



Christ Lutheran Church

February 21, 2021

First Sunday in Lent

GATHERING

O Lord, Throughout These Forty Days- ELW #319 (1:33)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RO2fioO2vIw>

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Lord Jesus Christ, we pray to you
because you were tempted like us
and yet did not submit.

You have promised to come to the help of those who
are put to the test.

We confess that we are tempted
by what divides us from you
and so we pray...

We call on you to help us

**When we are tempted to exploit our abilities only for personal gain,
and when we let the gifts meant to illumine the world
lie dormant and unused.**

We call on you to help us

**When we are tempted to doubt your love for us
when we rely on the words of others
instead of relying on your word.**

We call on you to help us

**When we are tempted to ignore the needs of our
brothers and sisters because we are too
absorbed in our own needs.**

We call on you to help us
**When we are tempted to let our anxiety and worries
about tomorrow interrupt our living today.**

Jesus Christ is with us now and walks through
the wilderness with us every day.
In the mercy of almighty God,
Jesus Christ died for us and by his command,
I declare to you the forgiveness of all your sins.
AMEN.

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.
God of wilderness and water,
your Son was baptized and tempted as we are.
Guide us through this season
that we may not avoid struggle,
but open ourselves to blessing,
through the cleansing depths of repentance
and the heaven-rending words of the Spirit.
Amen.

WORD

Psalm 91

- ¹ You who live in the shelter of the Most High,
who abide in the shadow of the Almighty,^[a]
² will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress;
my God, in whom I trust."
³ For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler
and from the deadly pestilence;
⁴ he will cover you with his pinions,
and under his wings you will find refuge;
his faithfulness is a shield and buckler.
⁵ You will not fear the terror of the night,
or the arrow that flies by day,

⁶ or the pestilence that stalks in darkness,
or the destruction that wastes at noonday.
⁷ A thousand may fall at your side,
ten thousand at your right hand,
but it will not come near you.
⁸ You will only look with your eyes
and see the punishment of the wicked.
⁹ Because you have made the LORD your refuge,^(b)
the Most High your dwelling place,
¹⁰ no evil shall befall you,
no scourge come near your tent.

¹¹ For he will command his angels concerning you
to guard you in all your ways.
¹² On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.
¹³ You will tread on the lion and the adder,
the young lion and the serpent you will trample under foot.
¹⁴ Those who love me, I will deliver;
I will protect those who know my name.
¹⁵ When they call to me, I will answer them;
I will be with them in trouble,
I will rescue them and honor them.
¹⁶ With long life I will satisfy them,
and show them my salvation.

GOSPEL – Mark 1:9-15

The holy gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

¹²And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. ¹³He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God,
¹⁵and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near, repent, and believe in the good news."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor June Wilkins

HYMN OF THE DAY

On Eagle's Wings- ELW 787 (3:11)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y22IG4Z49Lo>

APOSTLES' CREED

AM With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

OFFERTORY

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty- ELW# 858 (2:49)

performed by Dulci Jubilo (CLC Bell Choir), directed by Tami Kuhlmann

<https://youtu.be/dVjVlrw4bgU>

MEAL

OFFERING PRAYER

Faithful God,
you walk beside us in desert places,
and you meet us in our hunger with bread from heaven.
Accompany us in this meal,
that we may pass over from death to life
with Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray.
**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

To all who have been in the wilderness.
Come and find shelter in the mercy of God.

As we join with the family of all believers in celebrating Holy Communion, we believe that Christ is present in this meal, and when we receive it, we receive God's grace, abundant love, and forgiveness.

Everyone at home is invited to share the body and blood of Jesus.

TABLE BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and reveal to you God's grace.
Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

AM God of steadfast love,
at this table you gather your people
into one body for the sake of the world.
Send us in the power of your Spirit,
that our lives bear witness to the love that has made us new
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

You are what God made you to be:
created in Christ Jesus for good works,
chosen as holy and beloved,
freed to serve your neighbor.

God bless you † that you may be a blessing,
in the name of the holy and life-giving Trinity.
Amen.

CLOSING MUSIC

Bless Now, O God the Journey

Arr. Hal Hopson (Choral arrangement)(2:40)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Lx8QYLoBT6w>

+DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.