



And [Jesus] was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan.  
And He was with the wild animals, and the angels were ministering to Him. *Mark 1:13*

## First Sunday in Lent

February 21, 2021

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## Welcome!



### About Holy Communion

We believe that Jesus is truly present when we receive His Body and Blood “in, with and under” the bread and the wine. In this Sacrament, God pours out His grace on us and strengthens our faith. Before we receive, it is important to examine ourselves and be truly repentant of our sins. Those who share this understanding and walk with us by the same faith are welcome at the Lord’s Table. All others are invited to come forward to receive a blessing, indicating this by folding your arms across your chest at the rail. Do bring your children forward for a blessing.

*Biblical Sources - Luke 22:19-20 and 1 Corinthians 11: 27-29*

There is a non-alcoholic white grape juice option available.

If you are unable to come forward, please alert an usher  
and Communion will be brought to you.

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#### Serving Today:

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| • <b>Presiding Minister</b> | Pastor Dale                                      |
| • <b>Deacon</b>             | John Bremer                                      |
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| • <b>Usher</b>              | Barbara D’alessio                                |
| • <b>Counter</b>            | Lee Himmel                                       |
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#### Service Bulletin Notations:

**P** = Pastor      **A** = Deacon      **L** = Cantor      **C** = Congregation

**LSB** = Lutheran Service Book (maroon)      **WOV** = With One Voice (blue)

Standing where indicated during the service, is optional



# First Sunday in Lent

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10:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist

Divine Service – Lenten Setting

## Welcome to Worship

Pastor Dale

Lent is a 40-day season of penitence and preparation for Holy Week and Easter. The forty days of Lent recall Jesus' forty-day fast in the wilderness after His baptism as proclaimed in today's Holy Gospel.

Worship begins with the **Litany**, an ancient chanted prayer of the church.

*Please stand or kneel*

## The Litany

*The congregation's response may begin just as the leader's petition ends, so that the word "Lord" is sung simultaneously by both leader and congregation.*



**L** In peace let us pray to the Lord:



**C** Lord, have mercy.

**L** For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**L** 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:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**L** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**L** For Matthew, our Synod President; Tony, our District President; for all pastors in Christ, for all servants of the Church, and for all the people, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**L** For our President, for all public servants, for the government and those who protect us, that they may be upheld and strengthened in every good deed, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**L** For those who work to bring peace, justice, health, and protection in this and every place, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**L** For those who bring offerings, those who do good works in this congregation, those who toil, those who sing, and all the people here present who await from the Lord great and abundant mercy, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**L** For favorable weather, for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord:

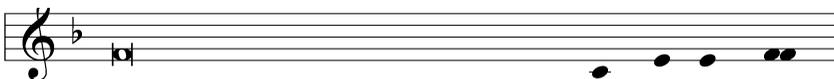
**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**L** For our deliverance from all affliction, wrath, danger, and need, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**L** 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, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**



**L** For the faithful who have gone before us and are with Christ, let us give thanks to the Lord:

Common: **C** Al - le - lu - ia.  
Lent: **C** Thanks be to God.

**L** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

*Silence for individual prayer may follow.*

**L** Rejoicing in the fellowship of the saints, let us commend ourselves, one another, and our whole life to Christ, our Lord:

**C** To You, O Lord.

### Collect For Peace

**P** O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** A - men.

### Confession for Lent

**P** In the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** Beloved in the Lord: let us now draw near with a true heart, and confess our sins to God our Father.

*Silence for reflection*

**C** I confess to God Almighty,  
before the whole company of heaven  
and to you, my brothers and sisters,  
that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed,  
by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault.  
I have not loved You with my whole heart, mind and strength.  
I have not forgiven others as I have been forgiven.  
I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me,  
forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.

**P** I will answer when you call to Me, says the Lord.  
I will show you my salvation.  
Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins,  
and bring us to everlasting life.

**C** Amen.

### Salutation and Prayer of the Day

**P** The grace and mercy of God,  
who in Christ bears our burdens and saves us from sin, be with you all.

**C** And also with you.

**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.

*Sit*

### First Reading      **Genesis 22:1–18**      *Abraham prepared to offer Isaac as a sacrifice*

*Abraham had committed himself by covenant to be obedient to the Lord and had consecrated his son Isaac the Lord by circumcision. Here, the Lord puts Abraham's faith and loyalty to the supreme test.*

**A** The Old Testament reading for the First Sunday in Lent is from Genesis, chapter 22.

<sup>1</sup>After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, “Abraham!” And he said, “Here am I.” <sup>2</sup>He said, “Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you.” <sup>3</sup>So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac. And he cut the wood for the burnt offering and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. <sup>4</sup>On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar. <sup>5</sup>Then Abraham said to his young men, “Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy will go over there and worship and come again to you.” <sup>6</sup>And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together. <sup>7</sup>And Isaac said to his father Abraham, “My father!” And he said, “Here am I, my son.” He said, “Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?” <sup>8</sup>Abraham said, “God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son.” So they went both of them together.

<sup>9</sup>When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. <sup>10</sup>Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. <sup>11</sup>But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, “Abraham, Abraham!” And he said, “Here am I.” <sup>12</sup>He said, “Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.” <sup>13</sup>And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. <sup>14</sup>So Abraham called the name of that place, “The LORD will provide”; as it is said to this day, “On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided.”

<sup>15</sup>And the angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven <sup>16</sup>and said, “By myself I have sworn, declares the LORD, because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, <sup>17</sup>I will surely bless you, and I will surely multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of his enemies, <sup>18</sup>and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice.”

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

**Responsorial Psalm Psalm 25:1-9 To You, O Lord**

*After introduction, congregation sings refrain and cantor chants the verses.*

**Refrain:**



**Verses:**

- <sup>1</sup> To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my | trust in you;\*  
let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph | over me.
- <sup>2</sup> Let none who look to you be | put to shame;\*  
let the treacherous be disappointed | in their schemes. **Refrain**
- <sup>3</sup> Show me your | ways, O LORD,\*  
and teach | me your paths.
- <sup>4</sup> Lead me in your | truth and teach me,\*  
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all | the day long.
- <sup>5</sup> Remember, O LORD, your compas- | sion and love,\*  
for they are from | everlasting.
- <sup>6</sup> Remember not the sins of my youth and | my transgressions;\*  
remember me according to your love  
and for the sake of your good- | ness, O LORD. **Refrain**
- <sup>7</sup> Gracious and upright | is the LORD;\*  
therefore he teaches sinners | in his way.
- <sup>8</sup> He guides the humble in | doing right\*  
and teaches his way | to the lowly.
- <sup>9</sup> All the paths of the LORD are | love and faithfulness\*  
to those who keep his covenant and his | testimonies. **Refrain**

**Second Reading James 1:12–18 God cannot be tempted by evil**

*In this passage, James, the brother of Jesus,  
infers that wealth may be a trial for some early Christians.*

- A** The Epistle is from James, chapter 1.

<sup>12</sup>Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him. <sup>13</sup>Let no one say when he is tempted, “I am being tempted by God,” for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one. <sup>14</sup>But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. <sup>15</sup>Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death.

<sup>16</sup>Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers. <sup>17</sup>Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. <sup>18</sup>Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

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

*Stand*

### Gospel Acclamation for Lent

*Joel 2:13*



**C** Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for He is gra - cious and  
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in  
stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

### Holy Gospel Mark 1:9–15

### *Jesus is tempted by Satan*

*The Spirit that comes upon Jesus at His baptism sustains Him when He is tested by Satan so that He might proclaim the Gospel of God's reign.*

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.
- C** Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>9</sup>In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup>And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens opening and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. <sup>11</sup>And a voice came from heaven, “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.”

<sup>12</sup>The Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. <sup>13</sup>And he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. And he was with the wild animals, and the angels were ministering to him.

<sup>14</sup>Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, <sup>15</sup>and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel."

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

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

*Sit*

## Sermon "Trials" *Genesis 22:1-18*

Pastor Dale

### Hymn of the Day *The Lamb (St. 1-3)*

LSB 547

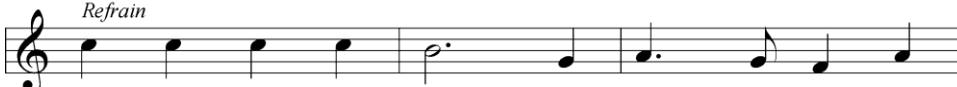


1 The Lamb, the Lamb, O Fa - ther, where's the sac - ri - fice?  
2 The Lamb, the Lamb, One per - fect fi - nal of - fer - ing.  
3 The Lamb, the Lamb, As way - ward sheep their shep - herd kill



Faith sees, be - lieves God will pro - vide the Lamb of price!  
The Lamb, the Lamb, Let earth join heav'n His praise to sing.  
So still, His will On our be - half the Law to fill.

*Refrain*



Wor - thy is the Lamb whose death makes me His



own! The Lamb is reign - ing on His throne!

Stand

## Apostles Creed

**P** God has made us His people through our baptism into Christ.  
Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith:

**All: 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 again 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.**

*(Christian: the ancient text reads "catholic," meaning the universal church)*



## The Prayers - the First Sunday in Lent

**P** The Lenten journey leads us to repentance and new life. Let us turn our hearts to God, who is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.

*A brief silence.*

**P** For the Lord to remember us according to His steadfast love and goodness in Christ and to instruct and lead us by His Spirit in His ways, that we may repent and believe the Gospel, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For the Lord to bless His Church and all those called to preach and teach with the certainty that the gates of hell, which Christ possessed through His death, cannot prevail against them; and for bold faith to trample every power of the enemy underfoot, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** To the Father of lights, from whom every good and perfect gift comes, that He would keep us from being enticed by our own desires to misuse His gifts in sin; for His help to use them rightly in service to Him and our neighbor; and for Him to bless all our leaders, that we may be governed wisely and justly for the good of this present generation and all those to come, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** To the Most High, that He would command His angels to guard our brothers and sisters [*especially \_\_\_\_\_*] and all those who suffer in our midst, and keep them from every evil that can befall the body, mind and soul, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For those who commune, since the time is fulfilled and the kingdom of God is at hand as His beloved Son comes to us here at the altar, that God would grant us by His Spirit to receive Christ in repentance and believe the Gospel proclaimed to us in His body given and His blood shed, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** In thanksgiving for those before us whom God brought forth by the Word of truth and who now live and reign in His presence with His Son; and that the Lord would bring us to full maturity by this same Word, which brought us forth in Baptism, that we, too, may be gathered with them to His Son on the glorious harvest of the Last Day, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** Merciful and gracious God, hear our prayers, restore us to the joy of Your salvation, and uphold us with Your Holy Spirit, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C Amen.**

*Sit*

## Thanks Giving



You may deposit your offering in the plate at the rear of the church, or you may give electronically in any of the following ways:

1. You may go to [www.htlsomerset.org](http://www.htlsomerset.org) and click on “Give Now”
2. You may use the GivePlus Mobile App and search for HTLC with zip 08873
3. You may scan the QR code at left for e-giving

You may also mail your gift to:  
**Holy Trinity Lutheran Church,  
1640 Amwell Rd.,  
Somerset, NJ 08873**

## Preparation Hymn *Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray* (St. 1,2,4,5) LSB 623

This hymn is sung to prepare us to receive the Lord’s Supper.



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, we hum - bly pray That we may  
2 Give us, who share this won-drous food, Your bod - y



feast on You to - day; Be - neath these forms of  
bro - ken and Your blood, The grate - ful peace of



bread and wine En - rich us with Your grace di - vine.  
sins for - giv'n, The cer - tain joys of heirs of heav'n.

*(hymn continues on following page)*

4 One bread, one cup, one bod - y, we, Re - joic - ing  
 5 Lord Je - sus Christ, we hum - bly pray: O keep us

in our u - ni - ty, Pro - claim Your love un -  
 stead - fast till that day When each will be Your

til You come To bring Your scat - tered loved ones home.  
 wel - comed guest In heav - en's high and ho - ly feast.

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*Stand*

## Service of the Sacrament ~ Preface

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

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

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

**P** It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times  
 and in all places offer thanks and praise to you,  
 O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord.  
 You bid Your people cleanse their hearts  
 and prepare with joy for the paschal feast.  
 Renew our zeal in faith and life,  
 and bring us to the fullness of grace that belongs to the children of God.

And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
 we praise Your name and join their unending hymn:

## Sanctus for Lent

C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the  
high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## The Words of Our Lord



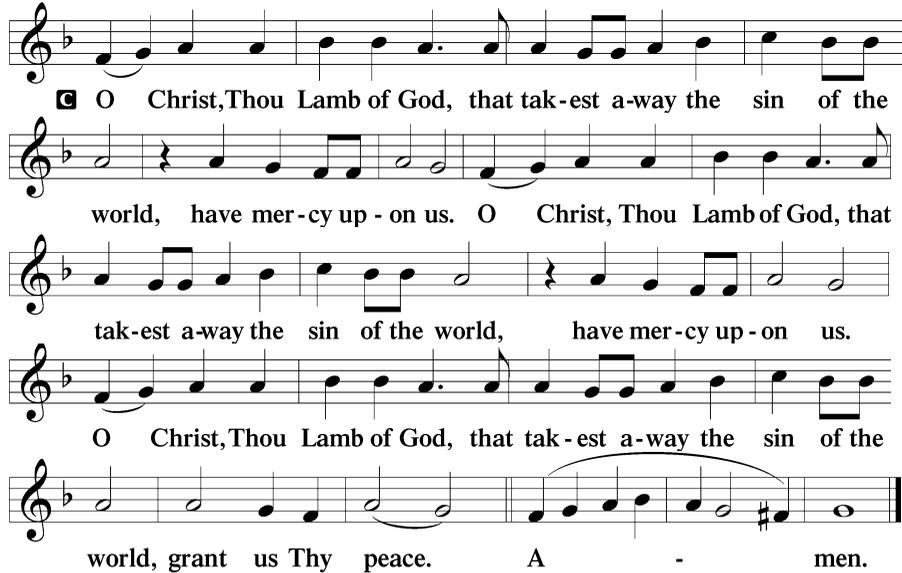
*The Pastor speaks the words of Christ  
as He instituted the Lord's Supper.  
It is this word and promise of the Lord  
that consecrates the bread and the wine for  
God's special use in this holy meal of forgiveness.*

- P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup,  
we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. *1 Corinthians 11:26*
- C** **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**
- P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- C** **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.**

## Invitation to Communion

- P** Come to the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Agnus Dei - Lamb of God



□ O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. A - - men.

*Sit*

## The Distribution of the Blessed Sacrament

**In receiving Holy Communion during COVID,  
please observe the following safety guidelines:**

- + Wear your mask up to the communion rail and back to your seat
- + Stay six feet apart (excluding families/households/people already exposed to each other)
- + Note the BLUE space markings on the communion rail & cushion.
- + If you do not wish to receive, you may remain seated.

We encourage all to use this special time  
to meditate and to pray.



After all have been served, please **Stand**

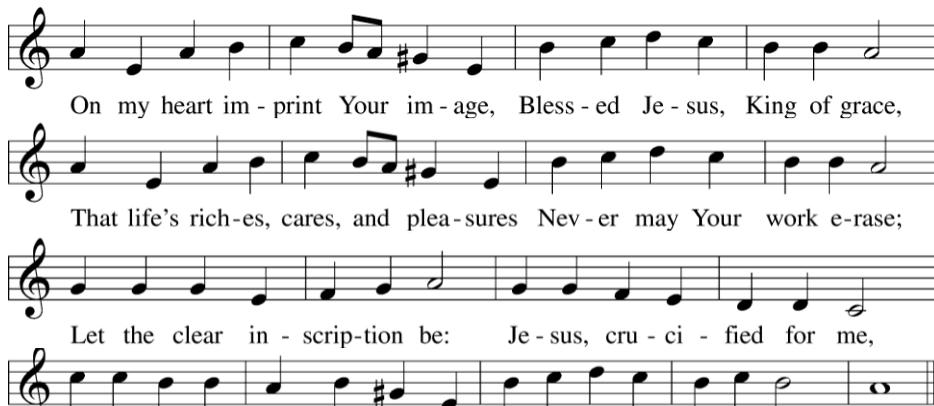
### Post-Communion Blessing

- P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ  
strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting.
- C** Amen.

### Canticle *On My Heart Imprint Your Image*

LSB 422

*This is the final stanza of eleven-stanza hymn by a Danish pastor in the late 1600's, set to a German tune.*



On my heart im - print Your im - age, Bless - ed Je - sus, King of grace,  
That life's rich - es, cares, and plea - sures Nev - er may Your work e - rase;  
Let the clear in - scrip - tion be: Je - sus, cru - ci - fied for me,  
Is my life, my hope's foun - da - tion, And my glo - ry and sal - va - tion!

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### Post-Communion Prayer

- P** Let us pray. We bless You, O God,  
for the free gift of righteousness and peace in Jesus Christ,  
whose body and blood have nourished us here.  
Lead us out from this house of prayer to the places You will show us,  
so that we will be a blessing to others in the name of Christ, our Redeemer.
- C** Amen.

### Benediction

*Numbers 6:24–26*

- 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.

Sit

## Brief Announcements

Stand

Hymn *O Lord, throughout These Forty Days*

LSB 418



1 O Lord, through - out these for - ty days You  
2 You strove with Sa - tan, and You won; Your  
3 Though parched and hun - gry, yet You prayed And  
4 Be with us through this sea - son, Lord, And



prayed and kept the fast; In - spire re - pen - tance  
faith - ful - ness en - dured; Lend us Your nerve, Your  
fixed Your mind a - bove; So teach us to de -  
all our earth - ly days, That when the fi - nal

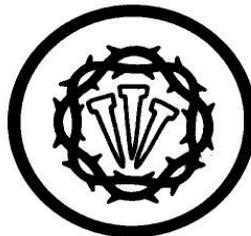


for our sin, And free us from our past.  
skill and trust In God's e - ter - nal Word.  
ny our - selves, Since we have known God's love.  
Eas - ter dawns, We join in heav - en's praise.

## Dismissal

**A** Go in peace. Proclaim God's love for all.

**G** THANKS BE TO GOD.



**Lent**

# HELP!

**Jackie Raynes**, our **Franklin Township Food Bank** coordinator, advises that the Food Bank urgently needs the following food items:

- **Pasta**
- **Cereal**
- **Rice**
- **Canned meat**
- **Beans**
- **Peanut butter**
- **Jelly**

Your help is needed. You may bring these items directly to the Food Bank or to church. Please see Jackie for information or assistance.

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# The Season of LENT



In the early Church, those to be baptized at the Easter Vigil were given intense preparation in these weeks. This catechetical process is the origin and original purpose of the Lenten season: a time for the Church and its baptismal candidates to ponder the meaning of baptism into the death and resurrection of the Lord.

The forty days--a scriptural image of testing and renewal, that began with the ashen cross received on Ash Wednesday--invite us to return to holy baptism and speak the truth about the keeping of our baptismal promises. The weeks of Lent let us hear and taste God's abundant forgiveness in Word and Sacrament.

The color of the season of LENT is **purple**. Take note of the banners, the paraments on the altar and pulpit, along with the pastor's stole.

When Jesus was arrested, the soldiers put a **purple robe** on Him. Purple was the color of kings, and since Jesus was proclaimed to be King of the Jews, the soldiers mocked Him by doing this.

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## AgnusDay, the Lectionary Comic

