



GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH • SCHOOL

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 5, 2022 - 5:00 PM

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THE ALPHA AND THE OMEGA

Sunday Lenten Series and Graphics created by Nick Klemetson

Come, Thou incarnate Word, Gird on Thy mighty sword;
Our prayer attend. Come and Thy people bless,
And give Thy Word success, And let Thy righteousness On us descend.

Come, holy Comforter, Thy sacred witness bear
In this glad hour! Thou, who almighty art,
Now rule in ev'ry heart, And ne'er from us depart, Spirit of pow'r.

To Thee, great One in Three, Eternal praises be
Hence evermore! Thy sov'reign majesty
May we in glory see, And to eternity Love and adore.

***THE INVOCATION, OPENING LITANY AND CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

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

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: The Lord is my Shepherd, I lack nothing.

People: **But Lord, we are consumed with wanting more.**

Pastor: He makes me lie down in green pastures, He leads me beside still waters, He refreshes my soul.

People: **But Lord, we allow our souls to be drained of Your life-giving water.**

Pastor: He guides me along paths of doing what is right for His name's sake.

People: **But Lord, we often stray from Your path to follow our own.**

Pastor: Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff they comfort me.

People: **But Lord, we are afraid, and struggle to find our way.**

Pastor: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

People: **But Lord, we don't always find our seat. Forgive us and continue to fill our cups with Your overflowing mercy.**

Pastor: Surely Your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

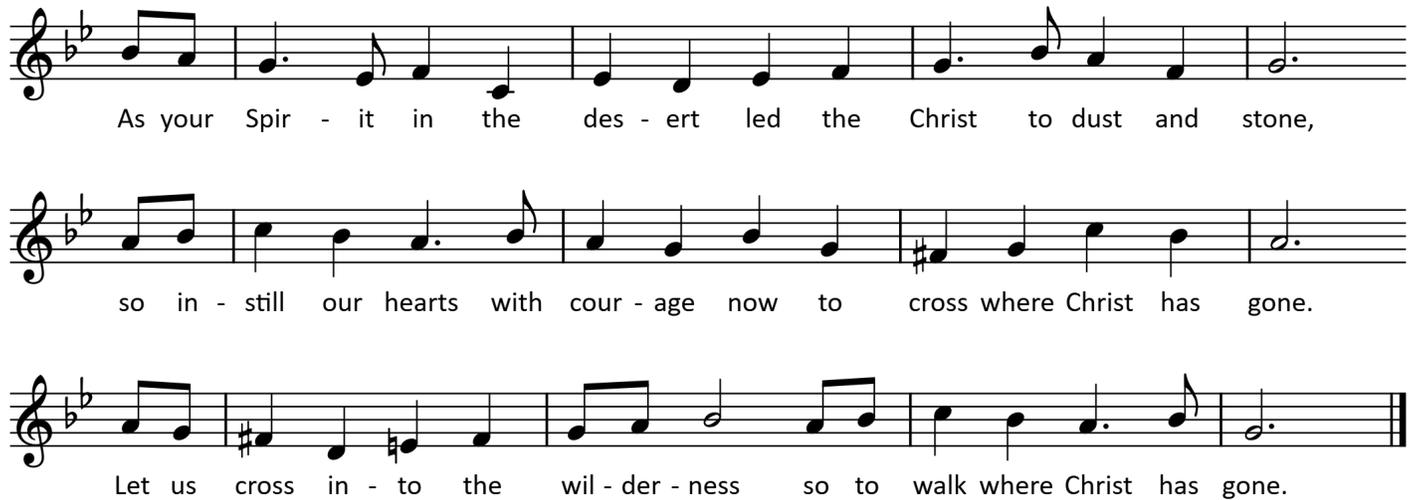
People: **Forgive us Lord, and lead us into Your heavenly kingdom.**

Pastor: In our darkest valleys we need not fear. The Lord is with us, He shelters us in His loving arms where no harm will come to us. God will wipe every

tear from our eyes. The Lamb of God has taken away the sins of the world. We are forgiven and one day we will join Him in everlasting peace.

People: Amen.

***THEME SONG** "As Your Spirit in the Desert" (v. 1) *Susan Palo Cherwien*



As your Spir - it in the des - ert led the Christ to dust and stone,
so in - still our hearts with cour - age now to cross where Christ has gone.
Let us cross in - to the wil - der - ness so to walk where Christ has gone.

THE FIRST READING

Revelation 1:7-8, 17-20

⁷Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen. ⁸"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."

¹⁷When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying, "Fear not, I am the first and the last, ¹⁸and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades. ¹⁹Write therefore the things that you have seen, those that are and those that are to take place after this. ²⁰As for the mystery of the seven stars that you saw in my right hand, and the seven golden lampstands, the seven stars are the angels of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands are the seven churches.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE SECOND READING

Romans 10:8b-13

⁸"The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. ¹¹For the Scripture says, "Everyone who believes in him

will not be put to shame.”¹² For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him.¹³ For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God**

THE ANTHEM

“I Want Jesus to Walk with Me”
(Grace Choristers)

traditional Spiritual

*THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 4:1-13

Pastor: The Gospel according to St. Luke, the fourth chapter.

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

¹And Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness ²for forty days, being tempted by the devil. And he ate nothing during those days. And when they were ended, he was hungry. ³The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread.” ⁴And Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘Man shall not live by bread alone.’” ⁵And the devil took him up and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time, ⁶and said to him, “To you I will give all this authority and their glory, for it has been delivered to me, and I give it to whom I will. ⁷If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.” ⁸And Jesus answered him, “It is written, “‘You shall worship the Lord your God, and him only shall you serve.’” ⁹And he took him to Jerusalem and set him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, ¹⁰for it is written, “‘He will command his angels concerning you, to guard you,’” ¹¹and “‘On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.’” ¹²And Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.’” ¹³And when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from him until an opportune time.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

[10:45] CHILDREN’S MESSAGE AND DISMISSAL TO CHILDREN’S CHURCH

*SERMON HYMN

“O Lord, throughout These Forty Days”

Hymn 418

**O Lord, throughout these forty days
You prayed and kept the fast;**

Inspire repentance for our sin,
And free us from our past.

You strove with Satan, and You won;
Your faithfulness endured;
Lend us Your nerve, Your skill and trust
In God's eternal Word.

Though parched and hungry, yet You prayed
And fixed Your mind above;
So teach us to deny ourselves,
Since we have known God's love.

Be with us through this season, Lord,
And all our earthly days,
That when the final Easter dawns,
We join in heaven's praise.

THE SERMON

"First and Last"

Revelation 1:7-8, 17-20

*PROFESSION OF FAITH - 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will 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.

*PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Lord, in Your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

HOLY COMMUNION

*WORDS OF PREPARATION

*WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*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.

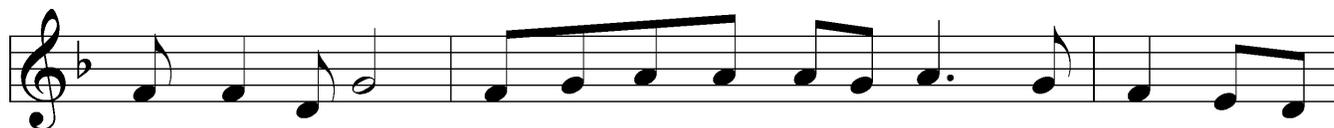
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

*AGNUS DEI

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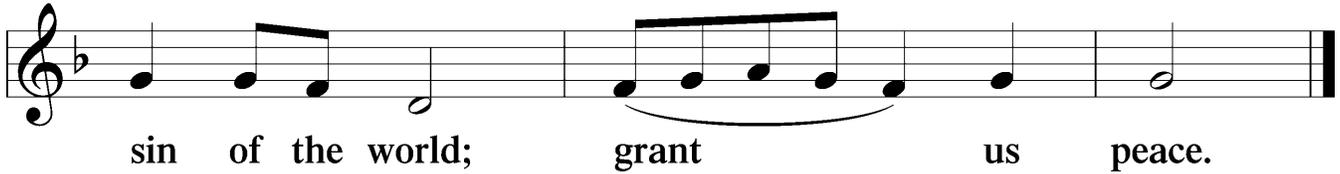
☐ Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the



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DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

MUSIC DURING THE DISTRIBUTION

“Mark How the Lamb of God’s Self-Offering”

Hymn 600

**Mark how the Lamb of God’s self-off’ring Our human sinfulness takes on
In the birthwaters of the Jordan As Jesus is baptized by John.
Hear how the voice from heaven thunders, “Lo, this is My belovèd Son.”
See how in dovelike form the Spirit Descends on God’s Anointed One.**

**From this assurance of God’s favor Jesus goes to the wilderness,
There to endure a time of testing That readied Him to teach and bless.
So we, by water and the Spirit Baptized into Christ’s ministry,
Are often led to paths of service Through mazes of adversity.**

**Grant us, O God, the strength and courage To live the faith our lips declare;
Bless us in our baptismal calling; Christ’s royal priesthood help us share.
Turn us from ev’ry false allegiance, That we may trust in Christ alone:
Raise up in us a chosen people Transformed by love to be Your own.**

“Just As I Am, without One Plea”

Hymn 570

**Just as I am, without one plea But that Thy blood was shed for me
And that Thou bidd’st me come to Thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

**Just as I am and waiting not To rid my soul of one dark blot,
To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

**Just as I am, though tossed about With many a conflict, many a doubt,
Fightings and fears within, without, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

**Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind; Sight, riches, healing of the mind,
Yea, all I need, in Thee to find, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

**Just as I am, Thou wilt receive, Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
Because Thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

**Just as I am; Thy love unknown Has broken ev'ry barrier down;
Now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

"O Christ, You Walked the Road"

Hymn 424

**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.**

**No bread of earth alone Can fill our hung'ring hearts.
Lord, help us seek Your living Word, The food Your grace imparts.**

**No blinding sign we ask, No wonder from above.
Lord, help us place our trust alone In Your unswerving love.**

**When lures of easy gain With promise brightly shine,
Lord, help us seek Your kingdom first; Our wills with Yours align.**

**O Christ, You walked the road Our wand'ring feet must go.
Stay with us through temptation's hour To fight our ancient foe.**

***POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

***THE BENEDICTION** *(Numbers 6:24-26)*

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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 ✠ give you peace.

People: Amen.

***RECESSIONAL HYMN** "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

Hymn 657

**A mighty fortress is our God, A sword and shield victorious;
He breaks the cruel oppressor's rod And wins salvation glorious.
The old satanic foe Has sworn to work us woe.
With craft and dreadful might He arms himself to fight.
On earth he has no equal.**

No strength of ours can match his might. We would be lost, rejected.
But now a champion comes to fight, Whom God Himself elected.
You ask who this may be? The Lord of hosts is He,
Christ Jesus, mighty Lord, God's only Son, adored.
He holds the field victorious.

Though hordes of devils fill the land All threat'ning to devour us,
We tremble not, unmoved we stand; They cannot overpower us.
Let this world's tyrant rage; In battle we'll engage.
His might is doomed to fail; God's judgment must prevail!
One little word subdues him.

God's Word forever shall abide, No thanks to foes, who fear it;
For God Himself fights by our side With weapons of the Spirit.
Were they to take our house, Goods, honor, child, or spouse,
Though life be wrenched away, They cannot win the day.
The Kingdom's ours forever!

DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

"A Mighty Fortress"

Johann Pachelbel

WORSHIP SERVICE LEADERS

SATURDAY, 5:00 PM

The Preacher	The Rev. Brendon T. Moore
The Organist	Nick Klemetson
The Communion Deacons	Vickie Ryan, Jeff Wittcop
The Lector	Bill McComb
The Usher/Greeter Team	Don & Connie March, Jennifer March

SUNDAY, 10:45 AM

The Preacher	The Rev. Brendon T. Moore
The Celebrant/Liturgist	The Rev. Charles T. Reich
The Organist	Nick Klemetson
The Sound Technician	Jerry Garza
The Elder on Duty	Janet Hostler
The Communion Deacons	Fred Aceto, Carl Locke, Jennifer Smith
The Lectors	Janice Graydon, Steve Griffith
The Robing Leader	Julia King
The Crucifer	Lilliann Witcher
The Acolytes	Lauren King, Vera Terry
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The Welcome Team Ushers	Steve Griffith, Carl Rod, Larry Walker

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