

# The First Sunday in Lent

March 6, 2022

## Invocation

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## Kyrie

**P** Lord, have mercy upon us.

**C** Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

## Confession & Absolution

**P** Holy, Holy, Holy you are, O LORD of hosts. The whole earth is full of your glory.

**C** Your holiness frightens us. It fills us with awe. It fills us with wonder.

What else can we do but fall down before you and confess our woe?

We are lost. We are a people of unclean lips and unclean thoughts.

The light of your holiness only reveals the darkness of our sin.

**P** Holy, Holy, Holy, you are, O LORD of hosts.

The whole earth is full of your glory.

**C** Your holiness is white hot, converting our sin.

Send your seraphim to us with burning coals from your altar,

that our guilt be taken away, and our sin forgiven.

**P** Holy, Holy, Holy you are, O LORD of hosts.

The whole earth is full of your glory.

**C** Your holiness is frightening, all consuming.

Sanctify us to your service.

Make us holy, that we might be your people,

that we might reflect your glory and serve you forever.

In the name of Jesus we pray, who ever stands before the altar of heaven,

our mediator, who presents before your holy majesty our prayer and supplication,

now and evermore. Amen.

**P** Upon this your confession, I announce the grace of God to all of you, and in the stead and

by the command of my Savior Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the

Father, and of the ☩ Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen

Opening Hymn

His Mercy is More

The musical score is written for a single voice part on a treble clef staff. It begins in 6/8 time and features a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the staff. The score includes several measures of rests and changes in time signature to 3/8 and back to 6/8. The lyrics are: 'What love could re-mem-ber no wrongs we have done? Om - What pa-tience would wait as we con-stant-ly roam? What What rich-es of kind-ness He lav-ished on us. His ni-scient, all know-ing, He counts not their sum. Thrown Fa-ther, so ten-der, is call-ing us home? He blood was the pay-ment; His life was the cost. We in-to a sea with-out bot-tom or shore, our wel-comes the weak-est, the vil-est, the poor. Our stood 'neath a debt we could nev-er af-ford. Our sins, they are man-y; His mer-cy is more. Praise the Lord, sins, they are man-y; His mer-cy is more. His mer-cy is more. Strong-er than dark-ness, new ev-'ry morn. Our sins, they are man-y; His mer-cy is more.'

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- P** He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.
- C** **I will say to the LORD, “My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.”**
- P** For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence.
- C** **He will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness is a shield and buckler.**
- P** You will not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day,
- C** **nor the pestilence that stalks in darkness, nor the destruction that wastes at noonday.**
- P** A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand, but it will not come near you.
- C** **You will only look with your eyes and see the recompense of the wicked.**
- P** Because you have made the LORD your dwelling place— the Most High, who is my refuge—
- C** **no evil shall be allowed to befall you, no plague come near your tent.**
- P** For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways.
- C** **On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.**
- P** You will tread on the lion and the adder; the young lion and the serpent you will trample underfoot.
- C** **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.**

## Old Testament Reading

Deuteronomy 26:1–11

<sup>1</sup>“When you come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you for an inheritance and have taken possession of it and live in it, <sup>2</sup>you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from your land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket, and you shall go to the place that the LORD your God will choose, to make his name to dwell there. <sup>3</sup>And you shall go to the priest who is in office at that time and say to him, ‘I declare today to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our fathers to give us.’ <sup>4</sup>Then the priest shall take the basket from your hand and set it down before the altar of the LORD your God.

<sup>5</sup>“And you shall make response before the LORD your God, ‘A wandering Aramean was my father. And he went down into Egypt and sojourned there, few in number, and there he became a nation, great, mighty, and populous. <sup>6</sup>And the Egyptians treated us harshly and humiliated us and laid on us hard labor. <sup>7</sup>Then we cried to the LORD, the God of our fathers, and the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. <sup>8</sup>And the LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with great deeds of terror, with signs and wonders. <sup>9</sup>And he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. <sup>10</sup>And behold, now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground, which you, O LORD, have given me.’ And you shall set it down before the LORD your God and worship before the LORD your God. <sup>11</sup>And you shall rejoice in all the good that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house, you, and the Levite, and the sojourner who is among you.”

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

## Epistle

*Romans 10:8b–13*

“The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); <sup>9</sup>because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup>For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. <sup>11</sup>For the Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.” <sup>12</sup>For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. <sup>13</sup>For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.



# Sermon Hymn #656

# A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

1 A might - y for - tress is our God,  
 2 With might of ours can naught be done,  
 3 Though dev - ils all the world should fill,  
 4 The Word they still shall let re - main

A trust - y shield and weap - on;  
 Soon were our loss ef - fect ed;  
 All ea - ger to de - vour us,  
 Nor an - y thanks have for it;

He helps us free from ev - 'ry need  
 But for us fights the val - iant One,  
 We trem - ble not, we fear no ill;  
 He's by our side up - on the plain

That hath us now o'er - tak - en.  
 Whom God Him - self e - lect ed.  
 They shall not o - ver - pow'r us.  
 With His good gifts and Spir - it.

The old e - vil foe Now means  
 Ask ye, Who is this? Je - sus  
 This world's prince may still Scowl  
 And take they our life, Goods, fame,

dead - ly woe; Deep guile and great might  
 Christ it is, Of Sab - a - oth Lord,  
 as he will, He can harm us none,  
 child, and wife, Though these all be gone,

Are his dread arms in fight; On earth  
 And there's none oth - er God; He holds  
 He's judged; the deed is done; One lit -  
 Our vic - t'ry has been won; The King -

is not his e - qual.  
 the field for - ev - er.  
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**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fourth chapter.

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

<sup>1</sup>Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness <sup>2</sup>for forty days, being tempted by the devil. And he ate nothing during those days. And when they were ended, he was hungry. <sup>3</sup>The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread." <sup>4</sup>And Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone.'" <sup>5</sup>And the devil took him up and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time, <sup>6</sup>and said to him, "To you I will give all this authority and their glory, for it has been delivered to me, and I give it to whom I will. <sup>7</sup>If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." <sup>8</sup>And Jesus answered him, "It is written, "'You shall worship the Lord your God, and him only shall you serve.'"

<sup>9</sup>And he took him to Jerusalem and set him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, <sup>10</sup>for it is written, "'He will command his angels concerning you, to guard you,'"

<sup>11</sup>and "'On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.'" <sup>12</sup>And Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.'" <sup>13</sup>And when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from him until an opportune time.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**G** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## Sermon

### Prayer

**P** Lord, in Your mercy,

**G** hear our prayer.

### Apostles' Creed

I 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, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life  $\text{†}$  everlasting. 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.

### Holy Communion

# Distribution Hymn #542

## When I Behold Jesus Christ



1 When I be - hold Je - sus Christ, True God who died for me,  
 2 For me You gave all Your love, For me You suf-fered, pain;  
 3 You had no sin, ho - ly Lord, But You were tor-tured, tried;  
 4 What love is this? Great - er love No one has ev - er known.



I won - der much at His love As He hung on the tree.  
 I find no words, noth - ing can Your self - less - ness ex - plain.  
 On Gol - go - tha there for all My sins You bled and died.  
 My life with God— this I owe To You, and You a - lone.



What kind of love is this? What kind of love is this?



You showed Your love, Je - sus, there To me on Cal - va - ry.



What kind of love is this? What kind of love is this?



You showed Your love, Je - sus, there To me on Cal - va - ry.

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## Distribution Hymn

## Be Unto Your Name



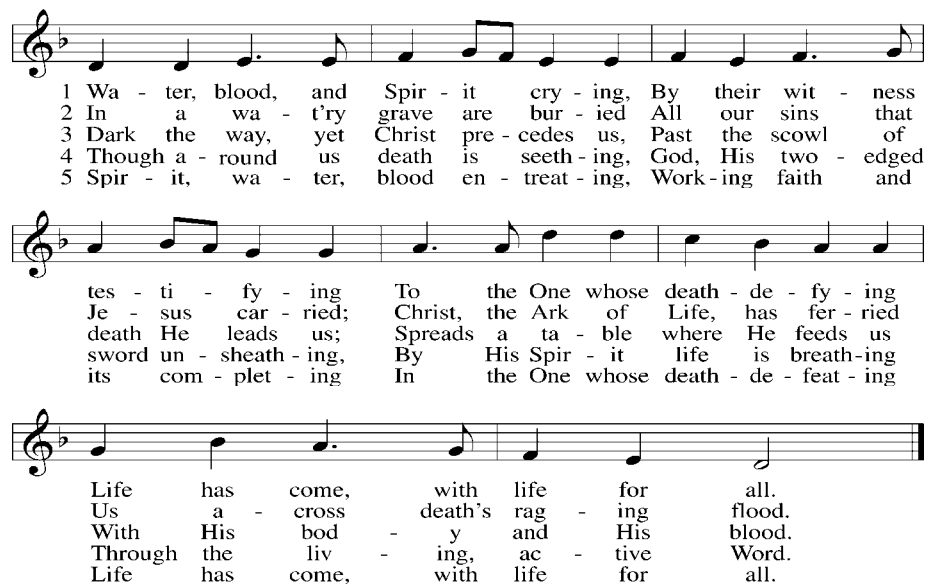
We are a mo - ment, You are for - ev - er, Lord of the a -  
 We are the bro - ken, You are the heal - er, Je - sus, Re - deem -  
 ges, God before time; We are a va - por You are e - ter -  
 er, might - y to save; You are the love song we'll sing for - ev -  
 nal, Love ev - er - last - ing, reign - ing on high.  
 er, bow - ing be - fore You, bless - ing Your name.  
 Ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God Al - might - y, Wor - thy is the  
 Lamb who was slain; High - est prais - es hon - or and glo - ry  
 be un - to Your name, be un - to Your name.

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## Distribution Hymn #597

## Water, Blood, and Spirit Crying



1 Wa - ter, blood, and Spir - it cry - ing, By their wit - ness  
 2 In a wa - t'ry grave are bur - ied All our sins that  
 3 Dark the way, yet Christ pre - cedes us, Past the scowl of  
 4 Though a - round us death is seeth - ing, God, His two - edged  
 5 Spir - it, wa - ter, blood en - treat - ing, Work - ing faith and  
 tes - ti - fy - ing To the One whose death - de - fy - ing  
 Je - sus car - ried; Christ, the Ark of Life, has fer - ried  
 death He leads us; Spreads a ta - ble where He feeds us  
 sword un - sheath - ing, By His Spir - it life is breath - ing  
 its com - plet - ing In the One whose death - de - feat - ing  
 Life has come, with life for all.  
 Us a - cross death's rag - ing flood.  
 With His bod - y and His blood.  
 Through the liv - ing, ac - tive Word.  
 Life has come, with life for all.

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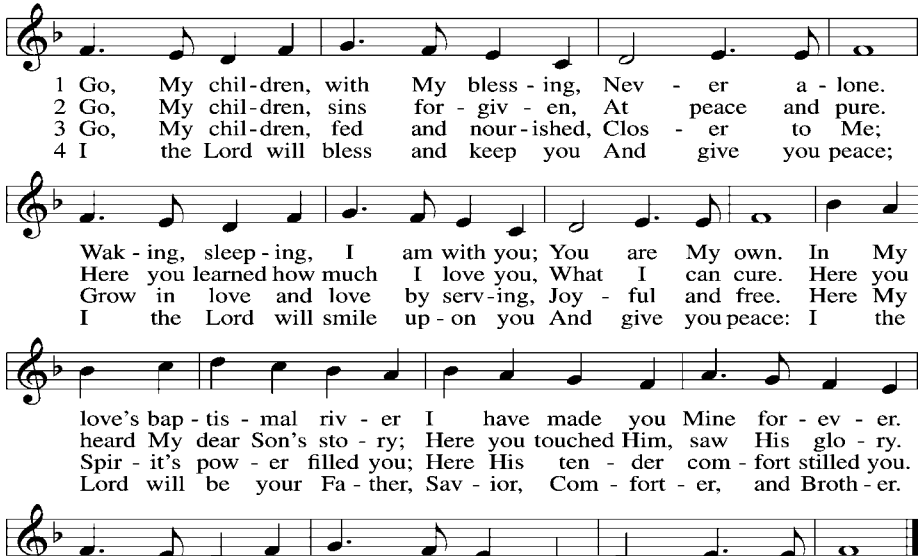
Nunc Dimittis

- P** Lord, now let Your servant depart in peace according to Your Word.

**C** For my eyes have seen Your salvation,  
Which You have prepared before the face of all people;  
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles and to be the glory of Your people Israel.  
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.

Closing Hymn #922

Go, My Children, with My Blessing



1 Go, My chil-dren, with My bless-ing, Nev-er a-lone.  
2 Go, My chil-dren, sins for-giv-en, At peace and pure.  
3 Go, My chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, Clos-er to Me;  
4 I the Lord will bless and keep you And give you peace;

Wak-ing, sleep-ing, I am with you; You are My own. In My  
Here you learned how much I love you, What I can cure. Here you  
Grow in love and love by serv-ing, Joy-ful and free. Here My  
I the Lord will smile up-on you And give you peace: I the

love's bap-tis-mal riv-er I have made you Mine for-ev-er.  
heard My dear Son's sto-ry; Here you touched Him, saw His glo-ry.  
Spir-it's pow-er filled you; Here His ten-der com-fort stilled you.  
Lord will be your Fa-ther, Sav-ior, Com-fort-er, and Broth-er.

Go, My chil-dren, with My bless-ing— You are My own.  
Go, My chil-dren, sins for-giv-en, At peace and pure.  
Go, My chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, Joy-ful and free.  
Go, My chil-dren; I will keep you And give you peace.

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Benediction

- 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.

# Announcements

## Today

- **Bible Study** 9:15 AM Masks Optional: Adults meet in the sanctuary; Children meet downstairs
- **Youth Confirmation** 12:00 PM – 12:45 PM
- **Sunday Evening Prayer** 5:30 PM

## Tuesday

- **Men's Bible Study** 6:30 – 7:30 AM
- **Youth Group** 6:30 - 8:00 PM

## Wednesday

- **Lenten Worship Service** – 7:00 PM

## Saturday

- **Women of Faith Bible Study** 9:00 AM

## Sunday Worship & Bible Study Time Change

Beginning next Sunday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, St. James will return to one 9:00 AM worship service with Bible Study at 10:30 AM. For those that are not yet able join us in person, we will continue to LIVESTREAM the 9:00 AM worship service at <https://saintjamesglencarbon.org/sermons/>

## National Youth Gathering Fundraiser

Our senior high youth group is heading to Houston, TX in July 2022. Please consider helping us get there with our Envelope Challenge Wall. Grab an envelope, fill it with your donation, and return it to the church offering plate. Please help us clear all of the envelopes on the wall!

## **New Member Class Begins Next Sunday, March 20th**

Everyone is welcome! Please contact the church office if you or someone you know may be interested in attending.

**Metro-East Lutheran High School** is seeking candidates for the full-time position of **Office Manager at Lutheran High**. This position is a full-time, 12 month position on the administrative team at MELHS. Interested candidates should submit a cover letter and resume to Dr. Jay Krause, Principal at [jay.krause@melhs.org](mailto:jay.krause@melhs.org). We are seeking to fill this position as soon as possible.



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