

1st Sunday in Lent

February 26, 2023

The Season The Church’s Lenten worship is muted and quiet. For centuries, the Church has omitted her most jubilant songs of praise during this season of repentance. We will omit the use of “Alleluia” and the Song of Praise to reflect the somber nature of the season. Note, however, that the Sundays are designated as Sunday in Lent, not Sundays of Lent. The Sundays themselves are not considered part of the forty days, but are islands of refreshment in our Lenten walk. They are *Islands in the Son!*

The Sunday The Son of God goes forth to war and defeats the devil for us. The Second Adam came to do what the first could not, and in the desert the battle was joined. *Islands in the Son: A Battle Scarred Island.*

Morrison Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod



Our mission is to **Glorify God** as we **Gather** around the Gospel to help people **Grow** in the Gospel and **Go** with the Gospel

Welcome! We thank God that you have joined us at worship today. Restrooms are located in the basement. Hearing loop headphones and Large Print Hymnals are available from an usher.

If your children need to leave worship, please take them to the basement. A TV broadcasts the service in the basement.

Today we gather together in the presence of God. He is present among us in a special way through his Word and Sacrament. We acknowledge our sin and rejoice in the good news of forgiveness through the life and death of Christ. This is the focus of our worship.

Hymn

All Mankind Fell in Adam’s Fall CW 378



1 All man - kind fell in Ad - am’s fall;  
2 Through all our pow’rs cor - rup - tion creeps  
3 From hearts de - praved, to e - vil prone,  
4 But Christ, the sec - ond Ad - am, came  
5 As by one man all man - kind fell



One com - mon sin in - fects us all.  
And us in dread - ful bond - age keeps;  
Flow thoughts and deeds of sin a - lone;  
To bear our sin and woe and shame,  
And, born in sin, was doomed to hell,



From one to all the curse de - scends,  
In guilt we draw our in - fant breath  
God’s im - age lost, the dark - ened soul  
To be our life, our light, our way,  
So by one Man, who took our place,



And o - ver all God’s wrath im - pends.  
And reap its fruits of woe and death.  
Nor seeks nor finds its heav’n - ly goal.  
Our on - ly hope, our on - ly stay.  
We all were jus - ti - fied by grace.

6 We thank you, Christ; new life is ours,  
New light, new hope, new strength, new pow’rs;  
This grace our ev’ry way attend  
Until we reach our journey’s end.

Text: Lazarus Spengler, 1479–1534, abr.; tr. Matthias Loy, 1828–1915, st. 1-4, 6, alt.; *The Lutheran Hymnal*, St. Louis, 1941, st. 5, alt.  
Tune: WENN WIR IN HÖCHSTEN NÖTEN SEIN (LM) Louis Bourgeois, c. 1510–c. 1561.

*Stand*

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

### **Confession**

M: Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

**C: Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin.**

**For faithless worrying and selfish pride,**

**For sins of habit and sins of choice,**

**For the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do,**

**You should cast me away from your presence forever.**

**O Lord, I am sorry for my sins, Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.**

### **Absolution** (pronouncement of forgiveness)

M: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant: I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

### **Lord, Have Mercy Kyrie**

*Mark 10:47*

M: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

For the well-being of all people everywhere, that they may receive from you all they need to sustain body and life, hear our prayer, O Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

M: For the spread of your life-giving gospel throughout the world, that all who are lost in sin may be brought to faith in you, hear our prayer, O Christ.

**C: Christ, have mercy.**

M: For patience and perseverance in this life, that we may not lose the hope of heaven as we await your return, hear our prayer, O Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

M: Lord of life, live in us that we may live for you.

**C: Amen.**

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## **THE WORD**

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M: The Lord be with you

**C: And also with you.**

## Prayer of the Day

**M:** Let us pray.

Lord our strength, the battle of good and evil rages within and around us, and our ancient foe tempts us with his deceits and empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your Word, and when we fall, raise us up again and restore us through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** Amen.

*Be seated*

### First Lesson:

**Genesis 3:1-15**

After the Fall into Sin God promises to send the Seed of Woman as the champion of mankind in the battle against Satan. Inherent in the promise was the cost: though the victory was certain, so was the sacrifice!

**3** Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God really say, ‘You must not eat from any tree in the garden?’”

**2** The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, <sup>3</sup> but God did say, ‘You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.’”

**4** “You will not certainly die,” the serpent said to the woman. **5** “For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”

**6** When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. **7** Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.

**8** Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the LORD God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the LORD God among the trees of the garden. **9** But the LORD God called to the man, “Where are you?”

**10** He answered, “I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid.”

**11** And he said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?”

**12** The man said, “The woman you put here with me—she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it.”

**13** Then the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this you have done?”  
The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”

**14** So the LORD God said to the serpent, “Because you have done this,  
“Cursed are you above all livestock

and all wild animals!

You will crawl on your belly

and you will eat dust

all the days of your life.  
15 And I will put enmity  
between you and the woman,  
and between your offspring and hers;  
he will crush your head,  
and you will strike his heel.” (NIV)

## Psalm of the Day

## Psalm 3 CWS

### Refrain

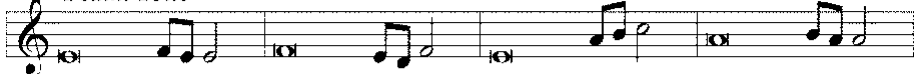


From the Lord comes de - liv - er - ance,



there - fore we will not fear.

### Psalm Tone



O LORD, how many are my foes!  
How many rise up against me!  
Many are saying of me,  
“God will not deliver him.”

But you are a shield around me, O LORD;  
you bestow glory on me and lift up my head.  
To the LORD I cry aloud,  
and he answers me from his holy hill.

### Refrain

I lie down and sleep;  
I wake again, because the LORD sustains me.  
I will not fear the tens of thousands  
drawn up against me on ev'ry side.

Arise, O LORD!  
Deliver me, O my God!  
From the LORD comes deliverance.  
May your blessing be on your people.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

### Refrain

## Second Lesson

## Romans 5:12-19

Paul provides a New Testament commentary on the First Lesson and shows the universal effects of the First Adam's failure and the Second Adam's victory. Adam was a son of God in human flesh (Luke 3:38), but Adam failed the tests of his sonship. Through his flesh he passed his failure on to all of his children, condemning us to sin and death. So God sent another Son in human flesh to be the Son that Adam had not been. He obeyed where Adam did not. The obedience of the second Adam had as wide an effect as the disobedience of the first: he gives his victory to us and declares us righteous and brings life for all.

<sup>12</sup> Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all people, because all sinned—

<sup>13</sup> To be sure, sin was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not charged against anyone's account where there is no law. <sup>14</sup> Nevertheless, death reigned from the time of Adam to the time of Moses, even over those who did not sin by breaking a command, as did Adam, who is a pattern of the one to come.

<sup>15</sup> But the gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died by the trespass of the one man, how much more did God's grace and the gift that came by the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, overflow to the many! <sup>16</sup> Nor can the gift of God be compared with the result of one man's sin: The judgment followed one sin and brought condemnation, but the gift followed many trespasses and brought justification. <sup>17</sup> For if, by the trespass of the one man, death reigned through that one man, how much more will those who receive God's abundant provision of grace and of the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ!

<sup>18</sup> Consequently, just as one trespass resulted in condemnation for all people, so also one righteous act resulted in justification and life for all people. <sup>19</sup> For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the one man the many will be made righteous. (NIV)

## Verse of the Day

M: It is written: "Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only." (Matthew 4:10b)

*Stand*

M: The Gospel according to Matthew chapter 4.

**C: Glory be to you, O Lord.**

## Gospel:

## Matthew 4:1-11

The Second Adam goes to war to regain all that the first Adam had lost. Empowered by his baptism and led by the Spirit, Jesus defeats the devil for us.. Satan tempted Christ to use the greatest weapons at his disposal—miracle, mystery and authority—to shortcut this mission. He tempted the Son to have a distrustful Sonship, a presumptive Sonship, a disloyal Sonship. Satan would have had his way with us, but not with our champion! Jesus won this and every battle with the devil, and now one little word can fell him.

<sup>4</sup> Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted<sup>[a]</sup> by the devil.

<sup>2</sup> After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. <sup>3</sup> The tempter came to him and said, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread."

<sup>4</sup> Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'<sup>[Dt 8:3]</sup>"

<sup>5</sup> Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. <sup>6</sup> "If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down. For it is written:

“He will command his angels concerning you,  
and they will lift you up in their hands,  
so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.’ [Ps 91:11,12]”

7 Jesus answered him, “It is also written: ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’ [Dt 6:16]”

8 Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. 9 “All this I will give you,” he said, “if you will bow down and worship me.”

10 Jesus said to him, “Away from me, Satan! For it is written: ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.’ [Dt 6:13]”

11 Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him. (NIV)

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise be to you, O Christ.**

*Be seated*

### Hymn of the Day

*A Mighty Fortress is Our God CW 200*



1 A might - y for - tress is our God, A trust - y shield  
2 With might of ours can naught be done; Soon were our loss  
3 Though dev - ils all the world should fill, All ea - ger to  
4 The Word they still shall let re - main, Nor an - y thanks



and weap - on; He helps us free from ev - 'ry need  
ef - fect - ed. But for us fights the val - iant one  
de - vour us, We trem - ble not, we fear no ill;  
have for it; He's by our side up - on the plain



That has us now o'er - tak - en. The old  
Whom God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask,  
They shall not o - ver - pow'r us. This world's  
With his good gifts and Spir - it. And do



e - vil foe Now means dead - ly woe;  
“Who is this?” Je - sus Christ it is,  
prince may still Scowl fierce as he will,  
what they will— Hate, steal, hurt, or kill—



Deep guile and great might      Are his dread arms in fight;  
 The al-might-y Lord.      And there's no oth-er God;  
 He can harm us none.      He's judged; the deed is done!  
 Though all may be gone,      Our vic-to-ry is won;



On earth is not his e-qual.  
 He holds the field for-ev-er.  
 One lit-tle word can fell him.  
 The king-dom's ours for-ev-er!

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. composite.  
 Tune: EIN FESTE BURG (87 87 55 56 7) Martin Luther, 1483–1546.

**Sermon                      A Battle Scarred Island Full of Beauty                      Romans 5:12-19**

*Stand*

**Nicene Creed**

**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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. 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, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian 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.**

*Be Seated*

**Offering**

*Stand*

**Prayer of the Church**

## **Preface**

M: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

M: Lift up your hearts.

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

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

**C: It is good and right so to do.**

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who willingly died under the curse of this world's sin so that we may live forever in the light of God's blessing. Therefore with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

## **Holy, Holy, Holy** (sung)

*Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*

1. O holy, holy, holy  
Lord God of pow'r and might,  
Your glory, earth and heaven  
In countless ways recite.  
Hosanna! Come and save us,  
Lord God of hosts on high,  
And in your grace and mercy  
Receive our fervent cry.
2. Hosanna in the highest!  
How truly blest is he  
Who in God's name is coming  
To set his people free!  
He comes to bring salvation  
And with his blood outpoured,  
Deliver us from bondage—  
Hosanna, mighty Lord!

## **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

M: Blessed are you, O Lord of heaven and earth. We praise and thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, and we remember the great acts of love through which he has ransomed us from sin, death, and the devil's power.

By his incarnation, he became one with us.

By his perfect life, he fulfilled your holy will.

By his innocent death, he overcame hell.

By his rising from the grave, he opened heaven.

Invited by your grace and instructed by your Word, we approach your table with repentant and joyful hearts. Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood, and preserve us in the true faith until we feast with him and all his ransomed people in glory everlasting.

**C: Amen.**

## **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 and ever. Amen.

### Words of Institution

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

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

### Lamb of God *Agnes Dei*

*John 1:29*

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 your peace. A - men.

*Be seated*

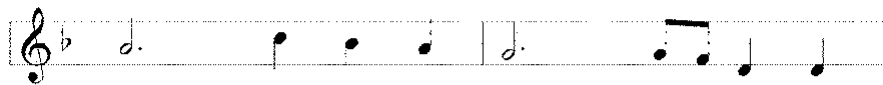
**Communion** Because God speaks of communing together as an expression of unity in faith we practice close communion. All WELS members are welcome to commune with us. Visitors, please speak with the pastor or an elder before communing.

# Distribution Hymn

*The Tree of Life CWS 754*



1 The tree of life with ev - 'ry  
 2 The still - ness of that sa - cred  
 3 What mer - cy God showed to our  
 4 Now from that tree of Je - sus'



good In E - den's ho - ly or - chard  
 grove Was bro - ken as the ser - pent  
 race, A plan of res - cue by his  
 shame Flows life e - ter - nal in his



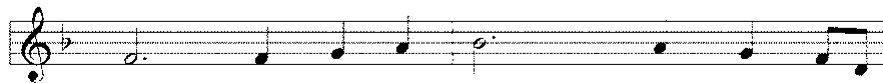
stood, And of its fruit so pure and  
 strove With tempt - ing voice Eve to be -  
 grace: In send - ing One from wom - an's  
 name; For all who trust and will be -



sweet God let the man and wom - an  
 guile And Ad - am to by sin de -  
 seed, The One to fill our great - est  
 lieve, Sal - va - tion's liv - ing fruit re -



eat. Yet in this gar - den al - so  
 file. Oh, day of sad - ness when the  
 need— For on a tree up - lift - ed  
 ceive. And of this fruit so pure and



grew An - oth - er tree, of which they  
 breath Of fear and dark - ness, doubt and  
 high His on - ly Son for sin would  
 sweet The Lord in - vites the world to

knew; Its love - ly limbs with fruit a -  
 death, Its aw - ful poi - son first dis -  
 die, Would drink the cup of scorn and  
 eat, To find with - in this cross of  
  
 dorned A - gainst whose eat - ing God had warned.  
 played With - in the world so new - ly made.  
 dread To crush the an - cient ser - pent's head!  
 wood The tree of life with ev - 'ry good.

*God's first promise to send a Savior, offered in the shadow of Eden, finds its fulfillment on the tree of Calvary, Jesus' cross.*

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*Stand*

**Song of Simeon *Nunc Dimittis* (sung)**

*Luke 2:29-32*

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| <p>1 O Lord, now let your servant<br/>         Depart in peace, assured:<br/>         For I have seen your promised<br/>         incarnate, saving Word—<br/>         A Light that will enlighten<br/>         All gloom where Gentiles dwell;<br/>         The brilliant, crowning glory<br/>         Of those in Israel!</p> | <p>2 All glory to the Father,<br/>         All glory to the Son,<br/>         All glory to the Spirit,<br/>         Forever three in one;<br/>         For as in the beginning,<br/>         Is now, shall ever be,<br/>         God's triune name resounding<br/>         Through all eternity.</p> |
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M: We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet that you have given us to eat and to drink in this sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**Blessing**

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.  
 The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
 The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.

*Be seated*

**Hymn**

*O God, Our Lord, Your Holy Word* CW 204:3

3 Lord, you a - lone This work have done By your free  
grace and fa - vor. All who be - lieve Will  
grace re - ceive Through Je - sus Christ, our Sav - ior.  
And though the foe Would o - ver - throw Your  
Word with grim en - deav - or, All he has wrought Must  
come to naught— Your Word will stand for - ev - er!

Text: *Enchiridion . . . zum Schwarzen Horn*, Erfurt, 1527, abr.; tr. W. Gustave Polack, 1890–1950, alt.  
Tune: O HERRE GOTT, DEIN GÖTTLICH WORT (447 447 D Iambic) *Enchiridion . . . zum Schwarzen Horn*, Erfurt, 1527.