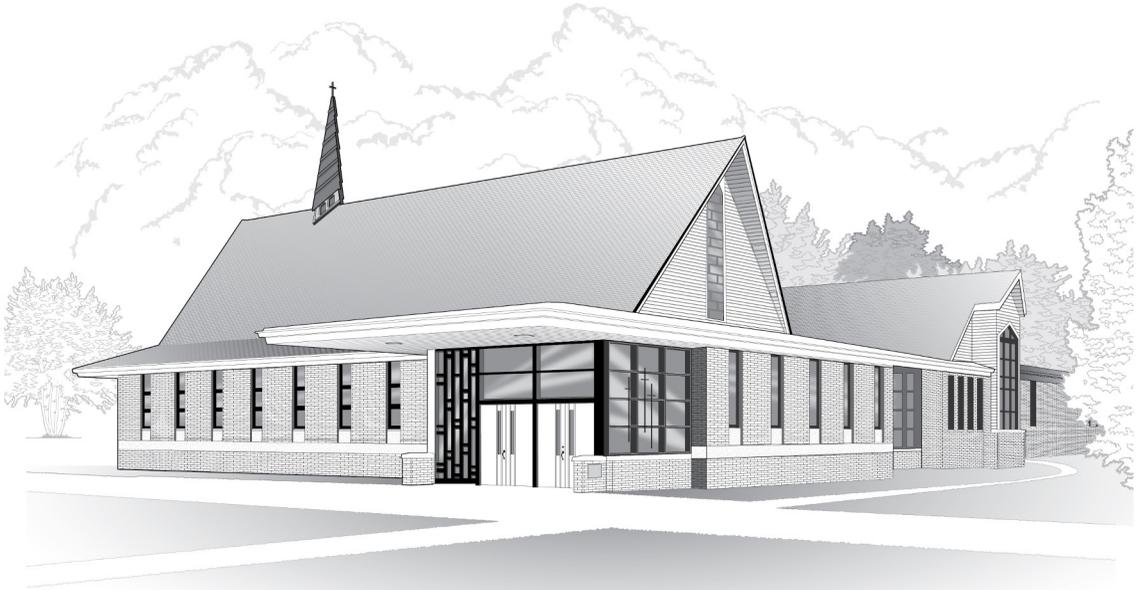
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