

# FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

March 6 at 10:00 a.m.

## PRELUDE

*Meditation*

by Mark Sedio

## WELCOME

## +SOLA GRATIA+

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.  
**Amen.**

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

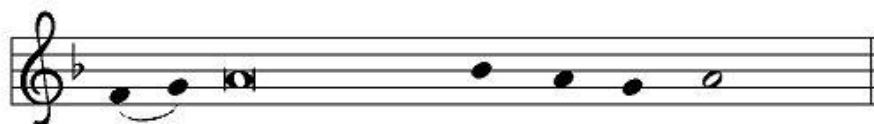
Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Gracious God,

**have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ☩ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

*Congregation sings the **bold** text:*



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - va - tion, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



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.



Lord, have mer - cy.



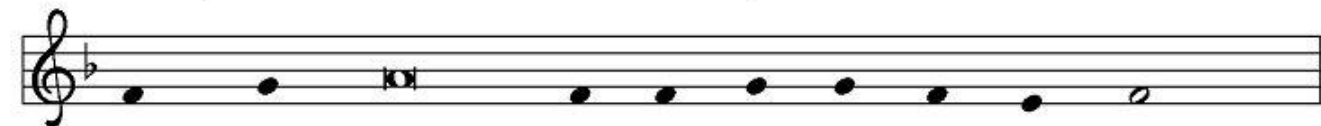
For this ho - ly house, and for all who of - fer here their wor - ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men.

## GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together:

**O Lord God, you led your people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide us now, so that, following your Son, we may walk safely through the wilderness of this world toward the life you alone can give, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## +SOLA SCRIPTURA+

### READING FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES: Deuteronomy 26:1-11

When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, “Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us.” When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, you shall make this response before the Lord your God: “A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me.” You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM: 91:1-2, 9-16 *(read responsively)*

You who dwell in the shelter of the Most High,  
 who abide in the shadow of the Almighty—  
**you will say to the Lord, “My refuge and my stronghold,  
 my God in whom I put my trust.”**

Because you have made the Lord your refuge,  
 and the Most High your habitation,  
**no evil will befall you,  
 nor shall affliction come near your dwelling.**

For God will give the angels charge over you,  
to guard you in all your ways.

**Upon their hands they will bear you up,  
lest you strike your foot against a stone.**

You will tread upon the lion cub and viper;  
you will trample down the lion and the serpent.

**I will deliver those who cling to me;  
I will uphold them, because they know my name.**

They will call me, and I will answer them;  
I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue and honor them.

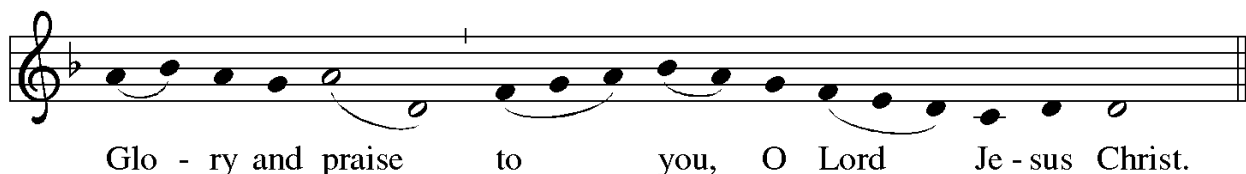
**With long life will I satisfy them,  
and show them my salvation.**

### **EPISTLE LESSON: Romans 10:8b-13**

“The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

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### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



One does not live by | bread alone,\* but by every word that comes from the | mouth of God. (Matt. 4:4)

### **GOSPEL: Luke 4:1-13**

#### **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.” Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone.’”

Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, “To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.” Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.’” Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, ‘He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,’ and ‘On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’” Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’” When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## HYMN OF THE DAY

## The Glory of These Forty Days

1 The glo - ry of these for - ty days we cel - e -  
 2 A - lone and fast - ing Mo - ses saw the lov - ing  
 3 So Dan - iel trained his mys - tic sight, de - liv - ered  
 4 Then grant, O God, that we may, too, re - turn in

brate with songs of praise; for Christ, through whom all  
 God who gave the law; and to E - li - jah,  
 from the li - ons' might; and John, the Bride - groom's  
 fast and prayer to you. Our spir - its strength - en

things were made, him - self has fast - ed and has prayed.  
 fast - ing, came the steeds and char - i - ots of flame.  
 friend, be - came the her - ald of Mes - si - ah's name.  
 with your grace, and give us joy to see your face.

Text: Latin hymn, 11th cent.; tr. Maurice F. Bell, 1862–1947, alt.

Music: ERHALT UNS, HERR, J. Klug, *Geistliche Lieder*, 1543

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**+SOLA FIDE+**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*\*after each petition:*

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

## APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

## OFFERING

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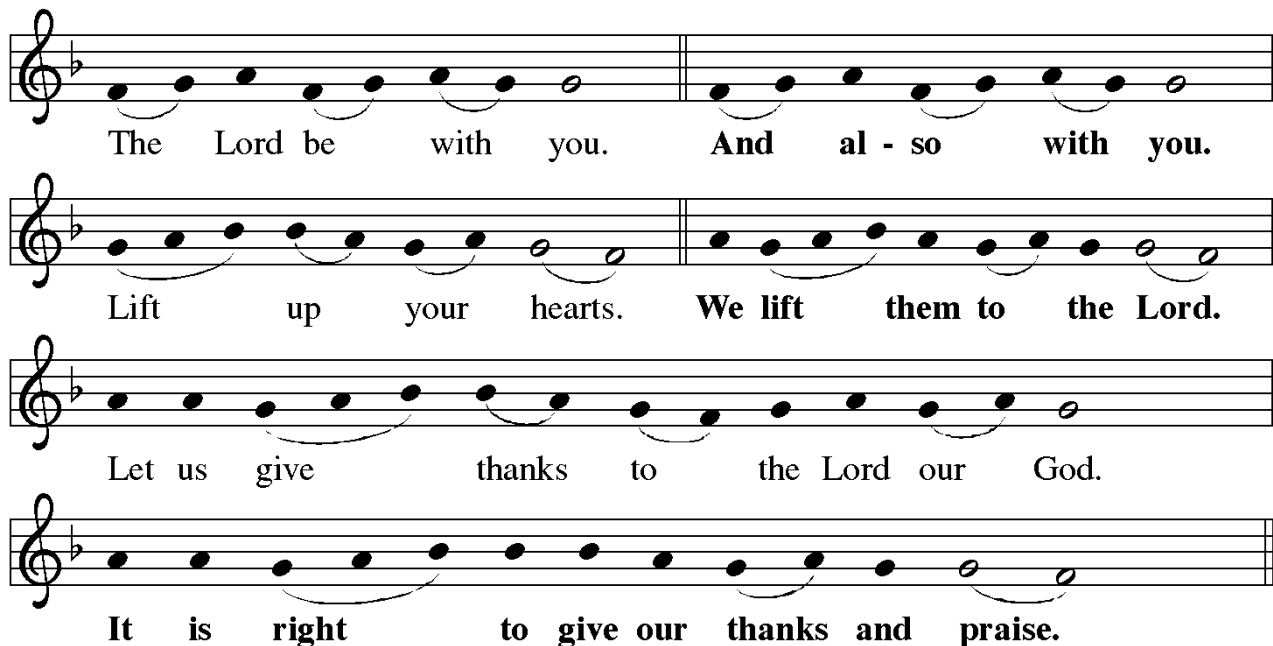
## OFFERING PRAYER

God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## EXCHANGE OF PEACE

The Peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

## COMMUNION LITURGY FOR LENT



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that, renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*\*all sing:*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
 heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
 Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
 Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
 Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age. Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth. Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood. Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea. Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey. Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one. Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ. Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever. **Amen.**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to God's table. There is a place for you and enough for all.

## COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

*\*We continue to practice a conservative and cautious approach to communion. The pastor will handle each host with tongs and after intinction place it onto a piece of parchment. The Worship Assistants will then place it on a credence table for you. Please take it and receive the elements of grace; broken and shed for you. There are small black trash receptacles on either side of the chancel for you to deposit the paper.*

## AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace. A - men.



## **BLESSING & BENEDICTION**

Go now, confessing Christ as Lord, in word and deed.  
 Worship and serve the Lord your God and no other.  
 Stand firm in the time of trial;  
 tell the story of God's goodness,  
 and trust in the Lord whose saving word is always with you.

And may God instruct angels to guard you wherever you go;  
 May Christ Jesus be your refuge and stronghold;  
 And may the Holy Spirit lead you  
 and put God's Word on your lips and in your hearts.

**confession & forgiveness, kyrie, greeting, gospel acclamation, and communion liturgy**

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**prayer of the day, offering prayer, and dismissal**

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**closing blessing**

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## SENDING SONG

## Be Still, My Soul



1 Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side.  
 2 Be still, my soul: your God will un - der - take  
 3 Be still, my soul: the hour is has - t'ning on



Bear pa - tient - ly the cross of grief or pain;  
 to guide the fu - ture, as in a - ges past.  
 when we shall be for - ev - er with the Lord,



leave to your God to or - der and pro - vide;  
 Your hope, your con - fi - dence let noth - ing shake;  
 when dis - ap - point - ment, grief, and fear are gone,



in ev - 'ry change God faith - ful will re - main.  
 all now mys - te - rious shall be bright at last.  
 sor - row for - got, love's pur - est joys re - stored.



Be still, my soul: your best, your heav'n - ly friend  
 Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know  
 Be still, my soul; when change and tears are past,



through thorn - y ways leads to a joy - ful end.  
 the Christ who ruled them while he dwelt be - low.  
 all safe and bless - ed we shall meet at last.

Text: Katharina von Schlegel, 1752; tr. Jane Borthwick, 1855  
 Music: FINLANDIA, Jean Sibelius

Go in peace. Jesus meets you on the way.

**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

*Șce Ne Vmeria Ukrainy (Ukrainian National Anthem)*

music by Mykhailo Verbytsky

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**+ Lenten Midweek Services: March 9, 16, 23, 30, and April 6**

**Soup and Salad** at 5:45 p.m. There are sign-up sheets in the lounge.

**Holden Village Evening Prayer** at 6:30 p.m.

**Lenten Classes at noon** on Zoom with Bill Radatz

The RAD Workshop: Resurrection-Aging-Death

“Walking humbly with our God into unanswerable questions”

An opportunity for conversations during Lent of where the certainty of our death and the Gospel’s proclamation of resurrection collide, and how we approach this wonderful mystery. Our guides into these conversations will be scripture, poetry, music, authors, art - and ourselves - all with a touch of humor and exploration. You’ll be joining one whose last name begins RAD... who sees himself not so much as an instructor, but as a companion on this journey into mystery. If you’d like a foretaste of the flavor of the class, read the poem “When Death Comes” by Mary Oliver.

**Lenten Classes at 7:00 p.m.** live and on Zoom

The Holy Spirit in Luke - Acts

The Holy Spirit enters into the Gospel story at the very beginning and runs through both books of Luke, from Jesus' birth to the founding days of the church in the Acts of the Apostles. The presence, wisdom and guidance of The Spirit are baked into the Church’s DNA and in our own lives through Baptism. Knowing the story of the Holy Spirit in Luke - Acts can help us see and understand how the Spirit is still the most vibrant power in the Church today. Pastor Kurt will lead this five-part class in the Lounge following Evening Prayer

**Thank you to all who took the survey!**

**+ Email Distribution**

Each week we mail out the weekly Heartbeat newsletter and the Rapid Pulse with information about worship that week. If you would like to be added to the email list, you may either send an email to [administrator@firstlutheransd.org](mailto:administrator@firstlutheransd.org) or go to our website ([firstlutheransd.org](http://firstlutheransd.org)). Toward the bottom of the page, you will see a place that says “Join The First Lutheran Church Newsletter,” with a space to enter your email address.

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