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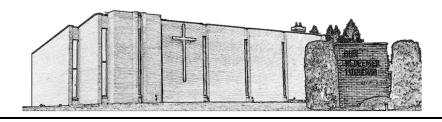
# FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

Invocabit Sunday, 11 February A+D 2024 • 9:00 A.M.

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## WELCOME TO OUR REDEEMER

WE ARE PLEASED TO HAVE YOU WITH US TODAY AS WE GATHER AROUND GOD'S GIFTS OF FORGIVENESS, LIFE, AND SALVATION. If you are with us for the first time, please take a moment to introduce yourself to our pastor. Should you be looking for a church home, please indicate so when you sign the Record of Fellowship tablet. We would love to take the opportunity to tell you more about our congregation and what it means to be a part of the people of God here in the Twin Cities area.

A WORD TO OUR GUESTS ABOUT HOLY COMMUNION: In the Sacrament of the Altar, our Lord Jesus Christ gives us His very Body and Blood to eat and drink. Receiving the Sacrament is not merely a matter between God and the person, but a "communion," something done in "community." It is a public confession of our faith and expression of the unity that exists between Christians. Because of these reasons, Our Redeemer Lutheran Church practices closed



communion. We invite those who are members in good standing of LCMS congregations to join us at the altar today. All those communing for the first time should speak with the pastor before doing so.

**PREPARING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR:** Christ offers His very body and blood, with the bread and wine, for the forgiveness of our sins. Those who come before the holy altar of God to receive this body and blood do so having prepared to receive this holy gift.

- 1. Have you confessed your sins before God in heaven? (See the Ten Commandments, *LSB* page 321.)
- 2. Are you able to come forward in a spirit of unity with those communing with you? (See 1 Corinthians 1:10; 11:18-19.)
- 3. Do you share the confession of faith proclaimed in this congregation and church body? (See Acts 2:42, 1 Corinthians 11:26.)
- 4. Do you believe that this bread and wine is truly the body and blood of Christ? (See LSB, page 326, "What is the Sacrament of the Altar?")
- 5. Do you believe that this body and blood are given for your forgiveness, life, and salvation? (See *LSB* page 327, "What is the benefit of this eating and drinking?")

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# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MIDWEEK LENT SUPPERS & SERVICES:** We invite everyone to join us this Wednesday, February 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 P.M. for our Lenten Supper, being hosted by the Church Council. Our Midweek Divine Service will take place at 7:00 P.M. Suppers and Services will continue for all the Wednesdays of Lent.

**PLEASE NOTE THAT CATECHISM VESPERS** will take place at 5:00 P.M. each Wednesday during the season of Lent.

**THANK YOU** from the family of Lisa Reed and Todd Lemke for the beautiful funeral service for our mom, Pauline Lemke, as well as all of those that helped with the meal. All of it was greatly appreciated.

**ARK ENCOUNTER TRIP INFORMATION MEETING**: March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 8:30 A.M. - We will have an information meeting on the Ark Encounter Trip. All interested are welcome to attend. The Youth Group fund will assist middle/high school students wanting to go. See you then!

A REMINDER TO ALL ENTERING/EXITING THE CHURCH DURING OFF-HOURS: Please make sure that all doors are locked and closed securely behind you. Your attention helps keep our building safe and secure!

**THE LUTHERAN WITNESS** is available this year. Please let the office know by March 1<sup>st</sup> and we will order it for you. The annual total is \$25.80.

**BOTTLES/CANS:** The Youth Group wants your bottles and cans! You may drop off your bottles/cans at the church entrance bottle bin.

**SINGERS & MUSICIANS WANTED!** - Love to sing? Do you play an instrument? Come and join the Gsus Singers. Practice is every Tuesday, 5:30-6:30 P.M. No commitment necessary. Join the fun!

**LIFE THOUGHTS IN THE CHURCH YEAR – Lent I (Invocabit)** – Satan's temptations of Jesus reveal his main tactic—make that which is bad look good. These days he spends much time making death look good; abortion is good and the way out of a difficult situation; assisted suicide is good and the way to relieve suffering. But death is not good! It is the curse of sin! It is our enemy. But just as Jesus defeated Satan, so He has defeated death. We can trust and live in His victory. *Jesus, may Your Word be ever on our hearts and lips that we might resist the snare of the devil. Amen.* 

# SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE

	MUSIC	<b>ELDERS</b>	<b>ALTAR GUILD</b>
Week of 2/18			
Sunday, 9:00 A.M.	Bruce Rasmussen	Dana Bey Jim Reed	Lisa Swanson
Wednesday, 7:00 P.M.	Digital Music	Jim Sleik	Lisa Swanson
Week of 2/25			
Sunday, 9:00 A.M.	Bruce Rasmussen	Rob Kuehl	Cindy Koller
	Gsus Singers	Bradley Linsmeyer	
Wednesday, 7:00 P.M.	Digital Music	Jim Sleik	Cindy Koller

# THIS WEEK AT OUR REDEEMER

DATE	TIME	<u>EVENT</u>
Sunday (18)	9:00 A.M.	Divine Service
	10:30 A.M.	Education Hour
Monday (19)		
Tuesday (20)	5:30 P.M.	Gsus Singers Practice
Wednesday (21)	5:00 P.M.	Catechism Vespers
	6:00 P.M.	Lenten Supper (Hosted by Church Council)
	7:00 P.M.	Divine Service
Thursday (22)	10:00 A.M.	Bible Study
Friday (23)		Pastor's Day Off
Saturday (24)		
Sunday (25)	9:00 A.M.	Divine Service
	10:30 A.M.	Education Hour

# ATTENDANCE REPORT

<u>SERVICE</u>	<u>ATTENDANCE</u>	<u>COMMUNION</u>
Sunday, 2/11, 9:00 A.M.	100	77
Wednesday, 2/14, 7:00 P.M.	69	55



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# Confession and Absolution

#### HYMN OF INVOCATION

"O Christ, You Walked the Road" LSB 424

Stand

#### **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

LSB 184

### Service of the Word

### INTROIT

Psalm 91:1-2, 9-10, 13; antiphon: vv. 15a, c, 16

- **P** When he calls to me, I will answer him;
- **C** I will rescue him and honor him.
- **P** With long life I will satisfy him
- and show him my salvation.
- P He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High
- will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.
- **P** I will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress,
- my God, in whom I trust."
- P Because you have made the LORD your dwelling place—
- C the Most High, who is my refuge—
- **P** no evil shall be allowed to befall you,
- **C** no plague come near your tent.
- P You will tread on the lion and the adder;
- **C** the young lion and the serpent you will trample underfoot.
- Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.
- **P** When he calls to me. I will answer him:
- **C** I will rescue him and honor him.
- P With long life I will satisfy him
- and show him my salvation.

### **SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY**

LSB 186 LSB 189

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.

Sit

**KYRIE** 

### **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

Genesis 3:1-21

<sup>1</sup>Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made.

He said to the woman, "Did God actually say, 'You shall not eat of any tree in the garden'?" <sup>2</sup>And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, <sup>3</sup>but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die." <sup>4</sup>But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. <sup>5</sup>For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." <sup>6</sup>So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. <sup>7</sup>Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.

<sup>8</sup>And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. <sup>9</sup>But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?" <sup>10</sup>And he said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself." <sup>11</sup>He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" <sup>12</sup>The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate." <sup>13</sup>Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

14The LORD God said to the serpent,
"Because you have done this,
cursed are you above all livestock
and above all beasts of the field;
on your belly you shall go,
and dust you shall eat
all the days of your life.
15I will put enmity between you and the woman,
and between your offspring and her offspring;
he shall bruise your head,
and you shall bruise his heel."

<sup>16</sup>To the woman he said,

"I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children.

Your desire shall be for your husband,

and he shall rule over you."

<sup>17</sup>And to Adam he said,

"Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree

of which I commanded you,

'You shall not eat of it,'

cursed is the ground because of you;

in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life;

<sup>18</sup>thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you;

and you shall eat the plants of the field.

<sup>19</sup>By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread,

till you return to the ground,

for out of it you were taken;

for you are dust.

and to dust you shall return."

<sup>20</sup>The man called his wife's name Eve, because she was the mother of all living. <sup>21</sup>And the LORD God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them.

GRADUAL Psalm 91:11–12

- P He will command his angels concerning you
- c to guard you in all your ways.
- P On their hands they will bear you up,
- lest you strike your foot against a stone.

**EPISTLE** 2 Corinthians 6:1-10

<sup>1</sup>Working together with him, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain. <sup>2</sup>For he says,

"In a favorable time I listened to you, and in a day of salvation I have helped you."

Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. <sup>3</sup>We put no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, <sup>4</sup>but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: by great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, <sup>5</sup>beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; <sup>6</sup>by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love; <sup>7</sup>by truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; <sup>8</sup>through honor and dishonor, through slander and praise. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; <sup>9</sup>as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold, we live; as punished, and yet not killed; <sup>10</sup>as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, yet possessing everything.

Stand

TRACT

Psalm 91:1, 4a, 15a, 16

- P He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High
- **C** will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.
- P He will cover you with his pinions,
- and under his wings you will find refuge.
- **P** When he calls to me. I will answer him:
- **C** I will be with him in trouble.
- P With long life I will satisfy him
- and show him my salvation.

HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 4:1-11

<sup>1</sup>Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. <sup>2</sup>And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. <sup>3</sup>And the tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." <sup>4</sup>But he answered, "It is written,

"Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."

<sup>5</sup>Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the temple <sup>6</sup>and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written,

"He will command his angels concerning you,"

and

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

<sup>7</sup>Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.'" <sup>8</sup>Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. <sup>9</sup>And he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." <sup>10</sup>Then Jesus said to him, "Be gone, Satan! For it is written,

"You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve."

<sup>11</sup>Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him.

NICENE CREED LSB 191

Sit

**HYMN OF THE DAY** "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" LSB 656

SERMON "Behold, Now Is the Day of Salvation" 2 Corinthians 6:1-10

Stand

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Sit

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Stand

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