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✝ First Sunday in Lent ✝

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THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION . . .

The word "Sacrament" means that God is at work here. A Sacrament is an act of God, not just a pious ritual of the Church. What God does here is present us with the true Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, "in, with, and under" the bread and wine. It is more than just a reminder or a symbol of Christ. It is Christ. And so the proper approach is one of repentance for sin, and trust in God's promise. "He is truly worthy who has faith in the words: Given and shed *for you*", as Dr. Luther often said. We ask those who have not yet been instructed in the meaning of the Sacrament, not to participate yet in the eating and drinking, but to receive a blessing from the Pastor. God bless your sharing in this wonderful Gift.

Welcome: Today we hear of God testing Abraham and of Satan tempting Jesus. James reminds us that God tempts no one. So, how can we know whether God is testing us or Satan is tempting us? James reminds us that "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" (James 1:17). As we go through life, striving to live out our calling as God's people, we will hit obstacles and face tests to our faith and to how we live that faith. God can work through these tests to draw us closer to Him. On the other hand, Satan wants to lure and entice us away from the path God would have us walk.

Cushions are available for those who may need them; ask an usher for assistance.

Quiet Room: The Luther Room (located at the end of the hall to the left as you enter the building) is available for use as a "quiet room." It is equipped with comfortable chairs and a TV that shows the service.

Assisted Listening Devices: are available for those who have trouble hearing the service. Please see an usher to use one.

Communion Procedure: Individually packaged wafers and wine/grape juice is available in the narthex as you come in. Take one of each with you to your seat. When it is time for Holy Communion, you will stay in your seat and take the body and blood when Pastor indicates.

Welcome

Stand

Opening Hymn "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

LSB 700



1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of
2 Breathe, O breathe Thy lov - ing Spir - it In - to
3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; Let us



heav'n, to earth come down! Fix in us Thy
ev - 'ry trou - bled breast; Let us all in
all Thy life re - ceive; Sud - den - ly re -



hum - ble dwell - ing, All Thy faith - ful mer - cies crown.
Thee in - her - it; Let us find Thy prom - ised rest.
turn, and nev - er, Nev - er - more Thy tem - ples leave.



Je - sus, Thou art all com - pas - sion, Pure, un -
Take a - way the love of sin - ning; Al - pha
Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing, Serve Thee



bound - ed love Thou art; Vis - it us with
and O - me - ga be; End of faith, as
as Thy hosts a - bove, Pray and praise Thee



Thy sal - va - tion, En - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.
its be - gin - ning, Set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
with - out ceas - ing, Glo - ry in Thy per - fect love.

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Opening Sentences

Mark 14:38; 1 Peter 5:8; 1 Corinthians 10:12–13

P Jesus said, “Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.”

C **Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.**

P Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man.

C **God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.**

Confession and Absolution

Romans 6:20, 22–23, adapted; Mark 1:15

P God’s Word reminds us that when we were slaves of sin, we were free in regard to righteousness.

C **But now that we have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit we get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life.**

P For the wages of sin is death,

C **but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

P Let us confess our sins to God, who has brought us out of slavery and promises to lead us to the promised land of heaven.

A moment for silent confession.

P Heavenly Father, we know we are blessed when we remain steadfast under trial, yet we fall prey to the devil’s schemes and give in to temptation. We are lured and enticed by our own evil desires—desires that contradict your good and gracious will.

C **For Jesus’ sake, forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

P As Jesus began His ministry, He said, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.” As you have repented of your sins, believe these words as if Jesus was standing here speaking them to you: I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Salutation

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day: Lent 1

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.

Psalm: Psalm 25:1–10



P ¹To You, | O LORD,* I lift | up my soul.

C ²O my God, in You I trust; let me not be | put to shame;*
let not my enemies exult | over me.

P ³Indeed, none who wait for You shall be | put to shame;*
they shall be ashamed who are wantonly | treacherous.

C ⁴Make me to know Your ways, | O LORD;* teach me | Your paths.

P ⁵Lead me in Your truth and teach me, for You are the God of my sal- | vation;*
for You I wait all the | day long.

C ⁶Remember Your mercy, O LORD, and Your | steadfast love,*
for they have been | from of old.

P ⁷Remember not the sins of my youth or my trans- | gressions;*
according to Your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of Your goodness, | O LORD!

C ⁸Good and upright | is the LORD;* therefore He instructs sinners | in the way.

P ⁹He leads the humble in | what is right,* and teaches the humble | His way.

C ¹⁰All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and | faithfulness,*
for those who keep His covenant and His testi- | monies.

Sit

First Reading: Genesis 22:1–18

(God tested Abraham.)

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?”⁸ Abraham 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.

Second Reading: 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

(The path temptation treads)

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.

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Stand

Holy Gospel: Mark 1:9–15

(Jesus is baptized and sent to be tempted.)

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

G **Glory to You, 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

G **Praise to You, O Christ.**

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

Sit

Children's Message

Bob Brantsch, DCE

1 I want Je - sus to walk with me;
 2 In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me;
 3 When I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;

I want Je - sus to walk with me;
 in my tri - als, Lord, walk with me;
 when I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;

all a - long my pil - grim jour - ney,
 when my heart is al - most break - ing,
 when my head is bowed in sor - row,

Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.
 Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.
 Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.

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Sermon Tempted, Lured, Enticed

Offering

During this time of crises we have put the following methods in place for you to contribute your offerings: <https://gloriadeihudson.org/donate.html>. An offering plate is provided near the church entry for those who prefer to leave their offering there. We continue to encourage Simply Giving and online giving.

Offertory (8:15)

"Hold Us Together"

Lyrics by Keith Hoover

Keith Hoover, soloist

Offertory (10:45)

"Blessing"

by Laura Story

Jennette, Wilch, soloist

Stand

Pastoral Prayers

The Prayers of the Church

- A** Friends in Christ, I urge you to lift up your souls to our God in whom we trust, as Christ, our Lord, promises to hear us. Lord Jesus, You are the Lord of the Church.
- C** **Bless the work of our congregation and all who bear Your name.**
- A** Remember Your mercy, O Lord,
- C** **and Your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.**
- A** Lord Jesus, the government is on Your shoulders.
- C** **Watch over all in this world. Guide the world's leaders with Your wisdom, as well as our elected officials—our president, our governor, and our local authorities—that we may live peaceful and quiet lives.**
- A** Remember Your mercy, O Lord,
- C** **and Your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.**
- A** Lord Jesus, You are our Teacher.
- C** **Make us to know Your ways, O Lord; teach us Your paths. Lead us in Your truth and teach us, for You are the God of our salvation; for You we wait all the day long.**
- A** Remember Your mercy, O Lord,
- C** **and Your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.**
- A** Lord Jesus, You are the God of our salvation.
- C** **Guide us, Lord, in living lives that bear witness to Your truth. Lead us to connect with those who are wandering or who do not know You.**
- A** Remember Your mercy, O Lord,
- C** **and Your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.**
- A** Lord Jesus, You are the Great Physician.
- C** **Bind up the brokenhearted, give sight to the blind, make the lame to walk and the deaf to hear.**
- A** We name before You those who are struggling in body, mind, and spirit and ask You to heal them. Remember Your mercy, O Lord,
- C** **and Your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.**
- P** Into Your hands, Lord Jesus, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your great mercy to hear and answer us.
- 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

Words of Institution

- 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."

Proclamation of Christ

- A** As often as we eat of this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. —1 Corinthians 11:26
- C** Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. —Revelation 22:20

The Peace

- P** The peace ✠ of the Lord be with you always.
- C** And also with you.

Communion Distribution

- P** The body of Christ given for you.
Open the container and eat the wafer.

- P** The blood of Christ shed for you for the forgiveness of your sins.
Open the container with the wine/grape juice and drink it. Please replace the lid so the wine doesn't drip out.

Communion Dismissal

Post-Communion Thanksgiving

- A** Let us pray. Lord Jesus, we thank You for pouring out Your body and blood and serving it to us in this Meal in bread and wine. In Your mercy, strengthen and lead us as we face temptations and testing in this life on our way to the life to come, for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

Blessing

- P** 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.
- C** Amen.

Dismissal

- A** Go in peace, serve the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

Closing Hymn "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

LSB 733



1 O God, our help in a - ges past, Our hope for years to come,
2 Un - der the shad - ow of Thy throne Thy saints have dwelt se - cure;
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood Or earth re - ceived her frame,
4 A thou - sand a - ges in Thy sight Are like an eve - ning gone,



Our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, And our e - ter - nal home:
Suf - fi - cient is Thine arm a - lone, And our de - fense is sure.
From ev - er - last - ing Thou art God, To end - less years the same.
Short as the watch that ends the night Be - fore the ris - ing sun.

5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
Soon bears us all away;
We fly forgotten as a dream
Dies at the op'ning day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Be Thou our guard while troubles last
And our eternal home!

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