

**OUR GREATEST NEEDS:  
A champion  
for the defeated**

**LENT 1  
February 26, 2023**



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- *May the Word of God bring you comfort in Christ alone.*
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**THE SERVICE:** ..... p. 188, Setting 3

**OPENING HYMN: #574 – The Tree of Life**

*(Stanza 1 – Choir; Stanzas 2-4 – Congregation)*

**The tree of life with ev'ry good in Eden's holy orchard stood,  
and of its fruit so pure and sweet  
God let the man and woman eat.  
Yet in this garden also grew  
another tree, of which they knew;  
its lovely limbs with fruit adorned  
against whose eating God had warned.**

**The stillness of that sacred grove  
was broken as the serpent strove  
with tempting voice Eve to beguile  
and Adam too by sin defile.  
O day of sadness when the breath  
of fear and darkness, doubt and death,  
its awful poison first displayed  
within the world so newly made.**

**What mercy God showed to our race,  
a plan of rescue by his grace,  
in sending One from woman's seed,  
the One to fill our greatest need—  
for on a tree uplifted high his only Son for sin would die,  
would drink the cup of scorn and dread  
to crush the ancient serpent's head!**

**Now from that tree of Jesus' shame  
flows life eternal in his name;  
for all who trust and will believe,  
salvation's living fruit receive.  
And of this fruit so pure and sweet  
the Lord invites the world to eat,  
to find within this cross of wood  
the tree of life with ev'ry good.**

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*Please stand.*

In the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit  
**Amen.**

**CONFESSION:** ..... p. 189

Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

**Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**Almighty and merciful Father, we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts. We have offended you and sinned against your holy law. We have done those things that we should not have done, and have not done those things that we should have done. Have mercy on us, Lord! Spare us, forgive us, and restore us, according to your promises in Christ Jesus.**

*Silence for meditation and reflection*

God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever.

**Amen.**

**LORD, HAVE MERCY:**

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

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.

**Lord, have mercy.**

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

**Lord, have mercy.**

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

**Amen.**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY:**

Let us pray. Mighty God and Father, our Lord Jesus walked into the wilderness to face the devil's temptations, but he did not succumb to Satan's lies or falter in his resolve to save the world from the prison of hell. Bolster our faith by his mighty victory that we may battle against the forces of evil with courage and confidence; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

**FIRST READING: The account of man’s defeat Genesis 3:1-15**

<sup>1</sup>Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God really say, ‘You must not eat from any tree in the garden?’” <sup>2</sup>The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, <sup>3</sup>but God did say, ‘You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.’” <sup>4</sup>“You will not certainly die,” the serpent said to the woman. <sup>5</sup>“For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” <sup>6</sup>When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. <sup>7</sup>Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves. <sup>8</sup>Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the LORD God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the LORD God among the trees of the garden. <sup>9</sup>But the LORD God called to the man, “Where are you?” <sup>10</sup>He answered, “I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid.” <sup>11</sup>And he said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?” <sup>12</sup>The man said, “The woman you put here with me—she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it.” <sup>13</sup>Then the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.” <sup>14</sup>So the LORD God said to the serpent, “Because you have done this, “Cursed are you above all livestock and all wild animals! You will crawl on your belly and you will eat dust all the days of your life. <sup>15</sup>And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel.”

The Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God.**

**ADULT CHOIR:** (8:00).....O Sacred, Wondrous Love  
**GRADES PK-K:** (10:30)..... Great Is the Lord

**SECOND READING: God's gracious saving plan for the defeated**

Romans 5:12-19 <sup>12</sup>Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all people, because all sinned—<sup>13</sup>To be sure, sin was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not charged against anyone's account where there is no law. <sup>14</sup>Nevertheless, death reigned from the time of Adam to the time of Moses, even over those who did not sin by breaking a command, as did Adam, who is a pattern of the one to come. <sup>15</sup>But the gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died by the trespass of the one man, how much more did God's grace and the gift that came by the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, overflow to the many! <sup>16</sup>Nor can the gift of God be compared with the result of one man's sin: The judgment followed one sin and brought condemnation, but the gift followed many trespasses and brought justification. <sup>17</sup>For if, by the trespass of the one man, death reigned through that one man, how much more will those who receive God's abundant provision of grace and of the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ! <sup>18</sup>Consequently, just as one trespass resulted in condemnation for all people, so also one righteous act resulted in justification and life for all people. <sup>19</sup>For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the one man the many will be made righteous.

The Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** ..... Hebrews 4:15



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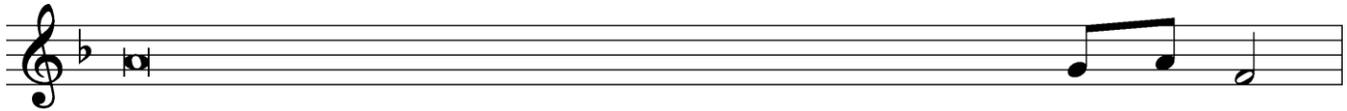


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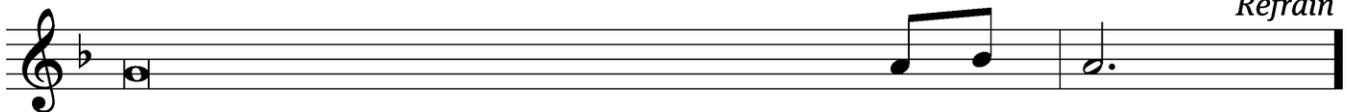


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*Tone*



We do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weak - ness - es;



we have one who has been tempted in every way,  
just as we are—yet he did not sin.

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**GOSPEL: Jesus is our champion. Matthew 4:1-11** <sup>1</sup>Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. <sup>2</sup>After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. <sup>3</sup>The tempter came to him and said, “If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread.” <sup>4</sup>Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.’” <sup>5</sup>Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. <sup>6</sup>“If you are the Son of God,” he said, “throw yourself down. For it is written: “He will command his angels concerning you, and they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.”” <sup>7</sup>Jesus answered him, “It is also written: ‘Do 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 splendor. <sup>9</sup>“All this I will give you,” he said, “if you will bow down and worship me.” <sup>10</sup>Jesus said to him, “Away from me, Satan! For it is written: ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.’” <sup>11</sup>Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.

The Gospel of the Lord  
**Praise be to you, O Christ!**

*Please be seated.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY: #556 – All Mankind Fell in Adam’s Fall**

**All mankind fell in Adam’s fall;  
one common sin infects us all.  
From one to all the curse descends,  
and over all God’s wrath impends.**

**Through all our pow’rs corruption creeps  
and us in dreadful bondage keeps;  
in guilt we draw our infant breath  
and reap its fruits of woe and death.**

**From hearts depraved, to evil prone,  
flow thoughts and deeds of sin alone;  
God’s image lost, the darkened soul  
nor seeks nor finds its heav’nly goal.**

**But Christ, the second Adam, came  
to bear our sin and woe and shame,  
to be our life, our light, our way,  
our only hope, our only stay.**

**As by one man all mankind fell  
and, born in sin, was doomed to hell,  
so by one Man, who took our place,  
we all were justified by grace.**

**We thank you, Christ; new life is ours,  
new light, new hope, new strength, new pow’rs.  
This grace our ev’ry way attend  
until we reach our journey’s end.**

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**SERMON: ..... Matthew 4:1-11**

***THE TEMPTER IS AFTER YOU, TOO***

1. His attacks are real.
2. His defeat is real.

*Please stand.*

**APOSTLES' CREED:** ..... p. 197

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

**I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there 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.**

*Please be seated.*

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

### **OFFERINGS OF LOVE TO OUR LORD**

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**SERMON HYMN: #633 – Speak, O Lord**

**Speak, O Lord, as we come to you  
to receive the food of your holy Word;  
take your truth, plant it deep in us,  
shape and fashion us in your likeness,  
that the light of Christ might be seen today  
in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.  
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us all your purposes for your glory.**

**Teach us, Lord, full obedience, holy reverence, true humility;  
test our thoughts and our attitudes in the radiance of your purity.  
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see  
your majestic love and authority.  
Words of pow'r that can never fail,  
let their truth prevail over unbelief.**

**Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds,  
help us grasp the heights of your plans for us,  
truths unchanged from the dawn of time,  
that will echo down through eternity.  
And by grace we'll stand on your promises,  
and by faith we'll walk as you walk with us.  
Speak, O Lord, till your Church is built,  
and the earth is filled with your glory.**

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*Please stand.*

## **PRAYER**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER:** ..... p. 171

**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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and  
forever. Amen.**

**BLESSING:** ..... p. 171

**Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

**CLOSING HYMN: #842 – Jesus, Still Lead On**

**Jesus, still lead on till our rest is won;  
and although the way be cheerless,  
we will follow, calm and fearless.  
Guide us by your hand to our fatherland.**

**If the way be drear, if the foe be near,  
let not faithless fears o'ertake us;  
let not faith and hope forsake us,  
for through many' \_ a woe to our home we go.**

**When we seek relief from a long-felt grief,  
when temptations come alluring,  
make us patient and enduring.  
Show us that bright shore where we weep no more.**

**Jesus, still lead on till our rest is won.  
Heav'nly leader, still direct us,  
still support, console, protect us  
till we safely stand in our fatherland.**

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**ALTAR FLOWERS** were donated by Dianna Rovey in memory of her mother, Gertrude Jarrel.



**SPECIAL CALL MEETING @ 11:30 AM TODAY, February 26<sup>th</sup>**



Worship attendance: 8:00 AM – 170; 10:30 AM – 160  
Communion attendance: 8:00 AM – 128; 10:30 AM – 122  
Sunday School attendance: Adults: Hall – 83; Room 1 – 29;  
Children – 21  
Tuesday *The Chosen* Class: 14  
Ash Wednesday attendance: 4:00 PM – 158; 7:00 PM – 68  
Communion attendance: 4:00 PM – 105; 7:00 PM – 60  
Senior ushers – 8:00 AM: Jon Floerke  
10:30 AM: Paul Sullivan & AJ McDunn  
Organist: Michael Wilde

**HOSPITALIZED OR RECUPERATING AT HOME:**

Adrienne Siffring (Fairmont Village)  
Mary Rademacher (Home)

**THIS WEEK AT GRACE:**

SUN - **Worship, 8:00 & 10:30 AM**; Bible Class & Sunday School, 9:30 AM; Special Call Meeting, 11:30 AM  
 MON - Handbells, 6:15 PM; Adult Choir Practice, 7:00 PM  
 TUE - Newsletter Assembly, 9:00 AM; *The Chosen* Bible class, 2:00 PM  
 WED - ABC @ Village Inn, 8:30 AM; **Midweek Lent Worship, 4:00 & 7:00 PM**; Lenten Supper, 5:00 PM; Public School Confirmation Class, 6:30 PM  
 THU - Elders, 3:00 PM; School Board, 6:30 PM  
 FRI - School Early Release, 11:30 AM  
 SUN - **COMMUNION Worship, 8:00 & 10:30 AM**; Bible Class & Sunday School, 9:30 AM; Campus Ministry @ noon

**OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

1. *Forward in Christ* and March Bible-reading & activity calendars are in the Narthex and south entrance to the church.
2. Thank you to the crew that cleaned the church last week. The cleaning crew for March 4<sup>th</sup> will be captained by Jan Musser with Tom & Candi Allen; Kristi Dahl; Mike & Annalise Vallee; and Matt & Jada Wightman.



**SCRIPTURAL CONFIRMATION, EASTER, & GREETING CARDS** are available for purchase in the fellowship hall before Bible class.



**ABC @ VILLAGE INN, 9490 W. Northern Avenue, 8:30 a.m. Wednesday, March 1<sup>st</sup>.** Adult Breakfast and Coffee Group is made up of Grace members and friends who enjoy gathering for breakfast on two Wednesdays each month. Everyone is welcome and we all pay for our own meals. You may sign up for breakfast with ABC by using the contact information below or by using the registration sheets found on the table in the narthex. When registering please include names of all people who will be attending. If this is the first time you will be attending, please include a mobile phone number which will be used for text messages. To receive more information contact Pat Walker at [patwalker1950@gmail.com](mailto:patwalker1950@gmail.com) or call/text 480-717-0131.

**2023 COOKIE SERVERS...**We need cookie servers for our Sunday morning Fellowship Time. If you're interested, sign the sheet located where the cookies are served.



**CAMPUS MINISTRY...**College Students are invited to meet in the Fellowship Hall for First Sunday Feasts at noon on March 5<sup>th</sup> for Pizza & a Prophet and on April 2<sup>nd</sup> for Sandwiches & a Palm Sunday Psalm.



**ALA GALA...**Mark your calendar for Arizona Lutheran Academy's 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Gala on April 1, 2023! The goal for the "More than Meets the Eye" Gala is to raise over \$70,000 to support campus improvements for our students. The Gala will include a silent and live auction, dinner, entertainment, and fun! Visit [ALAcoyotes.org/gala](http://ALAcoyotes.org/gala) for tickets or more information.



**ALA GALA DONATIONS...**Grace Ladies Aid is collecting gift cards to include in the basket that will be donated to the ALA Gala auction. If you would like to donate gift cards, please give them to Shawna Tech no later than Sunday, March 5<sup>th</sup>.



**LWMS GRAND CANYON – WEST SPRING RALLY** will be held at Deer Valley Lutheran Church, 220 W Union Hills Drive, Phoenix, on Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup>. Check-in begins at 8:15 AM. The registration fee is \$20, and the registration deadline is March 30<sup>th</sup>. Registration forms are in the narthex or register online at [www.gcwlwms.org](http://www.gcwlwms.org)



**WELS YOUTH NIGHT** for high schoolers, grades 9-12, will be **Saturday, March 18<sup>th</sup>**, from 6:00 to 9:00 PM at Pilgrim Lutheran Church, 3257 E. University Drive Mesa, AZ 85213. Doors open at 5:15 PM. We hope you can join us. Pick up a flier in the narthex for more information and the registration code.



**HOLY WEEK DEVOTIONS...**To assist you in your Holy Week observance, you can find free WELS devotions online at <https://mlc-wels.edu/publications/seasonal-devotions/>



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**FINANCIAL UPDATE:** Need amounts are based on a goal of **\$947,507.00** by **6/30/2023**.

**Week ending 2/19/2023:** **YTD 7/1/2022 through 2/19/2023:**

Weekly Need:	17,000.00		YTD Need:	611,400.00
Weekly Actual:	15,398.25		YTD Actual:	561,846.48
Weekly +/-:	-1,601.75		YTD +/-:	-49,553.52

### SPECIAL MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES

“**HIS FINAL STEPS**” is the theme of our 2023 Lenten Season. The series explores Jesus’ final days before, during, and after his crucifixion using different locations as themes for each Lenten and Holy Week service.

- Midweek 2:** ..... “His Final Steps Led to His Father’s House”  
*March 1, 2023 – 4:00 & 7:00 PM* ..... *Matthew 21:12-17*
- Midweek 3:** ..... “His Final Steps Led to a Fig Tree”  
*March 8, 2023 – 4:00 & 7:00 PM* ..... *Mark 11:12-14, 20-25*
- Midweek 4:** ..... “His Final Steps Led to Some Greeks”  
*March 15, 2023 – 4:00 & 7:00 PM* ..... *John 12:20-33*
- Midweek 5:** ..... “His Final Steps Led to His Enemies”  
*March 22, 2023 – 4:00 & 7:00 PM* ..... *Luke 20:9-19*
- Midweek 6:** ..... “His Final Steps Led to a Tomb”  
*March 29, 2023 – 4:00 & 7:00 PM* ..... *John 11 (selected verses)*
- Palm Sunday:** ..... “His Final Steps Led to a Donkey”  
*April 2, 2023 - 8:00 & 10:30 AM* ..... *Matthew 21:1-11*
- Holy Thursday:** ..... “His Final Steps Led to the Upper Room”  
*April 6, 2023 – 4:00 & 7:00 PM* ..... *Mark 14:12-17*
- Good Friday:** ..... “His Final Steps Led to the Place of the Skull”  
*April 7, 2023 – 11:00 AM* ..... *Luke 23:26-33*
- Tenebrae:** ..... “Shadows of the Cross”  
*April 7, 2023 – 7:00 PM*