

# First Sunday in Lent

8:30 a.m.

March 6, 2022

11:00 a.m.

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*Prelude - There is a Fountain Filled with Blood* (Hymn No. 622) - Harold Best

## **Call to Worship**

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

**God's mercy endures forever**

*Invocation* (Book of Common Prayer, 1979)

**Almighty God, your blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan. Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations. And, as you know the weakness of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

*Opening Hymn No. 662 - Stand Up and Bless the Lord*

Stand up and bless the Lord,  
ye people of his choice;  
stand up and bless the Lord your God  
with heart and soul and voice.

Though high above all praise,  
above all blessing high,  
who would not fear his holy name,  
and laud and magnify?

O for the living flame  
from his own altar brought,  
to touch our lips, our minds inspire,  
and wing to heaven our thought!

God is our strength and song,  
and his salvation ours;  
then be his love in Christ proclaimed  
with all our ransomed powers.

Stand up and bless the Lord;  
the Lord your God adore;  
stand up and bless his glorious name,  
henceforth forevermore.

## **PROCLAMATION**

*The Word of God is read and proclaimed for all ages*

## ***Scripture Reading***

Luke 4:1-13 (New Testament page 61/57)

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.

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

## ***God's Word for Young Disciples***

### ***Anthem***

8:30 - *Know that the Lord is God* - G. F. Handel

11:00 - *The Majesty and Glory of Your Name* - Tom Fettke

***Sermon*** - *The Elusive Voice of God*

Pastor Jon Priebe

## ***Lenten Spiritual Discipline: Silence***

### ***Apostles' Creed***

**We 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, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick 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.**

### ***Discipleship Moment***

### ***Doxology***

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

### ***Prayers of the People and The 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. Amen.

### **Invitation**

**Confession and Pardon** (Cecil Kerr; *UM Book of Worship* #482)

**Lord Jesus Christ, you are the way of peace. Come into the brokenness of our lives and our land with your healing love. Help us to be willing to bow before you in true repentance, and to bow to one another in real forgiveness. By the fire of your Holy Spirit, melt our hard hearts and consume the pride and prejudice which separate us. Fill us, O Lord, with your perfect love, which casts out our fear, and bind us together in that unity which you share with the Father and the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

### **Communion**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

...And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

... And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

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

... Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

### **SENDING FORTH**

*The people of God are sent forth to serve others and witness to their faith.*

**Closing Hymn No. 614 - For the Bread Which You Have Broken**

For the bread which you have broken,  
for the wine which you have poured,  
for the words which you have spoken,  
now we give you thanks, O Lord.

By this pledge that you do love us,  
by your gift of peace restored,  
by your call to heaven above us,  
hallow all our lives, O Lord.

With our sainted ones in glory  
seated at the heavenly board,  
may the church that's waiting for you  
keep love's tie unbroken, Lord.

In your service, Lord, defend us,  
in our hearts keep watch and ward;  
in the world where you have sent us,  
let your kingdom come, O Lord.

***Benediction and Choral Response*** - (Hymn No. 298)

**Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were an offering far too small; love so amazing, so divine,  
demands my soul, my life, my all.**

***Postlude - O Welt, ich muss dich lassen*** - Johannes Brahms



**The flowers on the altar are dedicated to the glory of God.**

**Altar Guild:** Carol Lewis, Paulette Wagner

**Musicians:** 8:30 Epworth Choir; 11:00 Chancel Choir

**Music:** One License A-731491

**\*\*Please rise as you are able. Please silence all cell phones and other electronic equipment. Hearing devices and large print hymnals are available in the narthex. CDs of the service are available by signing up at the Welcome Center.**

## CHURCH NOTES

**Children's Activities:** There will be no Children's Worship today so that the children may stay and participate in Communion with their families. Normal Sunday School (9:45-10:45 a.m.) and ROCK activities (4:00-6:30 p.m.) will take place. Children will receive Lenten boxes today, and we encourage you to help your children learn about the meaning of Lent through acts of giving. Please note that the children will be following the church's masking policy. Neither they, nor their teachers are required to wear masks but may do so if the parents wish. Please let us know if you decide that your children should remain masked.

**Easter Flowers:** Now is the time to order the flowers which will adorn our altar on Easter morning. The plants are \$8.50 each. The list of donors and those memorialized or honored will appear in the Easter Sunday bulletin. Please place your order in the offering plate and indicate the number of each plant that you are ordering.

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\_\_\_ Tulips      \_\_\_ Hyacinths      \_\_\_ Lilies      \_\_\_ Daffodils

In memory or honor of (circle one) \_\_\_\_\_

Donor \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**Organ Recitals:** The Thursday Organ Recitals have returned for Lent. Dean Wagner will present half hour concerts of live music in the sanctuary every Thursday from Noon to 12:30. Feel free to come in and hear the organ only as the organ can be heard!

**Epworth Spring Tour:** The Epworth Choir is going on tour and could use your help. We are heading to Florida and South Carolina on March 25. We have some youth who could use some financial assistance with their tour, so if you would like to sponsor a youth in part that would be great. We thank this congregation always for your generosity and support of our youth!

**Hat & Mitten Mission:** Please consider donating new winter hats/gloves/mittens, or even socks to help those that are in need. Donated items may be dropped off on the missions table located outside the church library. IF you would like to place the items on the line near the corner of Portage Trail & 3rd street, please place the items in ziplock baggies and put one of the mission cards (located on the missions table) in the bag.

**Blessing Box:** Our blessing box continues to live up to its name by helping those in our own community with needed items. We are in need of the following items: personal hygiene items (toothpaste, soap, shampoo, toothbrushes, etc. Dry goods, ramen noodles, canned soups, granola bars, all continue to be needed. Please do not donate items in glass jars/ bottles, as the cold can cause the glass to shatter.

**Stewardship:** During our recent Stewardship campaign, we were reminded that living all our membership vows is a two-way street. We take on responsibilities as members, but the church covenants with us to help fulfill those vows. Our Stewardship team has obtained a Ramsey+ site license to help, and we're offering it as a free gift to help you achieve your goals of living a debt free life, giving generously, living the life you are called to live, and sharing this gift with your family. Pick up a card at the welcome center for more information or talk to Pastor Karol.

## Next Steps

### **The Silence of God**

Luke 4:2 – is the devil the only voice Jesus heard in the wilderness?

Why doesn't God provide more clear, public answers to our struggles?

### **Be Still and Know**

Luke 4:1, 14 – Jesus, full of the Spirit... Jesus, filled with the Spirit...

God doesn't promise to give us all the answers or solve all our problems

... Only that we will never go alone

**Questions for Reflection:** What are some of the things I wish God had been more clear about in the Bible? What would I ask if God stopped by the foot of my bed for a late-night chat?

**Questions for Discussion:** How do you handle sitting still and silent before God? Do you find it refreshing or challenging?

**Memory Verse:** *Deuteronomy 31:8* – “It is the Lord who goes before you. He will be with you; he will not fail you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed.”

**Readings for this Week:** Luke 5:12-16, Isaiah 41:2-11, Luke 18:15-17

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**MINISTERS & STAFF:**

Forrest Waller

**HOSPITALIZED:**

**MEMBERS TO BE REMEMBERED IN PRAYER:**

Scott Adie	Jean Finnegan	Robby & Lou Robinson
Bob Ahonen	Dave Gohr	Kathi Sawyer
Shirley Asher	Rose Gregory	Dick Shoults
Mary Ellen Atwood	Joyce Haberkost	Linda Sterling
Alice Becher	Jim Henes	Kay Steiner
Behrman family	Isabel Lindsey	Kelly Taylor
Donna Copeland	Pat Park	Ken Tunstall
Don Corbett	David Potter	Jim Vogel
Bill Dreyer		

**DEEPEST SYMPATHY & PRAYERS:**

Patsie Lewis and family on the death of her husband, member Dr. Jim Lewis on 2/20.

Tiffany Lieberth and family on the death of her mother, Linda Brooks on 2/11.