

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

My Fortress, My God

March 9 & 10, 2019

5:00pm & 8:00am

AS WE GATHER

Like an army runs to find refuge in a castle, we run to Jesus in every time of need. He is our fortress, our God. Today He mercifully invites us into His presence and shields us from the power of our adversary. He will guard and defend us! What makes Him completely trustworthy to be our fortress? What gives us confidence in knowing that He will deliver us from sin, death, and the devil? He Himself was tempted and can understand our temptation. He Himself was protected from the evil one and can protect us in our hour of need. He Himself battled Satan and won. He invites us to share in the victory of His cross and resurrection. Find refuge in Him today! He is our mighty fortress. He is our God.

WELCOME

“Come, let us return to the LORD. He has torn us to pieces but he will heal us; he has injured us but he will bind up our wounds.” Hosea 6:1, NIV

HANDSHAKES & HUGS

✠ PREPARATION ✠

OPENING HYMN #418 “O Lord, Throughout These Forty Days”

O Lord, throughout these forty days You prayed and kept the fast;
Inspire repentance for our sin, And free us from our past.

You strove with Satan, and You won; Your faithfulness endured;
Lend us Your nerve, Your skill and trust In God’s eternal Word.

Though parched and hungry, yet You prayed And fixed Your mind above;
So teach us to deny ourselves. Since we have known God’s love.

Be with us through this season, Lord, And all our earthly days,
That when the final Easter dawns, We join in heaven’s praise.

(Rise)

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Return to the LORD, your God, for He is gracious and merciful,

People: slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.

Pastor: Confident in His steadfast love, let us confess our sins to the Lord our God. O Lord, our gracious and merciful Father,

People: we confess our unworthiness to be in your presence. Our sins of thought, word, and deed leave us hopeless without your saving work in our lives. Hear us as we call out for mercy and grace. Save us by the power of your name. Help us find our refuge in the cross of your only Son. By your steadfast love, draw us to Jesus that we worship you with cleansed minds and hearts. In His saving name, we pray. Amen.

Pastor: In the mercy of the Lord our God, we are redeemed by Jesus Christ, and in Him we are fully and freely forgiven. Since He alone is our refuge and fortress, we find peace in the forgiveness earned for all people by Jesus’ death and resurrection. As your pastor, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen!

SALUTATION & PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen.

(Be seated)

✠ WORD ✠

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Deuteronomy 26:1–11* (We rejoice in all the good things the Lord has given as our inheritance.) “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, 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. 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.' Then the priest shall take the basket from your hand and set it down before the altar of the LORD your God. "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. And the Egyptians treated us harshly and humiliated us and laid on us hard labor. 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. 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. And he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. 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. 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.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Lector: He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.

People: I will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust."

Lector: For He will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence.

People: He will cover you with His pinions, and under His wings you will find refuge;

Lector: His faithfulness is a shield and buckler.

People: I will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust."

Lector: You will not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day,

People: nor the pestilence that stalks in darkness, nor the destruction that wastes at noonday.

Lector: A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand,

People: but it will not come near you.

Lector: You will only look with your eyes and see the recompense of the wicked.

People: I will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust."

Lector: Because you have made the LORD your dwelling place—the Most High, who is my refuge—

People: no evil shall be allowed to befall you, no plague come near your tent.

Lector: For He will command His angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways.

People: On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.

Lector: You will tread on the lion and the adder; the young lion and the serpent you will trample underfoot.

People: I will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust." 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.

EPISTLE *Romans 10:8b–13* (Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.) "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); 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. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. For the Scripture says, "Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

5:00 ANTHEM *"Our Father Who Art in Heaven"*

(Rise)

HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 4:1-13* (Jesus is protected from the devil in His time of temptation.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fourth chapter.

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

And Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness for forty days, being tempted by the devil. And he ate nothing during those days. And when they were ended, he was hungry. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread." And Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone.'" And the devil took him up and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time, 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. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." And Jesus answered him, "It is written, "'You shall worship the Lord your God, and him only shall you serve.'" 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, for it is written, "'He will command his angels concerning you, to guard you,' and "'On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.'" And Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.'" And when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from him until an opportune time.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, O Christ.

(Be seated)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON HYMN #656 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

A mighty fortress is our God, A trusty shield and weapon;
He helps us free from every need That hath us now o'er taken.
The old evil foe Now means deadly woe; Deep guile and great might
Are his dread arms in fight; On earth is not his equal.

With might of ours can naught be done, Soon were our loss effected;
But for us fights the valiant One, Whom God Himself elected.
Ask ye, Who is this? Jesus Christ it is, Of Sabaoth Lord,
And there's none other God; He holds the field forever.

Though devils all the world should fill, All eager to devour us,
We tremble not, we fear no ill; They shall not over pow'r us.
This world's prince may still Scowl fierce as he will, He can harm us none.
He's judged; the deed is done; One little word can fell him.

The Word they still shall let remain Nor any thanks have for it;
He's by our side upon the plain With His good gifts and Spirit.
And take they our life, Goods, fame, child, and wife, Though these all be gone,
Our vict'ry has been won' The Kingdom ours remaineth.

SERMON

"Resisting the Evil One"

Luke 4:1-13

(Rise)

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 everlasting.
Amen

(Be seated)

OFFERING As your offering is collected, **please sign our attendance book** located at the end of the pew. If you are a visitor, please leave your address and phone. After you are finished, please pass the book along to others in your pew, and return the book to the center aisle. You may check the register to see the names of those to greet after the service.

(Rise)

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Emboldened by God's promise, let us approach the Lord with the petitions of our hearts and our prayers for every manner and condition of man. Blessed Lord, you have established your Church, endowed your Church with your saving Word, and granted to your people the washing of new birth and the blessed food of Christ's body and blood.

People: Bless all pastors and servants of the Church in their ministry to us, and bless us that we may receive these Means of Grace for our benefit now and for our eternal salvation.

Pastor: Almighty God, we are daily attacked by the world, by Satan, and by our own sinful flesh, tempted and at times deceived. We fall prey to our enemies all too often. Defend us, protect us, and deliver us from sin and temptation.

People: During this season of Lent, inspire and empower us to fight the good fight of faith, resisting sin and temptation, and finding refuge and rest in the arms of your grace.

Pastor: Lord of all, you have given us the gift of land, blessed us with the fruits of the earth, and bestowed upon us the privilege of labor and rest. Grant your blessing to our nation, to those who govern us in your name and to those who defend us against our enemies.

People: Guide us to be a people of peace, to have respect for life from its natural beginning to its natural end, and to be generous with all your gifts.

Pastor: Gracious God, your mercies are new every morning, and yet all too often we continue to covet what is not ours and to delight more in things than in you, the Giver.

People: Guard us from the love of things, guide us to love you with all our being, and move us to apply our hearts wisely to the time you have given, living to the glory of your holy name.

Pastor: Holy Lord, by your blessing in Baptism, we have a holy vocation as your people. Move us in every situation to live in, through, and for Christ.

People: Grant us not to forget who we are as your own children, called by name; and guard us in the day of trouble, lest we turn from you and live in the illusion of self-sufficiency.

Pastor: Father in heaven, you are the giver of every good and perfect gift. We rejoice in the gift of life and all its blessings, especially rejoicing in these days as your servant, Pastor Tom Hinz, celebrates his 95th birthday.

People: Grant him joy in the life you have given him and lead him in your will all his days.

Pastor: Merciful Father, you have established the home, that it may be a place of blessing and love. Guide all husbands to love and serve their wives, all wives to love and serve their husbands, and both to love and serve their children.

People: Keep us from being put to shame by our thoughts, words and deeds, and guide us to manifest in daily life the grace that has saved us.

Pastor: Lord of life, you will not abandon us in our time of need. Bless and be with those afflicted in body or mind, We pray especially for Darlene, Cliff, Susan, Marlene, Grant, Henry, LuEva, Marge, Dolores, Dick, Herb, Cindy, Arlene, Shirley, Russ, Gladys, John, Arlene, Jack, Shirley, Jonathan, Sarah and those we name before you in our hearts.

People: Be their healing and hope, their refuge and strength, their comfort and peace in times of trouble.

Pastor: O Lord of love, you have set your table in our midst, and you strengthen us through the very body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. Grant us to acknowledge his great sacrifice.

People: Forgive us by your grace and equip us by this feast of love to love you above all and to love our neighbors as ourselves.

Pastor: Remembering the faithful who now rest from their labors and giving thanks for their witness and service, we pray that we may be kept holy and blameless until the day of Christ's coming.

People: Bring to completion all things, O Lord, especially that good work begun in us in our Baptism, that nothing may prevent us from being reunited with those who have gone before us.

Pastor: With the angels who do your bidding and sing your praise, we offer you our prayers, trusting that you will grant us all that is needful; through the mercies and merits of Christ, our Savior.

People: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

THE PEACE OF THE LORD

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;
 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.
 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;
 Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ, And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

(Be seated)

DISTRIBUTION Those guests who desire to commune who are members of another LCMS congregation may do so; if you are coming from another church background, please see the pastor or an elder first.

HYMN #641 “You Satisfy the Hungry Heart”

**Refrain: You satisfy the hungry heart With gift of finest wheat.
 Come give to us, O saving Lord, The bread of life to eat.**

As when the shepherd calls his sheep, They know and heed his voice;
 so when you call your fam’ly, Lord, We follow and rejoice.

With joyful lips we sing to you Our praise and gratitude
 That you should count us worthy, Lord, To share this heav’nly food.

Is not the cup we bless and share The blood of Christ outpoured?
 Do not one cup, one loaf, declare Our oneness in the Lord?

The myst’ry of your presence, Lord, No mortal tongue can tell:
 Whom all the world cannot contain Comes in our hearts to dwell.

You give yourself to us, O Lord; Then selfless let us be,
 To serve each other in your name in truth and charity.

HYMN #637 “Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord”

Draw near and take the body of the Lord,
 And drink the holy blood for you out-poured;
 Offered was He for greatest and for least,
 Himself the victim and himself the priest.

He who His saints in this world rules and shields,
 To all believers life eternal yields;
 With heav’nly bread He makes the hungry whole,
 Gives living waters to the thirsting soul.

Come forward then with faithful hearts sincere,
 And take the pledges of salvation here.
 O Lord, our hearts with grateful thanks endow
 As in this feast of love You bless us now.

HYMN #570 “Just as I Am, Without One Plea”

Just as I am, without one plea But that Thy blood was shed for me
 And that Thou bidd’st me come to Thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am and waiting not To rid my soul of one dark blot,
 To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, though tossed about With many a conflict, many a doubt,
 Fightings and fears within, without, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind; Sight, riches, healing of the mind,
 Yea, all I need, in Thee to find, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, Thou wilt receive, Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
 Because Thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am; Thy love unknown Has broken every barrier down;
 Now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

COMMON DISMISSAL

(Rise)

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray. We give thanks to you, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the saving gift of your Son’s body and blood, and we humbly ask that you would enable us to find refuge in your holy name and, as your baptized children, to live holy lives according to it; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.

People: I will say to the LORD, “My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.”

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN #729 “I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus”

I am trusting thee, Lord Jesus, Trusting only Thee;
Trusting Thee for full salvation, Great and free.

I am trusting Thee for pardon At Thy feet I bow,
For Thy grace and tender mercy Trusting now.

I am trusting Thee for cleansing In the crimson flood;
Trusting Thee to make me holy By thy blood.

I am thrusting Thee to guide me; Thou alone shalt lead,
Ev’ry day and hour supplying All my need.

I am trusting Thee for power; Thine can never fail.
Words which Thou Thyself shalt give me Must prevail.

I am trusting Thee. Lord Jesus’ Never let me fall.
I am trusting Thee forever and for all.

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