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THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

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Prelude

“Thou Art the King”

Chester Nordam

Hymn

“A Mighty Fortress is Our God”

LSB 656

Please Stand for Last Verse

Confession and Absolution

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

C *Amen.*

P 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,

C *who made heaven and earth.*

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C *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,

C **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 ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C *Amen.*

Service of the Word

Introit

Ps. 91:9-13; antiphon: Ps. 91:15-16

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 satisfy him
and show him my salvation.

Because you have made the LORD your dwelling place—
the Most High, who is my refuge—
no evil shall be allowed to befall you,
no plague come near your tent.

For he will command his angels concerning you
to guard you in all your ways.

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.

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 satisfy him
and show him my salvation.

C *Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world
without end. Amen.*

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C *And with thy spirit.*

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.*

Sit

This Old Testament reading commands God's covenant people to bring first fruit offerings to the Lord in acknowledgment of his blessings. We Christians have even more reason to bring God the first and the best to serve our Lord Jesus and his Gospel. In the Good News of Jesus Christ we enjoy the completed covenant.

Old Testament Reading

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

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.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Hebrews 12:2

P [O come, let us fix our eyes on] Jesus,

C the founder and perfecter of our faith,

P who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising shame

C and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

In today's Epistle Paul makes it clear that there is no such thing as a "silent Christian." One reason we gather on the Lord's Day is to acknowledge publicly that Jesus Christ is Lord, and that we are committed to being his disciples.

Epistle Reading

Romans 10:8b-13

⁸But what does it say? “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹because, 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.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

At the very outset of his ministry Jesus was confronted with the choice of going the Father's way, the way to the cross, or going the devil's "easy way". In today's Holy Gospel we see our Savior going through his time of testing, and overcoming.

Stand

Holy Gospel

Luke 4:1-13

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

C *Glory be to Thee, O Lord.*

¹ Jesus, 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.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C *Praise be to Thee, O Christ.*

Nicene Creed

Back Cover of LSB

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.

Hymn

“O Christ, You Walked the Road”

LSB 424

Sermon

Stand

Offertory

LSB 192

C *Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.*

Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

Sit

Announcements & Record of Fellowship Is Shared

Offering

Organ Offertory “Forty Days and Forty Nights”

Stand

Response “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” LSB 805

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heav’nly host:

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Amen.

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Prayer of the Church

P Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

LSB 194

- 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...

Sanctus

LSB 195

- C** *Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the
name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.*

Lord's Prayer

LSB 241

- P** Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:
C **Our Father who art in heaven...**

The Words of Our Lord

LSB 197

Pax Domini

LSB 197

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

Thanksgiving

LSB 200

- P** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
C *and His mercy endureth forever.*

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C *Amen.*

Salutation and Benedicamus

P The Lord be with you.

C *And with thy spirit.*

P Bless we the Lord.

C *Thanks be to God.*

Benediction

LSB 202

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. Amen. Amen.*

Hymn

“God Who Made the Heaven and Earth”

LSB 877

Postlude

† The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod †

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Assisting in Worship Today:

Preacher: Seminarian Brian Lee
Celebrant: Rev. Troy Countryman
Organist: Dr. Herman D. Taylor
Elder: Morris Miller
Assisting: Doug ZuHone
Ushers: 8:00 am Lowell Miller, Laverne Schall
9:15 am Alan Zauner, Randy Peadro
*We need Usher help for the 9:15 service.
Please contact the church office for more information.*
10:30 am Chip Eads, Roger Tice, Verna Tice

Acolytes: 8:00 am Hannah Prevo & Holly Wohltman
9:15 am Kesia White & Dillon Reel
10:30 am Alex Katz & Claire Kidwell

Altar Guild: Carol Bomball & Sheila Winders
Interpreting: Kim Janssen
Driver: Barbara Degler (234-7552)

Assisting in Worship Next Week - 2/28/10:

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