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WELCOME IN THE NAME OF JESUS, OUR LORD

We pray that our worship this day will be an inspiration to every one of us.

If you are a visitor or the guest of someone, please sign our Guest Book at the round table in the Foyer. Requests for prayers in this morning's service may be made by writing them on the Prayer Request form in the entryway of the church.

A Nursery for infants and toddlers is available in Room 4 on this level.

Jesus said: "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you are also to love another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."
John 13:34-35



The Order of Holy Communion– Setting One

TO OUR VISITORS AND GUESTS: The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper at this congregation is administered in accordance with the Holy Scriptures and the Lutheran Confessions. It is celebrated in the confidence that we receive into our mouths, not just bread and wine, but as our Lord promises His true Body and Blood "through and in which we obtain the forgiveness of sins". If you are not a member of a congregation of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, we kindly ask that you arrange for a time to speak with Pastor Riley if you are interested in receiving Holy Communion.

AS WE GATHER : Today is the First Sunday in Lent as we make our annual journey with Christ to the cross. Though the Sundays in Lent are not technically part of this somber season, they do reflect the same penitential theme that characterizes our forty days of prayerful devotion and repentance. Today we watch as Jesus faces the slick lies of the tempter. He does not face them on His own but in the strength and power of God's Word and truth. When the devil hands Jesus the opportunity to doubt or fear or deny Himself and His Father in heaven, Jesus responds with the stronger Word. He does this not to prove Himself, but for us, that we who live in Him by Baptism and faith may also be made strong in the Word of the Lord before the devil's wiles and lies.

✠ PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. **418**: *"O Lord, Throughout These Forty Days"*

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Kyrie

✠ SALUTATION and COLLECT

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.

(Be Seated)

P: Today is the First Sunday in Lent. The color has changed to purple, signifying sorrow and repentance. Our focus is on the cross, where our Lenten journey will lead us. From Genesis we hear how sin entered the world and took us captive to death. Paul describes the consequences of the fall and the reign of sin since Adam in the Epistle from Romans. In the Gospel, we hear how Jesus was tempted by Satan in the wilderness.

† OLD TESTAMENT: Genesis 3:1–21

(The sin of our first parents stole us from God and left us captive to death.)

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the Lord God had made.

He said to the woman, “Did God actually say, ‘You shall not eat of any tree in the garden?’” And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.’” But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die. For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” So 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. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.

And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. But the Lord God called to the man and said to him, “Where are you?” And he said, “I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself.” He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?” The man said, “The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate.” Then the Lord God said to the woman, “What is this that you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”

The Lord God said to the serpent, “Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring[e] and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.”

To the woman he said, “I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children. Your desire shall be contrary to your husband, but he shall rule over you.”

And to Adam he said, “Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you, ‘You shall not eat of it,’ cursed is the ground because of you; in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life; thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field. By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return.”

The man called his wife's name Eve, because she was the mother of all living. And the Lord God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

† EPISTLE: Romans 5:12–19

(Paul describes the poisoned fruits of the fall and the grace born of the obedience, suffering, and death of our Lord Jesus.)

Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned—for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. Yet death reigned from Adam to

Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come.

But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many. And the free gift is not like the result of that one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brought justification. For if, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ.

Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. For 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.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Please Stand)

✠ HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 4:1–11 (*Our Lord is tempted by Satan in the wilderness.*)

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

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. And the tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written, "'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the temple and said 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, lest you strike your foot against a stone.'"

Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.'" Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. And he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Then Jesus said to him, "Be gone, Satan! For it is written, "'You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve.'"

Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

✠ HYMN of the DAY NO. **562**: *"All Mankind Fell in Adam's Fall"*

(Be Seated)

✠ SERMON: *"Death in Adam, Life in Christ"* Romans 5:12-19

(Please Stand)

✠ STATEMENT of FAITH: Nicene Creed

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.

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.

✠ PRAYER of the CHURCH

P: Hear Your people, O Lord, who cry to You on behalf of all people in need and through the blessed name of Jesus. That in the face of temptation and trial, we stand firm in the strength of the Lord, who was tempted like us, yet did not sin, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: That we not be distracted by the voice of the devil and the allure of the world but remember Christ's Baptism into sin for us and our Baptism into Christ, clothing us with forgiveness, holiness, and righteousness, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: That the Lord grant wisdom and obedience to our nation's leaders and to the leaders of the whole world, that peace reign between the nations and that the culture of violence end and our hearts no longer fear, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: That all who suffer be relieved, those who are sick be healed, the dying be comforted, and the grieving endure in hope through the resurrection of our Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: That we be a people of generous hearts, sharing what we have with those in need and supporting the work of the Kingdom near and far, that many be brought to know Jesus Christ through the witness of His Word and Spirit, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: That we be slow to judge others and quick to forgive in Christ's name, that we bear one another's burdens and so fulfill the call to love one another, and that we regularly offer prayers, supplications, and intercessions for all as they have need, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: That we joyfully acknowledge Christ among us in the Holy Sacrament of the Altar, that we rightly confess Him and proclaim His mercy, and that we receive with clean hearts and clean hands His flesh in this bread and His blood in this cup, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: That the Lord grant to us peace and a quieted heart, released from the fears that would deprive us of His joy, and that we show forth in our lives together the strong unity of faith and confession, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves, those on whose behalf we have prayed, and for all those in any need, trusting that Your mercy will supply us all things needful and keep from us all things harmful, through Jesus Christ.

C: Lord, have mercy. Amen.

✠ SHARING of the PEACE

✠ ANNOUNCEMENTS

Offering

We respond to God's love with our OFFERINGS

(Please Stand and Sing Hymn Number 956: Create in Me)

Service of the Sacrament (p. 160)

At the time of DISTRIBUTION, all those wishing to receive Holy Communion will come forward as the ushers direct. The bread/Body of the Lord will be served in your hand. If you wish to receive the Lord's blood from an individual glass rather than from the common cup, indicate so when Assistant comes to you and he will hand you a glass from which you then drink and place back in the tray carried by the acolyte.

. DISTRIBUTION HYMN No. **657**: "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

***At the end of the Distribution we stand and continue with
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✠ CLOSING HYMN No. **387**: "Joy to the World"

✠ POSTLUDE
