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Missouri Synod



The First Sunday in Lent

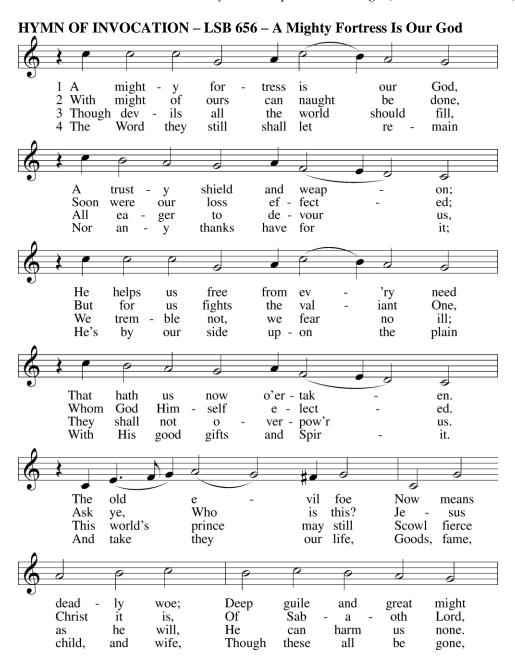
March 9, 2025
Divine Service, Setting Three – LSB 184
8:00 & 10:30*am, 5:00 pm
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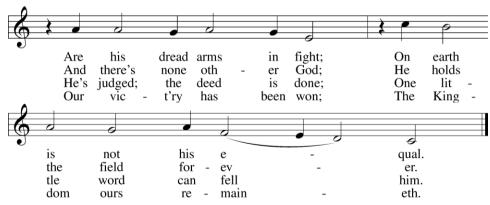
AS WE GATHERJesus Christ Is Our Champion Against the Devil

Jesus Christ, our champion against the devil, endures and overcomes "every temptation" (Luke 4:13) on our behalf. He worships the Lord, His God, and serves Him only by trusting the Word of His Father: "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased" (Luke 3:22). Jesus' victory is now ours through His gracious Word, which is not far away but near us — in our mouth and in our heart, in the proclamation of repentance and faith. For "with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved" (Rom. 10:10). Our confession of Christ includes the prayer of faith, which is not disappointed, "for 'everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved" (Rom. 10:13). The Lord is not oblivious to "our affliction, our toil, and our oppression" (Deut. 26:7), but has mercy upon us. He has brought us out of bondage through the "signs and wonders" of Holy Baptism, "with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm" (Deut. 26:8), and now He leads us by His Spirit even in the wilderness.

+++GATHERING+++

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC – On My Heart Imprint Your Image (arr. Robert J. Powell)





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INVOCATION

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- **P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- who made heaven and earth.
- **P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

(silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination)

- P O almighty God, merciful Father,
- I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.
- P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the
 Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

+++ WORD +++

INTROIT - Psalm 91:9-13; antiphon: vv. 15-16

Leader: When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in | trouble;*

I will rescue him and | honor him.

With long life I will sat- | isfy him*

and show him my sal- | vation.



Because you have made the LORD your | dwelling place—*
the Most High, who is my | refuge—

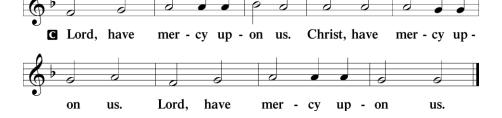
Leader: no evil shall be allowed to be- | fall you,* no plague come | near your tent.

For he will command his angels con- | cerning you* to guard you in | all your ways.

Leader: On their hands they will | bear you up,* lest you strike your foot a- | gainst a stone.

You will tread on the lion and the | adder;*
the young lion and the serpent you will trample | underfoot.
Glory be to the Father and | to the Son* and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,* is now and will be forever. | Amen.
When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in | trouble;*
I will rescue him and | honor him.
With long life I will sat- | isfy him*
and show him my sal- | vation.

KYRIE - Lord, Have Mercy





SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And with thy spirit.
- **P** Let us pray... one God, now and forever.
- Amen.

FIRST LESSON – Deuteronomy 26:1-11 – Moses prepares Israel for entrance into the Promised Land.

1"When you come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you for an inheritance and have taken possession of it and live in it, ²you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from your land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket, and you shall go to the place that the Lord your God will choose, to make his name to dwell there. ³And you shall go to the priest who is in office at that time and say to him, 'I declare today to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our fathers to give us.' ⁴Then the priest shall take the basket from your hand and set it down before the altar of the Lord your God.

⁵"And you shall make response before the Lord your God, 'A wandering Aramean was my father. And he went down into Egypt and sojourned there, few in number, and there he became a nation, great, mighty, and populous. ⁶And the Egyptians treated us harshly and humiliated us and laid on us hard labor. ⁷Then we cried to the Lord, the God of our fathers, and the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. ⁸And the Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with great deeds of terror, with signs and wonders. ⁹And he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰And behold, now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground, which you, O Lord, have given me.' And you shall set it down before the Lord your God and worship before the Lord your God. ¹¹And you shall rejoice in all the good that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house, you, and the Levite, and the sojourner who is among you."

- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL – Sung by congregation. – *Hebrews* 12:2



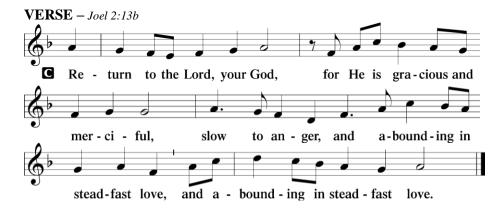
O come, let us fix our eyes on | Jesus,* the founder and perfecter | of our faith,

who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despis- | ing the shame,* and is seated at the right hand of the | throne of God.

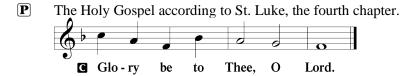
EPISTLE - Romans 10:8b-13 - The message of salvation to all

"The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because, 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." ¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. ¹³For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.



HOLY GOSPEL – **Luke 4:1-13** – The temptations of Jesus



¹Jesus, 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.



8:00 am - 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.

10:30 am & 5:00 pm - NICENE CREED

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.

8:00 am – CHILDREN'S MESSAGE



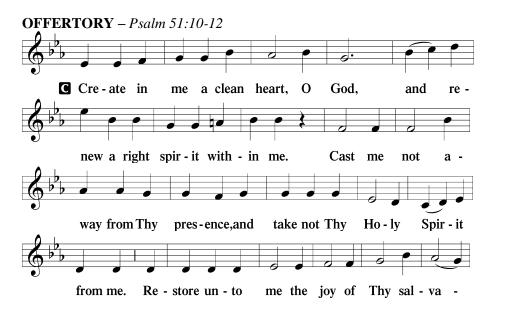




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SERMON – In the Wilderness – Luke 4:1-13

OFFERING – O Christ, You Walked the Road (arr. Raymond H. Haan)





tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- **A** Let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- **A** ...one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

8:00 am – Continues with the **Lord's Prayer** (page 10) and concludes with the **Benediction and Closing Hymn** (page 13).

10:30 am & 5:00 pm – LSB 194

PREFACE

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And with thy spirit.
- **P** Lift up your hearts.
- **C** We lift them up unto the Lord.
- P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.
- **C** It is meet and right so to do.
- **P** It is truly meet, right, and salutary...evermore praising you and singing:

SANCTUS – LSB 195 – Holy, Holy, Holy – Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9





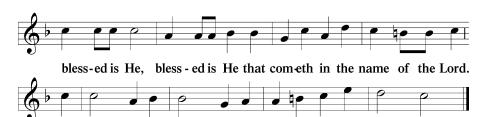
ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He,

For Guests and Visitors Desiring the Sacrament

As a congregation of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, we confess, in accord with the Scriptures, that in this sacred meal Jesus Himself is *truly* present to forgive our sin and strengthen our faith.

Participation in this meal indicates that you believe, have been baptized, and have been taught according to our Lord's command and are in doctrinal agreement with this confession.

- If you are visiting from outside the Lutheran Church or are new to the faith, we welcome you to come to the altar with arms crossed to receive a blessing.
- If you desire to receive instruction for the Lord's Supper, please speak with one of our pastors.



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LORD'S PRAYER

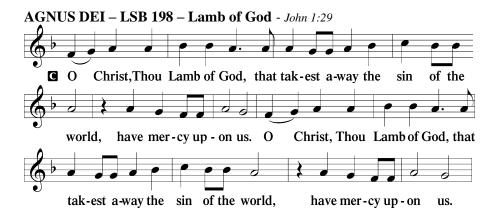
Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

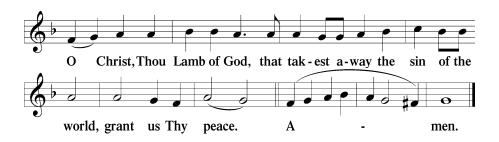
PAX DOMINI – The Peace of the Lord – *John 20:19*

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.





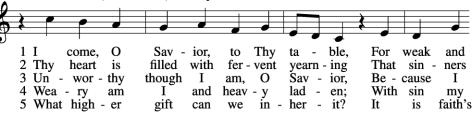




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Anthem – *What Wondrous Love Is This* (arr. John S. Dixon) Text at LSB 543.

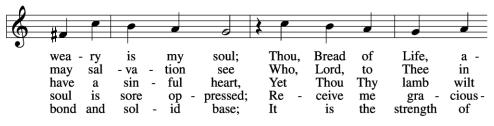
LSB 618 – I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table

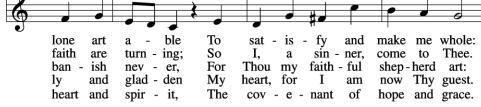




If you need **gluten-free wafers**, please let one of the pastors know.

Non-alcoholic grape juice, containing *a* trace amount of wine, is available in the center of the tray.







Lord, may Thy bod - y and Thy blood Be for my soul the high-est good!

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LSB 424 - O Christ, You Walked the Road



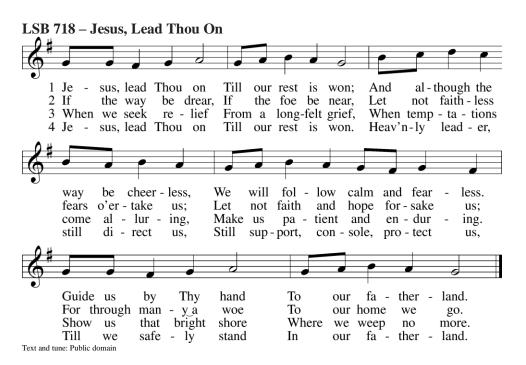
- 1 O Christ, You walked the road Our wan-d'ring feet must go.
- 2 No bread of earth a lone Can fill our hun g'ring hearts.
- 3 No blind-ing sign we ask, No won-der from a bove.
- 4 When lures of eas y gain With prom ise bright ly shine, 5 O Christ, You walked the road Our wan d'ring feet must go.



You faced with us temp - ta - tion's pow'r And fought our an - cient foe. Lord, help us seek Lord, help us place our trust a - lone In Your un - swerv-ing love. Lord, help us seek Your king - dom first; Our wills with Yours a - lign. Stay with us through temp - ta - tion's hour To fight our an - cient foe.

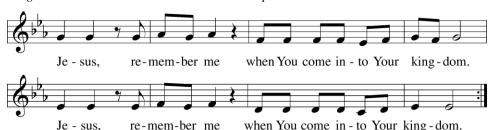
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POST-COMMUNION SONG - LSB 767 - Jesus, Remember Me

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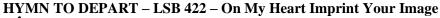
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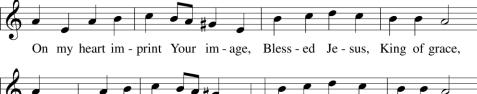
THANKSGIVING

- P O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good.
- and His mercy endureth forever. [C]
- Let us pray... one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

BENEDICTION

- 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.
- \mathbf{C} Amen.





That life's rich-es, cares, and plea-sures Nev-er may Your work e-rase;





Is my life, my hope's foun - da - tion, And my glo - ry and sal-va Text and tune: Public domain

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SILENT PRAYER / ANNOUNCEMENTS

POST-SERVICE MUSIC - *O Lord, throughout These Forty Days* (arr. Healey Willan)

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TODAY, March 9

9:15am Belize presentation by Pastor Edwards and Gordon Green

11:30am Spirit Camp planning meeting

4:15pm Baptism of Ellsie Mae Gaskins

6:00pm **FLY** (Neon Night)

MONDAY, March 10

5:30pm School Board

6:30pm Stewardship Ministry Team

TUESDAY, March 11

Circuit Pastors meet

9:30am Chinese Bible Study (Grand Hall)

2:00pm **Quilting** (kitchen)

5:15pm First Steps in Music

5:45pm Children's Ministry Team

6:30pm **PPC**

WEDNESDAY, March 12

Midweek Lenten worship (see schedule on back page)

7:45pm **Senior Choir** (sanctuary)

THURSDAY, March 20 JOY Group to Upland Brewing (sign up by the JOY Group bulletin board)

SATURDAY, April 5 Generosity Feeds

SATURDAY, April 26 (5:00pm) Confirmation Examination and Fellowship SUNDAY, April 27 (10:30am) Rite of Confirmation

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Today's altar flowers are given to the glory of God by the Edwards Family in celebration of **Janice Edwards**'s 75th birthday on March 18.



MIDWEEK LENTEN SERIES: THE HAND OF THE LORD

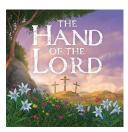
Whether tightening a bolt, crocheting, or typing on a computer, there is so much that we do with our hands. The Greek physician Galen called them *the instrument of instruments*. Indeed, hands are instruments that can do a great deal of things. Hands can be used to heal or hurt, work or wreck, build or break, seize or surrender, and on and on. Hands are so often central to the ways we interact with the world that they have also become figurative symbols of power, control, craftsmanship, and possession. We daily speak of hands in many phrases, such as "Lend a hand," "Things are out of hand," "Working together hand in glove," and "Close at hand." Moreover, in our modern era of robotic, machine, and computer processing, adding "hand" as a prefix to many words can often communicate something that is personal and intentional. Labeling something as handpicked, handwritten, or handmade adds a personal touch and significance. Our Creator has bestowed on us these amazing instruments.

It is no surprise that mentions of hands appear all over the Bible as God's Word speaks to us in ways that we can understand. All things are the work of the hand of the Lord (Psalm 102:25). The Lord's hand is referred to over two hundred times in the Old Testament. The Lord's hand is active in creation, power, control over happenings of the world, judgment, and salvation. The hand of the Lord was upon Ezekiel when He gave him a vision (Ezekiel 3:22), and the hand of the Lord was against the Philistines in the days of Samuel (1 Samuel 7:13). The hand of the Lord is both Law and Gospel.

Perhaps surprisingly, specific references to the "hand of the Lord" are not all that frequent in the New Testament. However, it is precisely in the New Testament where the hand of the Lord takes on literal meaning. The One through whom all things were created took on real, literal hands in His incarnation (John 1:1–14). We have several examples throughout Scripture that speak of the way that Christ used His hands alongside His life-giving words to bring forgiveness, life, and salvation. The work of Christ's hands helps us to see the merciful and personal way that He has condescended to us. He has given us something to grasp, even as He holds us. Jesus used His hands to save drowning Peter, to feed the multitudes, to touch those who were unclean, to stop a funeral procession in its tracks, to lift up Jairus's daughter, and to bless the children. The hand of the Lord has come to us in Jesus.

On the other hand, the literal and figurative actions of mere human hands in the Bible are often the means of our own sin. After all, our own Lord was "delivered into the hands of men" (Luke 9:44). However, on a greater level, we know that it was the hand of the Lord at work all along, most especially in His crucifixion. Christ laid down His life of His own authority as He allowed Himself to be delivered into the hands of sinful men (John 10:18). His hands were pierced for the sins of the world. His hands rested on Holy Saturday. Yet, on the third day, He rose again. He now holds us in His hands, and no one can snatch us from His hand (John 10:28). Our Lord has hands, real hands. Jesus has accomplished all that we need. Amazingly, He takes our manipulative, distorted, self-serving hands and restores them into useful hands for His purposes, both to literally use them in service and to make our whole lives into His instruments of witness, service, and praise.





Wednesdays – March 12, 19, 26; April 2, 9

Midweek Lenten Fellowship & Worship:

Noon Worship H 12:30pm Meal

5:45pm **Meal**

→ 7pm **Worship**

→ Personal confession/absolution in the pastors' studies →
30 mins before & immediately after each service

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Holy Week

Palm/Passion Sunday - April 13

8 & 10:30 am Procession with Palms

Divine Service with Holy Communion

11:30 am Easter Egg Hunt

5 pm Divine Service with Holy Communion

Maundy Thursday - April 17

Noon & 7 pm **Worship** with Holy Communion

Good Friday – April 18

Noon Stations of the Cross

8 pm **Tenebrae** (Service of Darkness)

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The Resurrection of our Lord

Easter Vigil – April 19

8 pm at Faith

Easter Sunday – April 20

8 & 10:30 am **Festival Worship** (Holy Comm. & special music)

9:15 am Easter Breakfast

5 pm Worship with Holy Communion