

# The First Sunday in Lent

March 9, 2025 ~ 8:00



## WELCOME

## HYMN

God Loved the World So That He Gave

# 571, v 1-3

## INVOCATION

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

People: **Amen**

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

People: **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

People: **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

Pastor: 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.

People: **Amen**

## INTROIT

Pastor: He will call upon me, and I will answer him;

**People: I will be with him in trouble, I will deliver him and honor him.**

Pastor: With long life will I satisfy him

**People: and show him my salvation**

Pastor: If you make the Most High your dwelling

**People: even the Lord, who is my refuge**

Pastor: then no harm will befall you,

**People: no disaster will come near your tent.**

Pastor: For he will command his angels concerning you

**People: to guard you in all your ways;**

Pastor: they will lift you up in their hands,

**People: so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.**

Pastor: You will tread upon the lion and the cobra;

**People: you will trample the great lion and the serpent.**

Pastor: "Because he loves me," says the Lord, "I will rescue him;

**People: I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name.**

Pastor: He will call upon me, and I will answer him;

**People: I will be with him in trouble, I will deliver him and honor him."**

## KYRIE

Pastor: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy**

Pastor: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: for this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise  
let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**People: Amen.**

### **SALUTATION AND COLLECT**

Pastor: The Lord be with you

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray.

O almighty and eternal God, we implore you to direct, sanctify, and govern our hearts and bodies in the ways of your laws and the works of your commandments that through your mighty protection, both now and ever, we may be preserved in body and in soul; through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

### **OLD TESTAMENT, Genesis 3:1-21**

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### **EPISTLE, Romans 10:8b-13**

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Return to the Lord, your God, for He is gracious and merciful,  
slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love,  
and abounding in steadfast love.**

### **HOLY GOSPEL, Matthew 4:1-11**

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to:

**People: Glory to You, O Lord.**

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to You, O Christ.**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

Once He Came in Blessing

# 333, v 1-4

**SERMON**

**APOSTLES' CREED**

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**OFFERING**



**OFFERTORY**

**What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?**

**I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord.**

**I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord.**

**I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people,  
in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

**BENEDICTION**

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**

Jesus, Lead Thou On

# 718, v 1-4

**Today's Altar Flowers are given by:** Bill & Lynn Ferguson  
Giving thanks as they celebrate their 64th anniversary.

**This Week at Faith**

**Pickleball** - Sunday, 6:30 pm

**Confirmation**, Tuesday, 5:45 pm

**Lenten Services Wednesday, noon & 7:00 pm**

**Bible Study** - Wednesday, 6:00 pm

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