

For if by one man's offense death
reigned by one; much more they
which receive abundance of

Grace

and of the gift of

Righteousness

shall

Reign

in life by One, Jesus Christ.

Romans 5:17

**SAINT PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
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WELCOME to all everyone who enters this house of God today to worship their Lord and Savior. In this service, may you find the comfort and strength needed for the varied tasks God has assigned to each of us.

A special welcome is extended to all visitors and you are asked to sign the guest register in the narthex. We hope you will worship with us again soon.

Everyone is asked to fill out the registration card found in your pew rack. Take a moment to jot down the names of the people attending. You can hand it to the usher as you leave worship.

Join us for the *Savior, Servant, Friend* special service for Week 2 of Lent, as we consider the fact that Jesus is our Healer. In word and song, we remember that Jesus heals us of the sickness of our sin through his death on the cross and makes us well again in our very souls.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship ~ Ringing of the Bells

The Order of Worship

Lutheran Service Book – Divine Service Setting Four

Hymn of Invocation

“All Mankind Fell in Adam’s Fall”

LSB #562

Invocation *(please stand)*

P In the name of the Father and of the (+) Son
and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins,
O Lord, who could stand?

C **But with You there is forgiveness;
therefore You are feared.**

P Since we are gathered to hear God’s Word, call upon
Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and
blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this
altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess
before God and one another that we have sinned in
thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free
ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His
people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God,
our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of
Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

All **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our
sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

P Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You
declared us to be Your children and gathered us into
Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly
forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your
Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously
receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus
Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

Service of the Word

Introit

Ps. 91:9-13; antiphon: Ps. 91:15-16

P When he calls to me, I will answer him;
I will be with him in trouble;

C **I will rescue him and honor him.**

P With long life I will satisfy him

C **and show him my salvation.**

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 For he will command his angels concerning you

C **to guard you in all your ways.**

P On their hands they will bear you up,

C **lest you strike your foot against a stone.**

P You will tread on the lion and the adder;

C **the young lion and the serpent
you will trample underfoot.**

All **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.**

P When he calls to me, I will answer him;

I will be with him in trouble;

C **I will rescue him and honor him.**

P With long life I will satisfy him

C **and show him my salvation.**

Kyrie



☐ Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

Salutation

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

Collect of the Day

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.**

(be seated)

Choir Anthem “*Jesus, I Will Ponder Now*” by J.S. Bach

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 3:1-21

¹Now 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?’” ² And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, ³

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.’” ⁴ But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die. ⁵ For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” ⁶ 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. ⁷ Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.

⁸ 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. ⁹ But the Lord God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?" ¹⁰ And he said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself." ¹¹ He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" ¹² The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate." ¹³ 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."

¹⁴ The 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. ¹⁵ I 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."

¹⁶ To the woman he said, "I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children. Your desire shall be contrary to your husband, but he shall rule over you."

¹⁷ 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; ¹⁸ thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field. ¹⁹ 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."

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

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

Epistle

Romans 5:12-19

¹² Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned— ¹³ for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. ¹⁴ Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come.

¹⁵ But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many. ¹⁶ And the free gift is not like the result of that one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brought justification. ¹⁷ For if, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ.

¹⁸ Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. ¹⁹ For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel (*please stand*)

Matthew 4:1-11

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 4th chapter.

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

¹Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ² And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. ³ And the tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." ⁴ But he answered, "It is written, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."

⁵ Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the temple ⁶ 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.”

⁷ Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.’” ⁸ Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. ⁹ And he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” ¹⁰ 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.”

¹¹ Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

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 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)

Children’s Message

Hymn of the Day

“O Lord, Throughout These Forty Days” **LSB #418**

Sermon

Presentation of the Offering

Prayers of the Church

(After each portion of the prayers)

P Lord, in your mercy, **C Hear our prayer.**

P Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

P Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

Lord's Prayer

All 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.

Benedicamus (*please stand*)

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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.

Sending Hymn

“Jesus, Lead Thou On”

LSB #718

Silent Prayer

(be seated)

Postlude

“Soli Deo Gloria”

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Midweek Lenten Services
February 25, March 4, 11, 18, 25
6:30 p.m.

Maundy Thursday
April 2
Worship with Communion
6:30 p.m.

Good Friday
April 3
Worship
6:30 p.m.

Easter Sunday
April 5
Worship with Communion
7:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.