

**Statement of Faith ~ Third Article and Meaning**

*Dr. Martin Luther*

**P:** The Gospel appointed for the First Sunday in Lent reads, "The Spirit immediately drove Jesus out into the wilderness. And He was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan." This reading reminds us of the close interworking of the three persons of the Holy Trinity all through the earthly life and ministry of our Lord Jesus Christ. Today, we confess the words of the Apostles' Creed regarding the work of the Holy Spirit:

**C: 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.**

**P:** What does this mean?

**ALL: I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith.**

**In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian Church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers. On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true!**

**The 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!

**The Disciple: Repent!**

The front page photograph in the Denver Post this morning is of a mother in Parkland, Florida, hugging her daughter outside of Douglas High School. Noticeably, you see the Sign of the Cross marked in ashes on her forehead! Obviously, she had been to an Ash Wednesday Service sometime prior to the afternoon shooting at the school and she faithfully carried the Sign of the Cross with her all day. She is openly declaring that she is a Disciple. What a witness! She could never have anticipated that this would happen. She only went about her daily activities as a Christian and God used it as a witness to many. The season of penitence, Lent, is here. This is the time we reflect on our sinfulness and seek forgiveness from God. In the Gospel reading from Mark, Jesus tells us to "Repent and Believe." That is our primary message to proclaim to others. The door has been opened because most people, even non-believers, are aware that it is Lent. They may not have a complete understanding of what Lent is about and that is our opening. We can talk about what we do to observe Lent, personally, and in our church activities. We can emphasize that it is a time to repent of our sins and put our faith in Jesus the Savior. **Go and Tell: Repent and Believe**

*The Season of Lent is the first part of the Easter Cycle in the Church Year. Lent is a time of prayerful and penitential reflection. Our attention is directed especially to the holy sufferings and death of our Lord Jesus Christ. From ancient times, the season of Lent has been kept as a time of special devotion, self-denial, and humble repentance born of a faithful heart that dwells confidently on God's Word and draws from it life and hope. We pray that the Holy Spirit may richly bless this season for us!*

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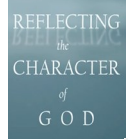
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**Witness ✠ Mercy ✠ Life Together**

1st Sunday in Lent | Saturday, February 17, 2018 | 5:00 PM

**SEASON OF LENT**



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**Welcome, Guests!**  
**The Lord bless you as you worship with us!**



**News To Use**

**Information...**

• **ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Our monthly **In-Sites** has highlights, in-depth announcements, calendars, up-coming events ~ in worship folders 1st Sunday of each month; extras on triangle info-kiosks

• **INFO-KIOSKS:** These triangular stands have specific ways you can connect with **WITNESS, MERCY, and LIFE TOGETHER.** Let us help you find ways to serve our Lord!

**✠ IN THE NAME OF JESUS ✠**

**Welcome and Invocation** *Pastor Greg Zillinger*

**Confession of Sin and Forgiveness**

**Song** # 418 "O Lord, throughout These Forty Days"

**Scripture Readings**

Genesis 22:1-18 p. 16 [ESV](#)  
James 1:12-18 p. 1011 [ESV](#)  
Mark 1:9-15 p. 836 [ESV](#)

**Song** # 655 "Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word"

**Message** "Tempted and Tested" text: James 1:12-18

**Statement of Faith** *Please see back page for text*

**Offering** *Please fill out the Fellowship Book. Thank you!*

**Prayers**

**Lord's Prayer** *Please see inside back cover of hymnal*

**Blessing**

**Song** # 770 "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

**✠ TO GOD ALONE ALL GLORY! ✠**



Lent Event  
**FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT:**  
Reflecting  
the Character of God  
Galatians 5: 22-23

5:30p Soup Supper, Parish Hall  
6:15p Group Gathering  
7:00p Worship, Sanctuary

Feb 14, Ash Wed	LOVE
Feb 21, Lent Wed 2	JOY
Feb 28, Lent Wed 3	PEACE
Mar 7, Lent Wed 4	PATIENCE
Mar 14, Lent Wed 5	KINDNESS
Mar 21, Lent Wed 6	GOODNESS
Mar 25, Palm Sun	FAITHFULNESS
Mar 29, Maundy Thurs	GENTLENESS
March 30, Good Fri	SELF-CONTROL
Mar 30, Tre-Ore 12-3p	Seven Gifts of the Spirit
April 1, Sunrise Service 6:30a	FOOLED YOU!
Easter Breakfast 7-10:30	in the Parish Hall
Divine Services 8/10:45	EASTER FOOLS!