



The First Sunday in Lent - *Invocabit*  
Sunday, March 9, A.D 2025 – 9:30 a.m.

**WELCOME!** Thank you for worshipping with us today!  
Visitors, please help us connect with you. Complete the 'Visitor' side of the pew card and send an e-mail to [mike.schleider@mtolivemke.org](mailto:mike.schleider@mtolivemke.org) if you have any requests for prayer or questions about our services.  
**FOR THOSE DESIRING TO COMMUNE TODAY:** We celebrate the Sacrament of our Lord Jesus Christ's true body and true blood. Since reception of the Lord's Supper expresses not only fellowship with the Lord, but also fellowship and agreement with the teaching of this congregation, we follow the Biblical practice of closed communion. Normally, members of congregations of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod who have been instructed in the faith are welcome to partake, however all guests are kindly asked to speak with a pastor before communing at our altar. For children or others who have not been confirmed, but would like to receive a blessing, please come forward with your arms crossed over your chest.

## Prelude

✠ Preparation & Entrance Rite ✠

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.
- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**
- 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.**

*424 O Christ, You Walked the Road*

- 1 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.
- 2 No bread of earth alone  
Can fill our hung'ring hearts.

Lord, help us seek Your living Word,  
The food Your grace imparts.

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

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

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

The image contains three staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. Each staff is divided into two parts: 'Choir:' and 'All:'. The notes are as follows:

- Staff 1: *Choir:* G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4. *All:* G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4.
- Staff 2: *Choir:* G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4. *All:* G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4.
- Staff 3: *Choir:* G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4. *All:* G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4.

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*Kyrie, eleison* – Lord, have mercy. *Christe, eleison* – Christ, have mercy.

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**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.**

✠ Service of the Word ✠

### **Genesis 3:1-21**

**P** <sup>1</sup>Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the Lord God had made.

He said to the woman, “Did God actually say, ‘You shall not eat of any tree in the garden’?” <sup>2</sup>And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, <sup>3</sup>but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.’” <sup>4</sup>But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die. <sup>5</sup>For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” <sup>6</sup>So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some

to her husband who was with her, and he ate. <sup>7</sup>Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.

<sup>8</sup>And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. <sup>9</sup>But the Lord God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?" <sup>10</sup>And he said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself." <sup>11</sup>He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" <sup>12</sup>The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate." <sup>13</sup>Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

<sup>14</sup>The Lord God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. <sup>15</sup>I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel." <sup>16</sup>To the woman he said, "I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children. Your desire shall be for your husband, and he shall rule over you." <sup>17</sup>And to Adam he said, "Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you, 'You shall not eat of it,' cursed is the ground because of you; in pain you





I acknowledged my | sin to you,  
and I did not cover my | iniquity;  
I said, “I will confess my transgressions | to the Lord,”  
and you forgave the iniquity | of my sin.

Therefore let everyone who is godly  
offer prayer to you at a time when you | may be found;  
surely in the rush of great waters, they shall not | reach him.  
You are a hiding place for me;  
you preserve | me from trouble;  
you surround me with shouts of de-| liverance.

Glory be to the Father and |to the Son  
and to the Ho-| ly Spirit;  
as it was in | the beginning,  
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

## **A** 2 Corinthians 6:1-10

<sup>1</sup>Working together with him, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain. <sup>2</sup>For he says,

“In a favorable time I listened to you,  
and in a day of salvation I have helped you.”

Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. <sup>3</sup>We put no obstacle in anyone’s way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, <sup>4</sup>but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: by great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, <sup>5</sup>beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; <sup>6</sup>by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, the Holy Spirit,

genuine love; <sup>7</sup>by truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; <sup>8</sup>through honor and dishonor, through slander and praise. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; <sup>9</sup>as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold, we live; as punished, and yet not killed; <sup>10</sup>as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, yet possessing everything.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## **Gospel Acclamation**

Return to the Lord, your God,  
for He is gracious and merciful,  
slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love,  
and abounding in steadfast love.

## **Matthew 4:1-11**

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fourth chapter.

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. <sup>2</sup>And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. <sup>3</sup>And the tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.” <sup>4</sup>But he answered, “It is written, “Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.””



<sup>5</sup>Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the temple <sup>6</sup>and 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 “‘On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.’”

<sup>7</sup>Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.’” <sup>8</sup>Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. <sup>9</sup>And he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.”

<sup>10</sup>Then Jesus said to him, “Be gone, Satan! For it is written, “‘You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve.’”

<sup>11</sup>Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

### 657 *A Mighty Fortress*

1 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.

- 2 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.
- 3 Though hordes of devils fill the land  
All threat'ning to devour us,  
We tremble not, unmoved we stand;  
They cannot overpow'r 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.
- 4 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!

Sermon

## *Nicene Creed*

**C** I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried.

And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ✝ of the world to come. Amen.

## *Prayer of the Church*

**P** Lord in Your mercy:

**C** **hear our prayer.**

## **Offering**

## Offering Anthem

### *O Savior, Look upon the Tears*

*O Savior, look upon the tears we shed in deepest grief.  
We waste away throughout the years, awaiting Your relief.  
Remind us, Lord, that You once cried and wept on Zion's road  
And longed to gather to Your side all with a heavy load.*

*O Savior, hear our anxious prayers that mingle with our sighs.  
We bow beneath our weighty cares as our petitions rise.  
Remind us, Lord, that You would call upon Your Father's ear,  
And even now, You speak for all  
who hold Your name most dear.*

*O Savior, see our broken hearts that suffer with each pain.  
We ache with all our wounded parts as hardened scars remain.  
Remind us, Lord, that You endured the whole world's agony  
So our renewal is secured: from terrors soon set free.*

Text: Lisa Clark; Music: Jacob Weber

### ✠ Service of the Sacrament ✠

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Lift up your hearts.

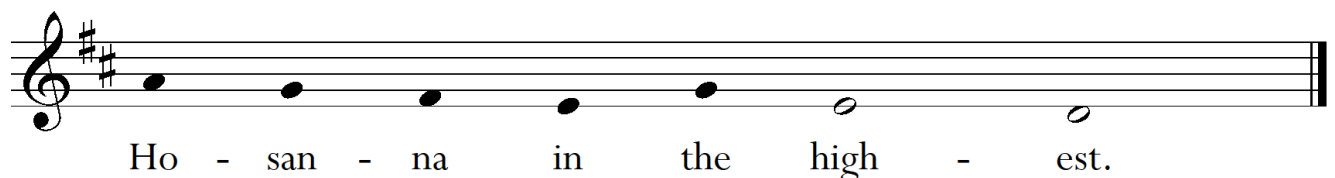
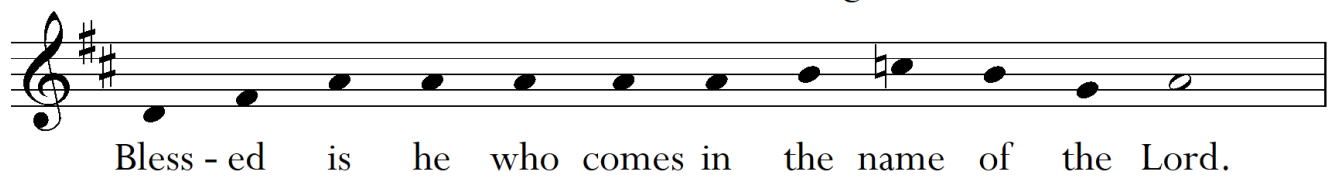
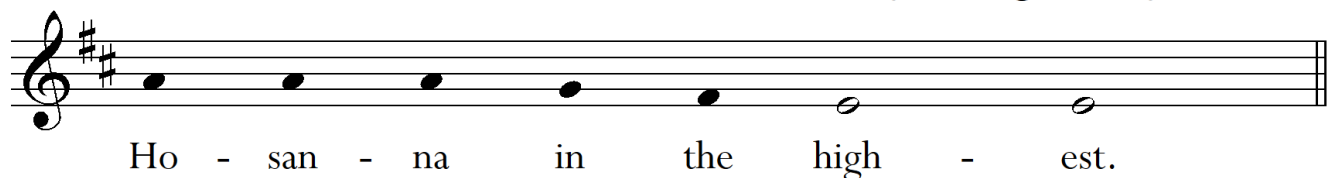
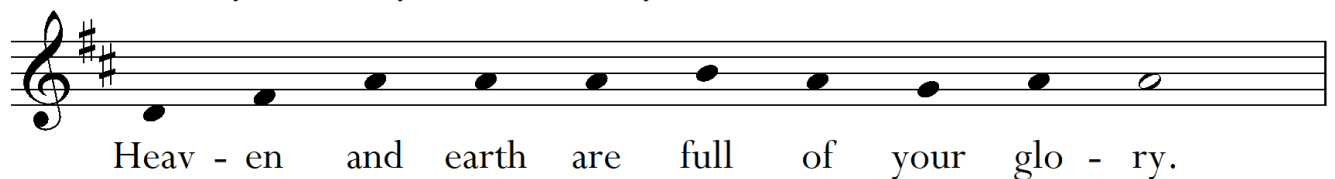
**C** **We lift them to the Lord.**

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who overcame the assaults of the devil and

gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



**P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us

with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

**P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**C**

Our Fa - ther who art in heav - en, hal - low - ed be Thy name,  
Thy king - dom come, Thy will be done on earth as  
it is in heav - en; give us this day our dai - ly  
bread; and for - give us our tres - pass - es as we for - give  
those who tres - pass a - gainst us; and lead us not in -  
to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us from e - vil.  
For Thine is the king - dom and the pow'r and the glo -

ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

**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.”

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** Amen.

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have mer-cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have mer-cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world,

grant us peace.

## 423 *Jesus, Refuge of the Weary*

- 1 Jesus, refuge of the weary,  
    Blest Redeemer, whom we love,  
Fountain in life's desert dreary,  
    Savior from the world above:  
Often have Your eyes, offended,  
    Gazed upon the sinner's fall;  
Yet upon the cross extended,  
    You have borne the pain of all.
  
- 2 Do we pass that cross unheeding,  
    Breathing no repentant vow,  
Though we see You wounded, bleeding,  
    See Your thorn-encircled brow?  
Yet Your sinless death has brought us  
    Life eternal, peace, and rest;  
Only what Your grace has taught us  
    Calms the sinner's deep distress.
  
- 3 Jesus, may our hearts be burning  
    With more fervent love for You;  
May our eyes be ever turning  
    To behold Your cross anew  
Till in glory, parted never  
    From the blessed Savior's side,  
Graven in our hearts forever,  
    Dwell the cross, the Crucified.



## **Communion Anthem**

### ***I Will Arise and Go To Jesus***

*Come, you sinners, poor and needy  
weak and wounded, sick and sore,  
Jesus, Son of God, will save you,  
full of pity, love, and power.*

*I will arise and go to Jesus,  
He will embrace me in His arms;  
In the arms of my dear Savior,  
oh, there are ten thousand charms.*

*Come, you thirsty, come, and welcome,  
God's free bounty glorify:*

*True belief and true repentance,  
ev'ry grace that brings you nigh.*

*I will arise and go to Jesus,  
He will embrace me in His arms;  
In the arms of my dear Savior,  
oh, there are ten thousand charms.*

*Come, you weary, heavy laden,  
lost and ruined by the fall;*

*If you tarry till you're better,  
you will never come at all.*

*I will arise and go to Jesus,  
He will embrace me in His arms;  
In the arms of my dear Savior,  
oh, there are ten thousand charms*

Text: Joseph Hart; Music: *Southern Harmony*, arr. Peter van den Honert

419 *Savior, When In Dust to Thee*

- 1 Savior, when in dust to Thee  
Low we bow the\_adoring knee;  
    When, repentant, to the skies  
    Scarce we lift our weeping eyes;  
O, by all Thy pains and woe  
Suffered once for us below,  
    Bending from Thy throne on high,  
    Hear our penitential cry!
  
- 2 By Thy helpless infant years,  
By Thy life of want and tears,  
    By Thy days of deep distress  
    In the savage wilderness,  
By the dread, mysterious hour  
Of the\_insulting tempter's pow'r,  
    Turn, O turn a fav'ring eye;  
    Hear our penitential cry!
  
- 3 By Thine hour of dire despair,  
By Thine agony of prayer,  
    By the cross, the nail, the thorn,  
    Piercing spear, and torturing scorn,  
By the gloom that veiled the skies  
O'er the dreadful sacrifice,  
    Listen to our humble sigh;  
    Hear our penitential cry!

4 By Thy deep expiring groan,  
By the sad sepulchral stone,  
By the vault whose dark abode  
Held in vain the rising God,  
O, from earth to heav'n restored,  
Mighty, reascended Lord,  
Bending from Thy throne on high,  
Hear our penitential cry!

**A** Let us pray. (*One of three prayers follows*)  
We give thanks to You, almighty God / O God the Father /  
Gracious God, our heavenly Father ... through Jesus  
Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You  
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

**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.

418 *O Lord, throughout These Forty Days*

1 O Lord, throughout these forty days  
You prayed and kept the fast;  
Inspire repentance for our sin,  
And free us from our past.

- 2 You strove with Satan, and You won;  
Your faithfulness endured;  
Lend us Your nerve, Your skill and trust  
In God's eternal Word.
  
- 3 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.
  
- 4 Be with us through this season, Lord,  
And all our earthly days,  
That when the final Easter dawns,  
We join in heaven's praise.

## **Postlude**

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