

Grow ... Go ... Gather
February 21, 2021



**BAPTISM, TEMPTATION, & THE
MISSION OF GOD**

Mark 1:9-15

**ST. JAMES LUTHERAN CHURCH
(LCMS)**

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The First Sunday in Lent

The Order of Service (DS 4, p. 203)

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The Preservice Music, the Call to Worship and Welcome

The Opening Hymn: LSB 707 "Oh, that the Lord Would Guide My Way"



1 Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways To keep His stat-utes still!
2 Or - der my foot-steps by Thy Word And make my heart sin-cere;
3 As - sist my soul, too apt to stray, A strict-er watch to keep;
4 Make me to walk in Thy com-mands—'Tis a de-light-ful road—



Oh, that my God would grant me grace To know and do His will!
Let sin have no do - min-ion, Lord, But keep my con-science clear.
And should I e'er for - get Thy way, Re - store Thy wan-d'ring sheep.
Nor let my head or heart or hands Of - fend a-against my God.

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Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠
Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**

Exhortation

LSB 203

- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- C** **who made heaven and earth.**

- P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O
Lord, who could stand?
- C** **But with You there is forgiveness;
therefore You are feared.**

P Since we are gathered to hear God’s Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

Confession of Sins

LSB 203

C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

Absolution

LSB 203

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

The Psalm of the Day: Psalm 25:1-10

P: To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

C: O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies exult over me.

P: Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame; they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

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.

☐ Amen.

The Old Testament Lesson: Genesis 22:1-18

After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here am I." He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you." So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac. And he cut the wood for the burnt offering and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar. Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy will go over there and worship and come again to you." And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together. And Isaac said to his father Abraham, "My father!" And he said, "Here am I, my son." He said, "Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" Abraham said, "God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So they went both of them together.

When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. But the angel of the LORD called to him from

heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here am I." He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called the name of that place, "The LORD will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided."

And the angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven and said, "By myself I have sworn, declares the LORD, because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, I will surely bless you, and I will surely multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of his enemies, and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

The Epistle Lesson: James 1:12-18

Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him. Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am being tempted by God," for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one. But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death.

Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers. Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

A Hymn: LSB 418 "O Lord, throughout These Forty Days"

1 O Lord, through - out these for - ty days You
 2 You strove with Sa - tan, and You won; Your
 3 Though parched and hun - gry, yet You prayed And
 4 Be with us through this sea - son, Lord, And

prayed and kept the fast; In - spire re - pen - tance
 faith - ful - ness en - dured; Lend us Your nerve, Your
 fixed Your mind a - bove; So teach us to de -
 all our earth - ly days, That when the fi - nal

for our sin, And free us from our past.
 skill and trust In God's e - ter - nal Word.
 ny our - selves, Since we have known God's love.
 Eas - ter dawns, We join in heav - en's praise.

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The Gospel Lesson: Mark 1:9-15

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens opening and the Spirit descending

on him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

The Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. And he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. And he was with the wild animals, and the angels were ministering to him.

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

The Nicene Creed

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 \dagger of the world to come. Amen.

The Sermon Hymn: 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 Your liv-ing Word, The food Your grace im-parts.
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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The Sermon

A Hymn: "There is a Redeemer"

Verse 1

There is a Redeemer Jesus God's own Son
Precious Lamb of God Messiah Holy One

Chorus

Thank You O my Father
For giving us Your Son
And leaving Your Spirit
Till the work on earth is done

Verse 2

Jesus my Redeemer name above all names
Precious Lamb of God Messiah
Hope for sinners slain **(Chorus)**

Verse 3

When I stand in glory I will see His face
There I'll serve my King forever
In that holy place **(Chorus)**

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The Prayer of the Church

The Lord's Prayer

**C: 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.**

A Hymn: "In Christ Alone"

Verse 1

In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light my strength my song
This Cornerstone this solid Ground

Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love what depths of peace
When fears are stilled when strivings cease
My Comforter my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand

Verse 2

In Christ alone who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live

Verse 3

There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

Verse 4

No guilt in life no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

Announcements and Farewell Blessing for Online Worshippers

The Service of Holy Communion

Preface *LSB 208*

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

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

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.


C **It is right to give Him thanks and
praise.**

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we
should at all times....Your glorious name,
evermore praising You and singing:


Sanctus *LSB 208*



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

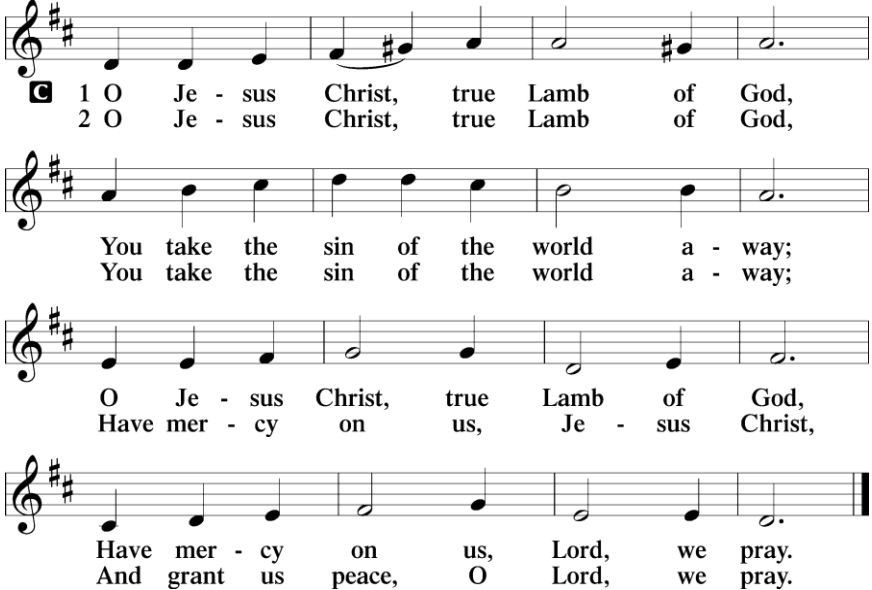
The Words of Institution

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

The Agnus Dei *LSB 210*



C 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

The Distribution (During the Distribution you are invited to sing, LSB 627, "Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior" verses 1, 2, 3, 7, 8, 9, 10)



1 Je - sus Christ, our bless - ed Sav - ior, Turned a - way God's
2 As His pledge of love un - dy - ing, He, this pre - cious
3 Je - sus here Him - self is shar - ing; Heed then how you
7 Christ says: "Come, all you that la - bor, And re - ceive My
wrath for - ev - er; By His bit - ter grief and woe
food sup - ply - ing, Gives His bod - y with the bread,
are pre - par - ing, For if you do not be - lieve,
grace and fa - vor: Those who feel no pain or ill



He saved us from the e - vil foe.
And with the wine the blood He shed.
His judg - ment then you shall re - ceive.
Need no phy - si - cian's help or skill.

8 "For what purpose was My dying
If not for your justifying?
And what use this precious food
If you yourself were pure and good?"

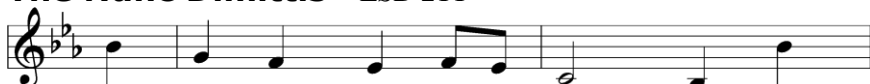
9 If your heart this truth professes
And your mouth your sin confesses,
You will be your Savior's guest,
Be at His banquet truly blest.

10 Let this food your faith so nourish
That its fruit of love may flourish
And your neighbor learn from you
How much God's wondrous love can do.

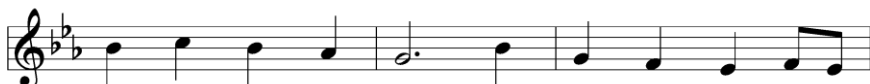
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The Nunc Dimittis *LSB 211*



1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All



part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the



glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;



A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
 For as in the be - gin - ning, Is
 to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
 now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -
 peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
 sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

The Post-Communion Collect

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 in 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.

The Benedicamus and Benediction *LSB 212*

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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.

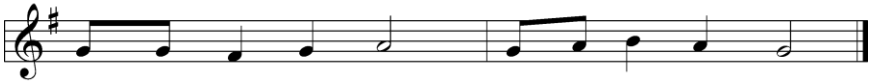
The Closing Hymn: LSB 718, "Jesus, Lead Thou On"



1 Je - sus, lead Thou on Till our rest is won; And al-though the
2 If the way be drear, If the foe be near, Let not faith-less
3 When we seek re - lief From a long-felt grief, When temp - ta - tions
4 Je - sus, lead Thou on Till our rest is won. Heav'n-ly lead - er,



way be cheer - less, We will fol - low calm and fear - less.
fears o'er - take us; Let not faith and hope for - sake us;
come al - lur - ing, Make us pa - tient and en - dur - ing.
still di - rect us, Still sup - port, con - sole, pro - tect us,



Guide us by Thy hand To our fa - ther - land.
For through man - y a woe To our home we go.
Show us that bright shore Where we weep no more.
Till we safe - ly stand In our fa - ther - land.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worshippers will be ushered out. Please wait for the usher to come to your pew. If you prefer to leave by the front entrance, please use the middle aisle. If you prefer to leave by the back entrance, please use the outside aisles. Please make every effort to maintain proper social distancing as you leave the church building. Thank you!

Please put your kneeler down before exiting the pew.

Events of the Week: February 21 - 28, 2021

- TODAY:** 11:00 a.m. Bible study on Facebook
11:00 a.m. **Voters Meeting** in the Sanctuary and on Zoom.
- Monday:** 10:00 a.m. Registration for **February 28**
Worship begins
6:30 p.m. Monday Evening Worship Service with Holy Communion
- Wed:** Noon: Devotional Boost with Pastor
7:00 p.m. **Lenten Worship**
- Thursday:** 6:00 p.m. Bell Choir
- Saturday:** 6:00 p.m. Registration is closed
- Sunday:** 9:00 a.m. Gizmo Devotions on FB
9:30 a.m. Worship at St. James (for registered members) and on Facebook Live
11:00 a.m. Bible Study on FB

Today's Deacons: Bryan Ensing and John Weiss

Ushers: Dale & Grace Rosema

February Altar Guild: Lois DeLano and Mary Ward

Those who serve Lenten Worship, Feb. 24:

Deacon: Craig Popma

Ushers: Dale & Grace Rosema

Those who serve February 28:

Deacon: Jerry Talen

Ushers: Nate, Kim, Hayden & Heath Urbanski

March Altar Guild: Carol Bifulco and Kim Urbanski

FINANCIAL DISCIPLESHIP February 14, 2021

General Fund	\$4,010.00
Future Building Expansion	175.00
Plate Collection	1,340.00
Tessaro Ministry Nigeria	25.00
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Total:	\$6,450.00

To **register for worship**, please go to bit.ly/stjamesgr and follow the prompts. If you are unable to sign-up for worship, please contact the office at 363-7718.



Congregational Meeting



The ST JAMES **VOTERS' MEETING** is **TODAY** after worship in the sanctuary and on Zoom.

Walt Bartusch is celebrating his 90th birthday TODAY!
1010 Edison Ave. NW #205
Grand Rapids, MI 49504.



You Can Create A Season of Hope for Someone!

This Lent, we are putting God's love in action by making Lutheran World Relief Personal Care Kits.

We will be assembling these kits at home during the five weeks of Lent. Here's what we need:

- ◆ 2 bars of **soap** (4-5 oz., any brand, in original wrapping)
- ◆ 1 bath **towel** (light-weight, maximum 52" x 27"; 20" x 40" is a good guideline for a minimum size; dark color recommended)
- ◆ 1 **toothbrush** (Adult size, in original packaging)
- ◆ 1 sturdy **comb** (remove packaging)
- ◆ 1 **nail clipper** (metal, attached file optional/remove packaging)

Our goal is 91 kits.

So far we are at 9.

