

SEASON OF LENT

REFLECTING
the
CHARACTER
of
GOD



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

Information...

- A cry room is located off the welcome area.
- **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**
Our monthly In-Sites has highlights and in-depth announcements, calendars, and up-coming events. In worship folders 1st Sun of each month; extras on kiosks.
- **INFO-KIOSKS:**
Look for the triangular stands. They have specific ways to connect with our **WITNESS, MERCY, and LIFE TOGETHER.** Let us help you find ways to serve our Lord!

Serving Today...

Message:

Pastor Brad Stoltenow

Liturgist:

8:00 Pastor Greg Zillinger

Organist:

Sara Zillinger

Children's Chat:

Molly Poppe

Witness ✠ Mercy ✠ Life Together

✠ **IN THE NAME OF JESUS** ✠

Ringing of the Bell ~ Call to Worship

The bell is rung 7 times.

*This is our quiet time as we prepare our minds and hearts.
May our dear Lord bless your preparation.*

Prelude

Invocation

Matthew 28:19b

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

Congregation: Amen!

Confession of Sins

Psalms 124:8; Psalm 130:3-4; Luke 18:13

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: who made heaven and earth.

P: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C: But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

P: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word and call upon Him in prayer and praise, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C: Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

Absolution ~ Forgiveness of Sins

John 20:19-23

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen!

*You may greet one another in the name of the Lord,
saying, "Peace be with you," or "God's peace," as a sign of reconciliation
and of unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.*

Kyrie eleison ~ Lord, have mercy!

Mark 10:47

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

ALL: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. Amen!

Salutation

P: The Lord be with you!

C: And also with you!



God will
provide the
lamb...

The Season of Lent is the first part of the Easter Cycle in the Church Year. The term "Lent" is from ancient words meaning "lengthen"--literally, the lengthening [of daylight hours], which is interpreted as springtime.

Lent is the season of penitence and prayerful reflection in preparation for Easter, beginning on Ash Wednesday and lasting 40 week days to Easter. (The Sundays are excluded in the 40-day count; they count as "little Easters.")

The heart of the Easter message is Christ gave Himself for us to make us right with His Father once more. Thus, our preparation includes times of special devotion, self-denial, and humble repentance; we give up sinful, self-serving ways, replacing them with new ways to give time and energy and forgiveness to those in need. Our preparation is born of a faithful heart that dwells confidently on God's Word and draws from it life and hope. This is the heart of Lenten preparation.

We pray the Holy Spirit may richly bless this season for us all!

Prayer for Aid Against Temptation

LSB p. 312

P: We pray: O God, You justify the ungodly and do not desire the death of the sinner. Graciously assist us by Your heavenly aid and evermore shield us with Your protection, that no temptation may separate us from Your love in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

C: **Amen!**

Hymn # 418 "O Lord, throughout These Forty Days"

Offering You are invited to fill out the Fellowship Book as it is passed to you!

Children's Chat

Prayer

Old Testament Reading

p. 16 ESV

Genesis 22:1-18

P: After these things, God tested Abraham and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said,

C: **"Here I am."**

P: "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." So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac.

C: **And he cut the wood for the burnt offering and arose and went to the place of which God had told him.**

P: On the third day, Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar. Then Abraham said to his young men,

C: **"Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy will go over there and worship and come again to you."**

P: And 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.

ALL: So they went both of them together.

P: And Isaac said to his father Abraham, "My father!" And he said,

C: **"Here I am, my son."**

P: "Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" Abraham said,

ALL: "God will provide for Himself the lamb for a burnt offering."

P: So they went both of them together. When 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. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said,

C: **"Here I am."**

P: "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him.

ALL: Now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from Me."

P: And 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.

ALL: So 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."

P: And the angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven and said, "By Myself I have sworn, declares the LORD, because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, I 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;

C: **in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice."**

Response

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

Epistle Reading p. 1011 ESV

James 1:12-18

Blessed 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.

Let 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. But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death.

Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers and sisters. Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom where is no variation or shadow due to change. Of His own will He brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of His creatures.

Response

P: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God!**

Hymn # 405:1-4 "To Jordan's River Came Our Lord"

Gospel Acclamation

P: The Holy Gospel, according to St. Mark, the 1st chapter. **C: Glory to You, O Lord!**

The Holy Gospel p. 836 ESV

Mark 1:9-15

In those days, Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And when He came up out of the water, immediately He saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit descending on Him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are My beloved Son; with You I am well pleased."

The Spirit immediately drove [Jesus] out into the wilderness. And 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.

Response

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to You, O Christ!**

Hymn # 405:5 & 6 "To Jordan's River Came Our Lord"

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.

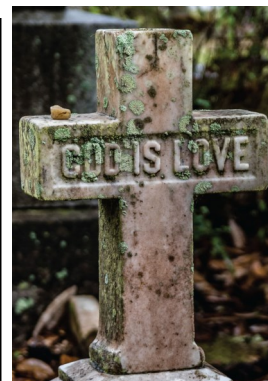
P: What does this mean?

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.

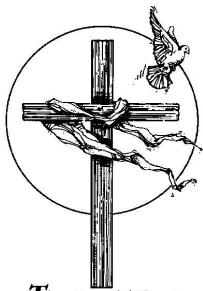
In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian Church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers. On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead,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

This is most certainly true!

Message "Faith Under Trial" text: James 1:12-18



Where is the Hymn of Praise and all the Alleluias? While each Sunday in Lent is a "little Easter" and singing Alleluias would not be incorrect, at the same time, from Transfiguration Sunday to Good Friday, we walk the darkening road to the cross with Christ, and we wait and watch as He suffers for our sins. We rejoice with Alleluias on Easter when we celebrate His resurrection!



*The Lord lift up
His countenance
upon you
and give you peace.*

Benediction: We leave this house of worship to be God's witnesses and share His mercy in our life together with each other, our neighbors, and the world.

Hymn # 770 "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

Prayer of the Church

1 Timothy 2:1-4

Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13; Luke 11:2-4

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!

Benediction ~ God's good-creative Word of Blessing

Numbers 6:24-26

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!

Hymn # 655 "Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word"

✕ **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 Event 7p 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 Sunday:	FAITHFULNESS
Mar 29, Maundy Thursday:	GENTLENESS
Mar 30, Good Friday:	SELF-CONTROL

Mar 30, Good Friday Tre-Ore: 12-3p
 April 1, Easter Sunrise Service: 6:30a
 Easter Breakfast: 7-10:30a
 Divine Services: 8/10:45a
 Seven Gifts of the Spirit
FOOLED YOU!
 in the Parish Hall
EASTER FOOLS!

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**

**LORD,
 LAY SOME SOUL
 UPON MY HEART
 AND LOVE THAT
 SOUL THROUGH ME;
 AND MAY I GLADLY
 DO MY PART
 TO WIN THAT SOUL
 FOR THEE.
 AMEN!**

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