

The First Sunday after Pentecost February 26, A+D 2023



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> DIVINE SERVICE Setting 4 – Page 203 Lutheran Service Book

Following His Baptism, Jesus is "led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil" (Matt. 4:1). As He takes upon Himself the curse of our sin and sets Himself against our enemy, He trusts His Father's voice and waits upon His Father's hand for all things. The devil questions His sonship, but the beloved and well-pleasing Son remains faithful and lives "by every word that comes from the mouth of God" (Matt. 4:4). Jesus patiently suffers hunger in His mortal flesh and returns to the dust whence man was taken, and by His pain He brings forth food for all the children of men (Gen. 3:18-19). By the sweat of His brow, we eat the fruit of His cross, even as our nakedness is covered by His righteousness. Although all people live in bondage to death through the trespass of the first man, Adam, all the more "have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many" (Rom. 5:15). His righteous obedience "leads to justification and life for all men" (Rom. 5:18).

Ringing of the Bells

Welcome

Confession and Absolution

656 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Stand

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The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation

- In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Exhortation

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- P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- **G** who made heaven and earth.
- P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
- **G** But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.
- 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.

Confession of Sins

LSB 203

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

Absolution

LSB 203

- 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 +I+ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

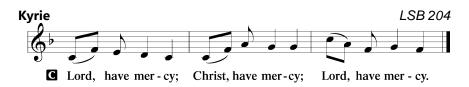
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Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 91:9-13; antiphon: vv. 15-16

- P When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble;
- **G** I will rescue him and honor him.
- P With long life I will satisfy him
- **G** and show him my salvation.
- P Because you have made the LORD your dwelling place—
- G 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
- **G** 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;
- **G** the young lion and the serpent you will trample underfoot.
- **G** 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;
- **G** I will rescue him and honor him.
- P With long life I will satisfy him
- **G** and show him my salvation.



Salutation and Collect of the Day

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **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

Old Testament Reading

A The Old Testament Reading for The First Sunday after Pentecost is from the third chapter of Genesis the First Book of Moses.

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'?" ²And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, ³but 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.'" ⁴But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. ⁵For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." ⁶So 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. ⁷Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.

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

¹⁶To 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."

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

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

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Romans 5:12–19

A The Second Reading is from the fifth chapter of the Epistle of St. Paul to the Romans.

¹²Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned— ¹³for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. ¹⁴Yet 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.

¹⁵But 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. ¹⁶And 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. ¹⁷If, 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.

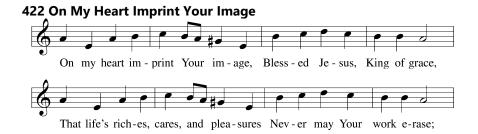
¹⁸Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. ¹⁹For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse





Holy Gospel

Matthew 4:1–11

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

Glory to You, O Lord.

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

"'Man shall not live by bread alone,

but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."

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

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

"'You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve.'" ¹¹Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him.

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

Apostles' Creed

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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.

Sit

543 What Wondrous Love Is This

Sermon

Gathering of Tithes & Offerings

If you are submitting a prayer request on a prayer card, kindly hand it directly to the usher. Do not place it into the offering plate.

Musical Offering

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Prayer of the Church

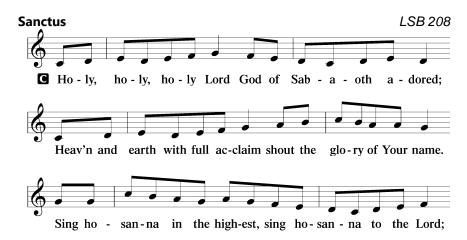
- **P** ... Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.

Service of the Sacrament

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Preface

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **G** And also with you.
- **P** Lift up your hearts.
- **G** We lift them to the Lord.
- **P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- **G** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
- It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:





Prayer of Thanksgiving

Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

At Your command, Abraham prepared to offer his son Isaac as a sacrifice on the mountain; yet, in mercy You provided a ram as a substitute. We give You thanks that on Calvary You spared not Your only Son but sent Him to offer His life as a ransom for many.

As we eat and drink His body and blood, grant us, like Abraham our father, to trust in Your promise now fulfilled in Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

Lord's Prayer

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.

The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

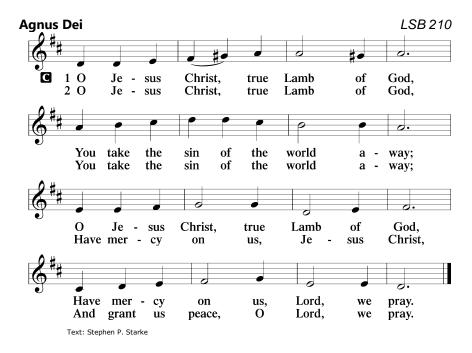
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you

for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.



Sit

Distribution of Christ's Body and Blood

Members of other Christian denominations who are present may come forward to receive a blessing from the Pastor during the distribution. It is requested that you cross your arms over your chest to indicate that you desire this blessing.

Silent Prayer Just Before Communing: Dear Savior, at your gracious invitation, I come to Your table to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Let me find favor in Your eyes to receive this holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Silent Prayer Just After Communing: Almighty and everlasting God, I thank and praise You for feeding me the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send your Holy Spirit that, having with my mouth received the holy Sacrament. I may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace the forgiveness of sins unity with Christ, and life eternal; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

727 On Eagles' Wings

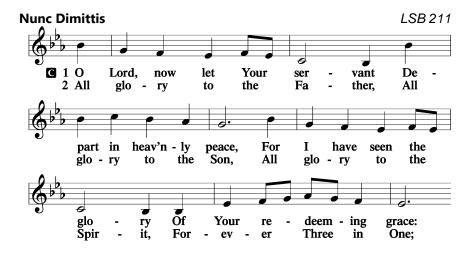
725 Children of the Heavenly Father

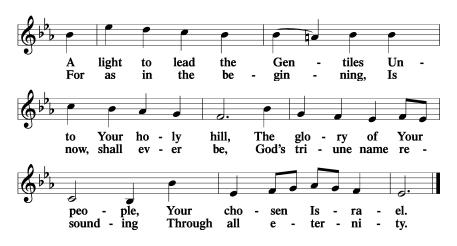
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The Communion Dismissal

The Dismissal

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





Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Benedicamus

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- A Let us bless the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Benediction

- 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.

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Announcements

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Lent Season Colors will be Black and Purple

- The last Sunday in Epiphany "The Transfiguration of Our Lord" the color of the Altar was White, the color of purity and completeness. On this Sunday, a Black veil was placed over the Alleluia (don't' say it) banner as buried the Alleluia until Easter.
- 2. Ash Wednesday began the Season of Lent the colors on the Altar were changed to Black. The color Black is Ash that this sober color gives. Black is the absence of light. Good Friday and Ash Wednesday, calls for solemn reflection on the cost of our redemption through Jesus' sacrifice on the cross.
- 3. **Purple** like **Black**, is a penitential color. The forty days of Lent use this deep rich color which has come to represent somberness and solemnity, penitence, and prayer.
- 4. A little history on the color **Purple** and why it is used during Lent. **Purple** was a very cherished and expensive color in the world Jesus lived. The dye used to make the color was painstakingly acquired by massaging the neck of a Mediterranean shellfish that secreted a special fluid. It was therefore afforded only by the rich and worn most exclusively by the royalty.

Jesus, the king of the Jews, wore a **purple** robe only once. As the soldiers mocked and tormented him,

the Scriptures record they placed a "**purple** garment" in order to ridicule him and belittle the claim that he was a monarch.

Therefore, **purple** is used during this penitential season of Lent as a vivid reminder of the contempt and scorn He endured, and the subsequent sacrifice he made for our eternal salvation. Purple should remind all Christians of their daily need to humbly give attention to leading a life of repentance.

Acknowledgments

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March 15 Midweek Lenten Service There will be a Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner (also Hotdogs) on March 15 at 5:30 pm followed at 7:00 pm with a Worship Service. Sign up sheet in the Parish hall, email office@splcms.org, call or text 312-533-1896, or call 708-877-6564 with the number of people attending.

The Glad Spirit St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church

February 26, 2023

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

ST. PAUL'S FAMILY

Brianne Giba, Family Genevieve, Victoria Jon Gleim Nicole Golembeck, Family Lilliana Christopher & Tracy Gribbin, Family Oliver Sally & Brian Heiwig,

BIRTHDAYS

Nicole Sawilchik, 2/27 Earl Bloom, 2/28

CONFIRMATION ANNIVERSARIES

Karen Diekelman, 3/1 Judy Bloom, 3/2

SPECIAL CONCERNS

In Rehab this past week –Russ Budde at the Villa, South Holland.

Pray for Diane Akers, Janice Abel, Violet Andersen, Sondra Budde, Jay Carey, Judy Diekleman, Violet Rich, Dolly Tagenhorst, Dorothy Van Mynen, Warren Van Mynen, Gene Wiltjer.

Serving in the Military – Austin Brandy, David Capodagli, James Fluechtling, Nathan Lopez, and Robert Wisely.

Serving as First Responders – David Allen, Dave Bloom, Nathan Conway, Brianne Giba, Melanie Hudson, Brian Orth, Dana Tatgenhorst, Taylor VanDommelen and Dan Zander.

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NEWS UPDATE

To the glory of God and in loving memory of Lois Struven a memorial gift has been made to the General Fund by Janet Sanders and to the General Fund by Lisa Maxwell.

The need for food and the basic necessities of life continue throughout the year, and with your continued support, St. Paul's will continue to try and provide help to all whose needs have come to our attention. We continue to ask for your help and support in this New Year, please include your donations in with you offering and mark your envelope Social Ministry. Thank you for the continued support of this important ministry!



St. Paul Book Club will meet Wednesday March 22, to review *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* by Rebecca Skloot. We usually meet at 10am on the second Wednesday of the month and always welcome new members. Book Club is now in person and thru FB chat. Please let Deb know in advance so she can link you in.

You Are Invited to participate in a Voice of Care Respite and Companion Care workshop on March 11, 2023, hosted by the LCMS Lutheran Churches of Beecher and made possible by a grant from The Lutheran Women's Missionary League Northern Illinois District. The workshop, Set to Serve: Respite and Companion Care, will be offered from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Zion Lutheran Church in Beecher and will equip participants with the necessary techniques and skills for safe, effective caregiving and the confidence to offer respite and relief to families of people with special needs. Register by March 8. Suggested free will donation is \$5. Participant guide and lunch are provided. Register or learn more at voiceofcare.org

Christ For You this week on KFUO.org: Hear Episode 5 in the English Reformation series on whether Catholics or Protestants will prevail (3/1 at 9:00 a.m. CT), study John 10-11 on Sharper Iron's "The Word Made Flesh" (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), and hear a Lenten midweek organ recital and worship service from Peace Lutheran in St. Louis (3/1 at 11:00 a.m. CT). Find your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org or the KFUO Radio app!

Sacred Music For the Season of Lent..."When I Survey the Wondrous Cross," "In the Cross of Christ I Glory," "My Song Is Love Unknown," "A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth." You can listen to sacred music for the Lenten season 24/7 at lutheranpublicradio.org, TuneIn, Amazon Echo, Google Home, Apple HomePod and the Lutheran Public Radio mobile app.

Word of Hope offers free and confidential counseling to women and men struggling with an abortion experience. If you would like more information on how Word of Hope can help you or someone you love, visit our website at www.word-of-hope.org. You can be healed.

We'd love to see you in worship. Our worship services are every Sunday at 8:45 AM. If you are unable to attend it can be viewed on Facebook live at https://www.facebook.com/splcms/videos. A previous recording is also available. Bulletins for the services are available for viewing or download on our website at https://www.splcms.org/worship.

"Going to be with the Lord is not meant to be an escape from the responsibilities and good works God has prepared in advance for us to do!" Barbara Lane Geistfeld, D.V.M., Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

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GOD'S PEOPLE IN ACTION

ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS

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Weekly Missions	\$25.00
Luth. Church Charity	10.00
Social Ministry	105.00

Altar Guild

Budgeted Total Offering Needed Short

813.00 1,233.00 \$-420.00

Non-budgeted Total \$140.00

Today

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

8:45 am	Worship Service
9:45 am	Coffee &
10:00 am	Sunday School

Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday Sunday

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9:45 am	Coffee &
10:00 am	Sunday School

SERVANT SCHEDULE Sun, Feb 26, 8:45 AM Sun, Mar 5, 8:45 AM Pastor Fluechtling Pastor Dobberstein Aaron Schassburger Louis Sella

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Pastor

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Diana Carr

Mary Sella

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