

CREATED, SAVED AND GIFTED BY GOD
WE ARE CALLED TO SEEK,
SERVE AND SHARE JESUS CHRIST



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THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
FEBRUARY 13, 2005

8:30 A.M.

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THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

In the early church, those to be baptized at the Easter Vigil were given intense preparation in the preceding weeks. This catechetical process is the origin and purpose of the Lenten season: a time for the church and its baptismal candidates to ponder the meaning of baptism into the death and resurrection of the Lord. The forty days—a scriptural image of testing and renewal—invite us to return to holy baptism. On Ash Wednesday we receive the ashen cross of pilgrims (a baptismal gesture) who go forth to the font of new and eternal life.

The weeks of Lent invite us to speak the truth about the keeping of our baptismal promises. The weeks of Lent invite us to hear and taste God's abundant forgiveness in word and sacrament.

February 13, 2005

8:30 a.m. Worship

Join the Struggle

From the very beginning there is a struggle between good and evil. The serpent tempts Adam and Eve to eat from the forbidden tree. The story reveals our human desire to transcend our limitations and to become like God. It may be the story of Adam and Eve, but the Hebrew word for humanity, *adam*, hints that it is also the story of every man and woman.

We face the same temptation as our ancestors in the garden. We are tempted to do whatever we want, avoid responsibility, and forget the rest of the world. We are tempted to deny our mortality and place the blame on anyone but ourselves—even God.

It is always tempting to point to the evil outside ourselves; to believe that another person, group, or nation is evil but that we are full of good. There is the ever-present danger, too, that we will counter evil with evil and become the very thing we claim to hate. Here our theological tradition sheds light: we are both saint and sinner at the same time. We are created in God's image, and we share in the brokenness of creation.

In their wilderness struggle, the tempter entices Jesus with three things that can make us believe we don't need God: self-sufficiency, pride, and power. Our baptism joins us to this struggle. In our baptism we are called to struggle against everything that leads us away from the love of God and neighbor. Repentance, fasting, prayer, and the works of love are Lenten disciplines that help us wage our spiritual warfare.

The battle between good and evil isn't just "out there" somewhere. It lives in all of us, in our nation, in our churches, in our hearts. Lent reminds us to be honest and to wrestle with our temptations, addictions, compulsions, and selfishness. It reminds us, too, that Jesus will be with us in the struggle.

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We encourage worshippers to read the introductions to the Readings of the Day in preparation for listening to the Word of God. Thank you.

** Stand if you are able.

GATHERING

** GREETING (spoken)

The gift of peace through our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God poured into our hearts, and the renewing grace of the Spirit of life be with you all.

And also with you.

** KYRIE

(David Haas)

▣ Gathered in peace, gathered in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

▣ For peace from above, and for the saving power of God, let us pray.

Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

▣ For peace in the world, for the Church, for the unity of all, let us pray.

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

▣ For this holy place, and for all who gather here for praise, let us pray.

Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have

mer - cy. A - men.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (spoken)

Returning again to the waters of our baptism, we begin in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Let us sing *Turn My Heart, O God* as we prepare to confess our sin before God and in the presence of one another.

Marty Haugen

Refrain

Turn* my heart, O God. Turn my heart, O God.

Take my pain and bro-ken-ness; shape my life for

you. Come and turn my heart, O God.

Verse response (3 times)

Come and turn my heart, O God.

The musical notation is written on a single staff in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. The Refrain consists of three lines of music. The first line has a 4/4 time signature and ends with a fermata. The second line starts with a 2/4 time signature and ends with a 4/4 time signature. The third line has a 4/4 time signature and ends with a fermata. The Verse response is a single line of music in 4/4 time, ending with a fermata.

** If desired, the first word of this phrase may be changed each time it appears.*

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Gracious and merciful God,

We confess to you the truth of our broken lives. We have not trusted your promises or walked in your ways. We have hoarded and squandered the gifts of your creation. We have failed to welcome the stranger and the outcast, and to make room at the table for the homeless and the hungry. We have neither worked to release the oppressed nor admitted our own captivities. Forgive our sin, heal our lives, and set us free that we might live with your whole creation in the justice and joy of your promised future.

God, who is merciful and kind, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, hears the cries of all who plead for mercy and, in these last days, has sent Christ Jesus to announce the good news of forgiveness and release to all who are bound by guilt or broken by shame, that they might praise God and serve the world with glad and generous hearts.

For freedom Christ has you free.

Thanks be to God.

**** THE PRAYER OF THE DAY** (spoken)

God's mercy, grace, and peace be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

As tender as parent to child, O God, so gentle are you to the poor. As high as heaven is above earth, so vast is your love for the world. As far as east is from the west, so far you remove our sin. Remember how we are made, O God, remember we are dust,. Heal our lives, renew our strength, and crown us with your mercy, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior.

Amen.

GATHERING OF PRAYERS / Collecting of Gold / Green Cards

Pastor Prochaska

WORD

CHILDREN'S TIME

Jana Bostelman

Let us sing one verse of this hymn as we prepare our hearts hear God's Word:

HYMN 235 LBW (green hymnal) (vs. 1)

Break Now the Bread of Life

FIRST READING

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

The first reading is from Genesis, chapter 2.

Human beings were formed with great care, to be in relationship with the Creator, creation, and one another. This passage recounts the first in a series of stories that depicts the nature of human sin—wanting to be like God.

The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it.

¹⁶And the LORD God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; ¹⁷but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die."

^{3:1}Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden'?" ²The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; ³but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" ⁴But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; ⁵for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."⁶So 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. ⁷Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves. (NRSV)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalms 32

Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven,
and whose sin is put away!

**²Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no guilt,
and in whose spirit there is no guile!**

³While I held my tongue, my bones withered away,
because of my groaning all day long.

**⁴For your hand was heavy upon me day and night;
my moisture was dried up as in the | heat of summer.**

⁵Then I acknowledged my sin to you,
and did not conceal my guilt.

**⁶I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD."
Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.**

⁷Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble;
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.

**⁸You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble;
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.**

⁹I will instruct you and teach you in the way that | you should go;
I will guide you with my eye.

**¹⁰Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding;*
who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay near you."**

¹¹Great are the tribulations of the wicked;*
but mercy embraces those who trust in the LORD.

**¹²Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD;
shout for joy, all who are true of heart.**

SECOND READING

Romans 5:12-19

The Second Reading is from Romans, chapter 5.

Paul describes the effect of Jesus' obedience as analogous to that of Adam's disobedience. Through Christ, God has reversed the consequences of sin and death to offer the free gift of eternal life.

Just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned—¹³sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. ¹⁴Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come.

¹⁵But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. ¹⁶And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. ¹⁷If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

¹⁸Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. ¹⁹For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.(NRSV)

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

**** LENTEN GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

(Haas)

Assistant: Return, return to the Lord your God.



☉ or ☩ Re - turn, re - turn to the Lord, your God.

Assistant: Who is gracious and merciful, and slow to anger, abounding in love. Return, return to the Lord your God.



☉ or ☩ Re - turn, re - turn to the Lord, your God.

**** GOSPEL**

Matthew 4:1-11

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 4th chapter.

Jesus experiences anew the temptations that Israel faced in the wilderness. As the Son of God, he endures the testing of the evil one.

Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ²He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. ³The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." ⁴But he answered, "It is written,

'One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.' "

⁵Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, ⁶saying 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,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.' "

⁷Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.' "

⁸Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; ⁹and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." ¹⁰Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

'Worship the Lord your God,
and serve only him.' "

¹¹Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him. (NRSV)

The Gospel of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

MUSIC

When Jesus Walked the Wilderness

Chancel Choir

SERMON

Pastor Prochaska

** **HYMN** 657 WOV (blue hymnal)

The Glory of these Forty Days

** **NICENE CREED** (spoken)

God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ.

Living together in trust and hope we confess our faith.

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven;

by the power of the Holy Spirit

he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again

in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,

and his kingdom will have no end.

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen**

**** PRAYERS** (spoken)

Prayers are included for the whole Church, the nations, those in need, the parish and special concerns. The minister gives thanks for the faithful departed, especially for those who recently have died.

The Lenten journey leads us to repentance and new life. Let us turn our hearts to God, who is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.

We pray: **Lord have mercy.**

Merciful and gracious God, hear our prayers, restore us to the joy of your salvation, and uphold us with your Holy Spirit, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

MEAL

**** PEACE** (spoken)

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

*The ministers and congregation may greet one another with a gesture of peace, using these or similar words: **Peace be with you.***

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

The Offering is received as the Lord's Table is prepared.

OFFERTORY

**** OFFERTORY PRAYER** (spoken)

Holy God,

you provide us with every gift of creation, and you quench our thirst with living water. Receive these tokens of your goodness to us. May our lives be bread for the hungry and streams in the wilderness, signs of the abundance of your grace in Jesus Christ. Amen

**** THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (spoken)**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

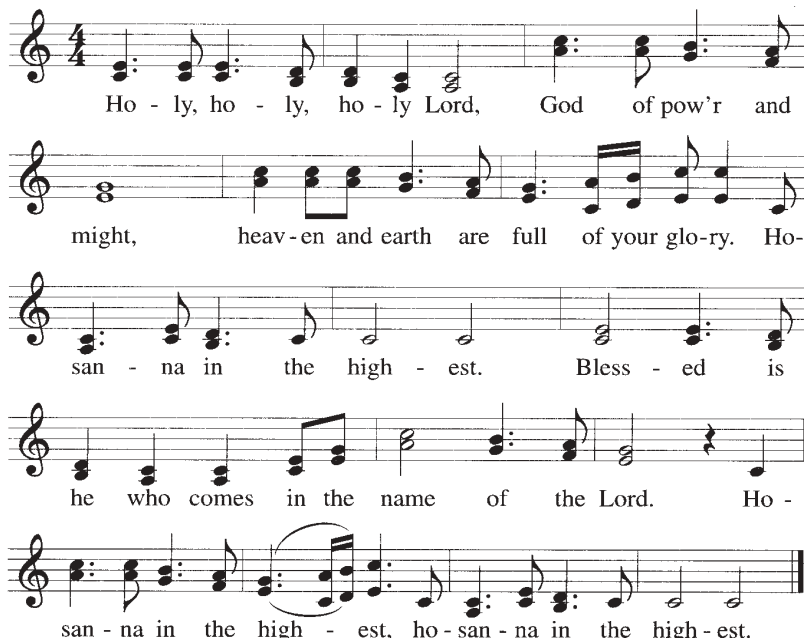
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE FOR LENT (spoken by the Pastor)

Pastor prays... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY (sung)

(by Marty Haugen; based on Argentine folk melody)



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. ho - san - na in the high - est.

Pastor prays...

Blessed are you, Holy God, the First and Last, life's Beginning and its End. You called us to live as your people and promised to be our God. When time and again we failed to trust your promise and refused to walk in your ways, you sent your Word made flesh, the root and offspring of David, to dwell among us and draw us back to you.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and give 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 to 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.

Together as the body of Christ, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION



Dy - ing you de - stroyed our death, ris - ing you re -
stored our life. Lord Je - sus, come in glo - ry, Lord
Je - sus, come in glo - ry.

Send now your Holy Spirit upon this bread and wine and all who gather at your table. By your Spirit strengthen and enliven us that we might serve all in hunger and want; and make of us the body of your Son, through whom all glory and honor is yours, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, now and forever.

AMEN



A - men, Al - le - lu - ia, all praise to you for - ev - er. A -
(Praise to you, Lord,)
men, A - men, to you, O God, now and ev - er - more.

**** LORD'S PRAYER** (spoken) (Personal option - holding hands)

Made bold by the Holy Spirit, we pray as Jesus taught:

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.

**** INVITATION TO COMMUNION** (spoken)

God has prepared a table before you. Goodness and mercy are yours this day.
Amen.

**** LAMB OF GOD** (sung as communion assistants come forward)

Cantor



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
Bread of Life,
Sav - ing Cup,

To Repeat *All*



world: have mer-cy on us, have mer - cy on us.

Last time *All*



world: grant us your peace, grant us your peace.

HOLY COMMUNION -- Receiving the Lord's tangible presence

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you. The communicant may say: **Amen.**

We invite everyone to come to the Communion Rail and kneel if you are able. Children who have not been instructed are encouraged to join their family for a blessing. The Pastor or Communion Assistant will place the communion wafer in the communicant's "cupped hands". Choice of chalice with wine or individual glasses with wine or apple juice are available. Communicants desiring apple juice will need to "gesture" to the innermost circle of glasses in the communion tray where glasses of apple juice are available. The Communion Assistant will hand you the proper small communion cup. After receiving Holy Communion and private prayer at the Altar we encourage communicants to return to their pew for additional prayer, meditation or participation in singing the communion hymns. God bless you.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

112 (purple songbook)

122 (purple songbook)

Only By Grace

Seek Ye First

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (spoken)

Let us pray.

We bless you, O God, for the free gift of righteousness and peace in Jesus Christ, whose body and blood have nourished us here. Lead us out from this house of prayer to the places you will show us, so that we will be a blessing to others in the name of Christ, our redeemer.

Amen.

SENDING

** **BLESSING** (spoken)

May God restore in you the joy of salvation, strengthen your love for your neighbor, and grant you to live in harmony with all creation; and the blessing of almighty God, the Father, + the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you forever.

Amen.

** **HYMN** 228 LBW (green hymnal)

A Mighty Fortress

THIS WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERD

- * Brief Announcements
- * Birthdays & Anniversaries
- * Joys & Concerns
- * Special Matters

DISMISSAL (spoken)

Go in peace. Remember the poor.

Thanks be to God.

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O LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER

Praise & Thanksgiving to God For
The people and friends of Good Shepherd
Cathy & Dan Smith, missionaries in Tanzania
Bishop Mark S. Hanson, Presiding Bishop, ELCA, Chicago
Bishop Callon W. Halloway Jr., Bishop Southern Ohio Synod, ELCA, Columbus
Companion Synods: East of Lake Victoria Diocese, Tanzania, East Africa
and Evangelical Church of Mecklenburg, Germany

GOD'S PRESENCE & STRENGTH FOR

Milan Filcik	For the elections in Iraq
Hazel Reel	Tom
Dick Caton	Tami
Ruth Lackey	John
Hannah Pressnell & Captive Free West Lakes Team	Joel
Jason Rodes, who is home from Iraq	Fred & Jeanette
Tami Miozzi	Sheila Stutrud
Darren	Eric
Lygia Harrison	Mike Caleb
Roberta, friend of Bill Fahle	Jim Harrold
Ferne Neeb	Sally
Tsunami Relief efforts	Kim, who has a brain tumor
Carol Rempe	Jeff Seibert
David Curry	Scouts – Boy Scout Troop 193
Quintos Koth – brother-in-law of Al Sessler	Tami
Mary Thieman	Roberta
Charlotte Nelson – who has cancer	Rod
Christy	Jerry
Ann Mess – who had a heart attack, Bambi Higgins mother-in-law	The Burke family

February 13, 2005 – The First Sunday of Lent
Prayers Received February 6, 2005 – The Transfiguration of Our Lord

**Please take this home and use it daily to remember in prayer
those who are near and dear to the Good Shepherd Community of Faith**

Please email Sheila or Jeff Stutrud with your prayer requests at prayers@goodshepherdkettering.com